



2024 Volume 8

Great Kills Moravian Church

The Herald

September 2024



You are invited to a baptism on September 8.

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward grace. Christians are baptized into Jesus' death. We believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be raised like him from death into new life. Most Christians acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. If you were baptized as an infant, by a Roman Catholic priest, that's your one baptism. If you were completely immersed in a pool of water by an American Baptist, that's your one baptism. If water was poured or sprinkled on your head by an Episcopalian, a Methodist, or a Moravian minister that's your one baptism. In some traditions, babies are baptized. In others, a person has to be old enough to know what he's doing before being baptized. Some people choose to be baptized as adults. Nevertheless, there is one baptism.

Many families choose to share their joy with their church families when they bring their little ones to be baptized. After all, Matthew 19:14 records Jesus saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We are delighted as a church to share our faith in God's grace with children and their parents.

Baptism is one of two sacraments that Protestant Christians observe. The other is holy communion. On Sunday, September 1, we will celebrate communion.

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptizer, shortly before he began his ministry. After his resurrection he told his disciples to go to all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We want to offer a confirmation class for children who want to learn more about how their Christian faith affirms the new covenant God has made with people of faith. If you are interested, please speak with the pastor or call the church office.

Charlott Bramwell

Joint Board News

- The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.
- The Board of Elders will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 11:00am via Zoom.

Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for June

Total Income: \$3,270.59

(offerings, building usage, church events)

Total Expenses: \$5,994.65

Difference: -\$2,724.06

Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for July

Total Income: \$2,409.68

(offerings, building usage, church events)

Total Expenses: \$5,574.04

Difference: -\$3,164.36

From the Financial Secretary, please include your latest offering envelope or envelope number in memo of check when making a donation to the church. For questions about envelope number or online giving please contact our Financial Secretary, Claudia McGloin.

Ministries and Events

Sunday School: First day of Sunday School is September 8 for children ages four through twelve. Please contact Pam Bailey at eccep3@gmail.com for registration and additional information.

Sunday Worship Services: We continue to hold in-person worship services on Sunday at 11am and via Zoom. If you wish to attend on Zoom, please contact the church office for log-in information. Worship aids and worship services are available on our website, <https://www.greatkillsmoravian.org/> If you missed a service click on the Watch Now button under Previous Services and then click on the service you would like to view.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted for those who are in need of comfort or those who are celebrating something. If you are interested in volunteering to help make shawls or if you know someone who would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the church office.

Craft Group: All are welcome to join our group and create beautiful pieces. We meet Fridays at 10am.

Prayer Chain: If you have someone to add to the Prayer Chain, please contact Christine Peterson at 718-984-1623.

Bible Study: Our new Bible Study is off to a strong start. We're studying the Book of Psalms on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall about noon after worship. Come join us.

GKMC Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is November 23rd, 10am-3pm in Fellowship Hall. We would appreciate donations of gift cards and new items for our raffle baskets. Please send in donations to Liz Reres and Jim Jimenez by November 8th. Besides the crafts our talented crafters created, baked goods and coffee will be for sale. Anyone who wants to donate individually wrapped baked goods or a raffle basket, it would be appreciated. All are invited to come and enjoy our beautiful handmade items.

The GKMC Craft Group will have fall themed décor available soon for purchase in Fellowship Hall.

Save The Date

Annual Meetings of the United Brethren's Congregation

Joint Board members please note that Advisory Council precedes Collegiate Council and will be held on October 9th at 7pm at NDMC. Collegiate Council will be held at NDMC on October 23rd at 7pm. All communicant members over the age of 18 are asked to attend. A quorum is needed; please make every effort to attend this meeting. Zoom link will be available at a later time.

Thanksgiving Basket Collection

Please bring in the following for the month of September: *Canned whole kernel corn, canned cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes and stuffing mix.*

If you or someone you know would benefit from the gift of a meal basket this Thanksgiving, you may contact the GKMC church office with name, address, and contact information for the recipient by the first week of November. Contact NDMC office (718-317-0090) if you are able to assist with transporting collected items.

GKMC Fellowship Hour

We all love to snack on cakes and cookies and visit with friends after the service. Please sign up to coordinate a fellowship hour. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Cloak Room.

Events Happening Beyond GKMC

Vanderbilt Moravian Church Community Dinners

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

A gigantic "THANK YOU," goes out to everyone who worked to provide the desserts for the community dinner, from Stan Timari, who put the boxes together, to Rosemarie Beepath and her family who diligently worked to cut up watermelon and provide grapes, to Pam Bailey who made delicious sunflower lemon cupcakes, to Liz Reres who made scrumptious little blueberry tarts, to Muriel Timari who cut up watermelon and provided grapes. A shout out goes to Liz Reres for providing the peach cups. The dessert box was quite filled and was enjoyed by all.

Another gigantic "THANK YOU," goes out to the packers. They are Debra Jelonek, Jimmy Jimenez, Donna and Charlie Montanti, and Stan Timari. They worked hard making sure everything fit perfectly in the boxes. A huge thank you to Jimmy Jimenez and to Debra Jelonek for delivering the desserts to Vanderbilt Moravian Church for everyone to enjoy. We provided desserts for one hundred clients.

