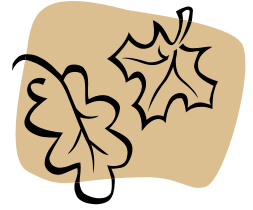


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Great Kills Moravian Church

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When I was in high school I tried to read the Bible beginning to end. I'd gone to Church and Sunday School forever, so the stories were familiar. However, I was confused when the same stories were told in different books. Some stories were similar, but not the same. The sermon on the mount was similar to the sermon on the plain, but not the same. Jesus fed 5000 people and then 4000 people. Did someone overestimate the crowd? The woman who anointed Jesus's feet with perfume, is it the same story in each gospel?

The New Testament relates the story of a eunuch from Ethiopia who was trying to understand the scriptures. Acts 8:26-39 reports that he was reading from Isaiah when the apostle Phillip ran up to his chariot and asked him if he understood what he was reading. The man replied, "How can I unless someone explains it to me."

Reading the Bible can be confusing. Some chapters are too long; some are too short. How do we understand without a teacher? There's help.

The Christian Education Committee invites you to engage in Bible study. Right now we are studying Psalms on Sundays after worship.

Also, consider the Moravian Daily Texts. Each daily lesson takes about ten minutes to read. There's an Old Testament reading, a selection from Psalms, a New Testament reading, a couple of hymns, and a prayer for each day. If you read the Daily Texts, you will cover the entire Old and New Testaments in two years, and the book of Psalms in one year. A further benefit is that the Daily Texts tends to follow the Revised Common Lectionary. That means the Sunday church scriptures and sermon often use the same scriptures found in the Daily Texts. Our relatives and friends who worship at different churches often hear the same scriptures we do, because many churches use the Revised Common Lectionary. After church we can talk about the same scriptures when we're eating together. How cool is that!

Although our congregation has already sent in our order for copies of the Daily Texts, you can still buy one. You just won't get the 10% discount. I buy mine, for example, from Amazon to read on my Kindle. My old eyes need to be able to enlarge the print as I read.

After all, as the eunuch in Acts admitted, we need a guide to help us understand.

Charlott Bramwell

Joint Board News

- The church office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.
- The Board of Elders will meet on Thursday, October 17th 11:00am via Zoom.
- Our Elders have planned a special surprise on Sunday, October 20th, please join us for a special worship service.

Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for August

Total Income: \$2,689.00

(offerings, building usage, church events)

Total Expenses: \$4,425.17

Difference: -\$1,736.17

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: Sunday school meets Sunday at 9:30am for children ages four to 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, 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 the church office.

Bible Study: Bible study meets after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall. We are examining the Book of Psalms. Come join us.



Final GKMC Christmas Fair

It's time for the Fair! On November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, our final Christmas Fair will be held.

After 29 years the Graft Group has decided to retire. We invite our many new congregants, as well as our "regulars" to come and support our church while shopping for handmade items. In addition to ornaments, the fair is a great place to pick up special gifts for loved ones! See you on Saturday, November 23rd from 10am-3pm!

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 items for the Thanksgiving Baskets: Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, canned yams, canned black or pinto beans, 1lb. bags of rice, 1lb. bags dried beans (black or pinto), bottled salad dressing, Spices (adobo, curry, garlic, salt, and pepper), cookies and crackers. Monetary donations are also accepted, the recipient will receive a \$20 gift card to purchase a turkey.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the gift of a meal basket this Thanksgiving you may contact Great Kills church office with name, address, and contact information for the recipient by first week of November. Contact Great Kills church office if you are able to assist with transporting collected items to New Dorp Moravian for packing and distribution. 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

You are invited to Vanderbilt's monthly community dinner. The next community dinner is **Saturday, October 19th, 4:00pm-6:30pm**. If you would like to help in any way or need more information, please contact Muriel Timari.

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.

SAFE Disposal Events (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics)



Throughout the year in all five boroughs to give residents a location to drop off their harmful household products safely. **Staten Island - Saturday, October 19** 10am–4pm Midland Beach Parking Lot: Father Capodanno Blvd. and Hunter Ave. Cars approach from Slater Blvd. **Who is Eligible** Only New York City residential waste is accepted at SAFE Disposal Events. No commercial vehicles are allowed. Residents must provide proof of NYC residency, such as a NYS driver's license or utility bill. **What to Bring** Automotive products such as motor oil, transmission fluid, and batteries, personal care items such as unwanted/expired medicines or cosmetics (i.e. Nail polish), Syringes (clearly labeled and packaged in a "sharps" container or other leak-proof, puncture-resistant container), thermometers, household products such as pesticides, paint, hazardous cleaners, compact fluorescent light bulbs, electronics – check the list of items that are considered electronics.

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.

Did you know?

Our Moravian settlement in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania founded in 1741, has been added to the World Heritage List by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). This honor emphasizes the importance of Moravian Christian influence in our country and the world and acknowledges buildings in historically unique Moravian style. This is exciting news.

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

Website: www.greatkillsmoravian.org

We are also on:

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A Christian Church serving Staten Island since 1886

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, Christine Peterson 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.

October Birthdays

10/1 Daniel Timari
10/3 Diana Moscarda
10/6 Cynthia Leccese
10/7 Karen Pisano
10/8 Giana D'Avino
10/9 Pam Bailey
10/11 Nolan Timari
10/13 Gabriel Sanchez
10/19 Rose Riccio
Robert Bailey
10/22 Margaret McGloin
10/30 Lauren Gibbons
Zoe Holland
10/31 Corey French

October Anniversaries

10/2 Laura & James Hepworth
10/4 Bonnie & Michael Crea
10/5 Pastor Blondel and Iva Grant
Laura & Ronald Coury
10/7 Jamie & Ryan Jersek
10/12 Gary & Jodi Scarpato
10/17 Wanda & Thomas Emery
10/29 Barbara & Louis Pezzengrilli
10/31 Melissa & Daniel Price



Upcoming Communion Services:

October 6

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 October

Oct 6 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Oct 13 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

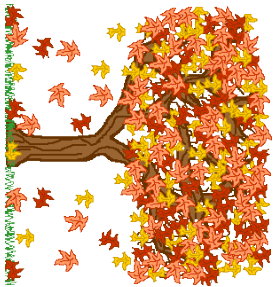
**Oct 20 - Special presentation by our
Elders**

Oct 27 - 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



October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 9:30am Sunday School 11am In-person Worship Service-Holy Communion 12pm Fellowship Hour and Bible Study	7	8	9 7pm Advisory Council at NDMC	10	11 10:00am Craft Group	12
13 9:30am Sunday School 11am In-person Worship Service 12pm Bible Study	14	15	16	17 1pm AARP 11am Elders Meeting	19 10:00am Craft Group	20 4pm Vanderbilt Community Dinner
21 9:30am Sunday School 11am In-person Worship Service 12pm Bible Study	22	23	24 7pm Collegiate Council at NDMC	25	26 10:00am Craft Group	27
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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.

October 6—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion and Fellowship Hour

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 13—Twenty-first Sunday after Pentest

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 20— Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 27—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52