I am extremely grateful for everyone who has helped make this past month's desserts a success.

We will be providing the desserts for the September dinner which will be Saturday, September 21, 2024. If you would like to help, please see Muriel or leave a message in the church office or my mailbox.

In Christ love, Muriel Timari



Camp Hope

Camp Hope, our Moravian camp in New Jersey, closed its season early this summer because of series of staffing and facilities concerns.

Save the Date!

Our friend, the Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler, is retiring. In his honor there will be a Benefit Singstunde and Retirement Celebration on Saturday, October 5 at Emmaus Moravian Church in Emmaus, PA. There will be more information next month.

Moravian Women's Conference

The 14th Moravian Women's Conference will be held June 22-28 aboard the Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas leaving from Ft. Lauderdale. Women from around the world will focus on fellowship and worship. Families are invited. There will be more information between then and now.

Meanwhile, do you or does anyone you know want to lead a workshop? The conference theme is: "Fashioned, Focused, Faithful." Conference scripture: Psalm 119:23, "Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees." Conference organizers want to hear from you. The church office can tell you who to contact.

Want to learn or improve a new skill?



Steel pan, painting, craft making, technology, knitting and crocheting?

Eastern Region Moravian Women is sponsoring an interactive workshop on September 28 at United Moravian Church, 10:00 a.m. Our church office can give you contact information.

We wish our children and educators all the best for the 2024 - 2025 school year!

Charles Montanti starting preschool

Maya Timari starting preschool

Zoe McGloin starting kindergarten

Diana Montanti starting first grade

Nolan Timari starting first grade

Teddy Hallett starting second grade

Cayleigh Ziegeler starting third grade

Kayden Liyange starting fifth grade

Peter Ziegeler starting sixth grade/ middle school

Lilac Hallett starting sixth grade/ middle school

Gabriel Sanchez starting eighth grade/ middle school

Adam Landestoy starting college!



Prayer for Back to School:

Thank you Lord, for Your divine protection over our children.

Guard their hearts and minds as they step out to meet new friends.

Cover them as they navigate this new school year and guide them in the right direction.

In Jesus name, Amen!



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*"In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, love."*

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Prayers for: John Ducey, Bill and Carol Burt, Susan C, Barbara F, Frank and family, Nicholas Falvey and his family, Joanne K, Joyce Fernandez, Captain J. King, Madeline M, Doug Wycoff, Sean and family, Thora Mae and family **(Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)**

GKMC Prayer List

To add someone, a written request must be made, giving the name of the person needing prayer and the person asking to have them added to the list. Specific details are not required. Request forms are in a basket in the Narthex.

September Birthdays

- 9/2 James Ruch, Jr.
- 9/5 Peter Ziegeler
- 9/7 Ryan Christie
- 9/13 Charlott Bramwell
- 9/14 Carmine Russo
Brian Korbeci
- 9/17 Joan Cutting
Sophia Scarpato
Katie Rogers
- 9/18 Michael Crea, Jr.
- 9/20 Andrew Russo
- 9/21 Cayleigh Ziegeler
- 9/22 Adam Landestoy
Cara Timari
- 9/27 Stephen Nasta
- 9/29 Allison Gibbons
Tyler D'Avino
- 9/30 Mark Hertman



September Anniversaries

- 9/11 Margaret and Michael Grace
- 9/17 Nancy & Jim Doran
- 9/23 Enduela & Besnik Korbeci
- 9/27 Susan & Benjamin Pulice



Upcoming Communion Services:

September 1

Communion cups can be delivered if you plan to join a communion service on Zoom. Please contact the church office if you would like to have one delivered to you. Office phone 718-317-7788, e-mail office@greatkillsmoravian.org

Watchword

2024

Great Kills Moravian Church

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29

Pastors scheduled for September

Sept 1 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Sept 8 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Sept 15 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Sept 22 - Sister Susan Attz-Mendoza

Sept 29 - Pastor Blondel Jones- Grant

The Herald Newsletter

We welcome the creative efforts of our congregation to produce a newsletter that we all want to take the time to read. Do you love to write or do you know of a topic that would be interesting to our members? Please call the office or email your suggestions. All news, articles, and church information for the newsletter must be in to the Church office by the 15th of the month. **If you would like The Herald emailed to you, send an email to:**


office@greatkillsmoravian.org





September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11am Worship Service and Holy Communion 12pm Bible Study	2 Labor Day <i>Office is closed</i> 	3	4	5	6 10am Craft Group	7
8 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship-Baptisms and Joyful Noise Collection 12pm Fellowship Hour Bible Study	9	10	11	12 11:00am AARP	13 10am Craft Group	14
15 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 12pm Bible Study	16	17	18	19 11:00am Elders Meeting via Zoom	20 10am Craft Group	21 4pm VMC Community Dinner
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Great Kills Moravian Church Weekly Scriptures

If you miss our In-Person worship service you may join in the recorded services available on our church website 24/7.

September 1 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Holy Communion

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 2:27-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

September 8 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Baptism and Joyful Noise Collection

Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 15 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 22 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3,7-8; Mark 9:30-37

September 29 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50