

# Great Kills Moravian Church



## The Herald January 2018



2018 Volume I

*From the Pastor's Desk*

We often greet the change of year with a mixture of emotions. We might take time to reflect on how much things have changed in our personal lives and in the world over the past year. We have all experienced those changes in different ways. What changes were easy and which ones were challenging? At this time of year we often ponder the changes we might expect in the coming year. Are there celebrations (or accompanying losses) we anticipate such as new births, graduations, empty nest, marriages, promotions, job transition, or retirement? A year can open us to significant changes. How wonderful that as we enter a New Year full of uncertainty as well as hope and possibility we are still in the season of Christmas. We continue to celebrate the Immanuel, God with us, and looking to Christ as one who brings about God's abundant possibility for new life.

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Cure your children's warring madness bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

It was a young twenty-something who brought the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" to the forefront of my attention. She said this hymn was her absolute favorite and her "personal mission statement."

"Wow! Really?" I felt compelled to ask and then pulled out my hymnal and read over the words as she recited them by heart. This hymn, written by Harry Fosdick in 1930, has since become one of my favorites alongside another by Moravian pastor, Darryl Bell, "You're Our Strength and Motivation." They are both powerful prayers of praise and petition for us to sing together as we enter a New Year. There are a lot of planners and lifestyle coaches that ask us to write "personal mission statements" that can help us become more focused in our decision-making and use of time. Is there a hymn verse or passage of scripture that might qualify, as it did for this young woman, as your own "personal mission statement"?

I would encourage you to choose a verse of scripture or line from a hymn to be your "personal mission statements" for the coming year. The watchwords from the Daily Text for the year are intended to serve "... either as a promise, an encouragement, an admonition, or word of comfort ..." (Daily Text, 2018 pg iv). As you are invited to choose an annual watchword in worship on the last Sunday of this year perhaps I would encourage us to all reflect on its meaning and challenge - perhaps make this text our "personal mission statement" for 2018.

*Serving with you in Christ,  
Pastor Tracy*

## Ministries and Fellowship

### Bible Study and bagged lunch -

Study the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, one book at a time. Every Sunday 12:30pm-2:30pm.

Please bring a bagged lunch, we will eat together and then share in a conversation and learning.



**Book Study Group** Mondays at 1:00pm. **Our Aging Gracefully Group** will meet on January 29th.

**Choir** Rehearsals take place on Sundays at 10:00am and will resume on January 14th. All are welcome to add your voices.

**Circle of Care** A support group for the caregivers of those with Dementia and Alzheimer's. This group is open to all members of the community. The next meeting will be held on January 8th at 2:30pm in overflow room upstairs.

**Growing with Baby play group** meets on the first & third Saturdays and second & fourth Wednesdays from 11am-1pm. Parents/ Caretakers of children pre-school age are welcome to participate - with the children of course. January 10, 20, 24.



**Youth Group for Junior and Senior High students** meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm sometimes at Great Kills Moravian, most of the time at Castleton Hill Moravian.

**Youth Group Ice Skating** Sunday, January 21st at Warinanco Park Sports Center Ice Rink in Roselle, NJ. Cost is \$5 age 17 & younger, \$6 adults, rentals \$4, 4pm-8pm

**Youth Group Lock In Sleep over** Saturday, January 27th 5pm Castleton Hill Moravian



### Camp Hope January 12th-14th

Post High Winter Retreat Grade 9-Age 21. Please contact Camp Hope Rev. Cynthia

Rader Geyer, Director [cynthia@mcnp.org](mailto:cynthia@mcnp.org)

**January 26th-28th** Moravian Girls Retreat Grade 3-8 is filled but you can be added to the waiting list by contacting Rev. Jodie Harney [jlharney212@gmail.com](mailto:jlharney212@gmail.com) or 610-838-9344

**Camp Hope Kick Off Dinner** Sunday, February 11 at 5:30pm East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA. More information to follow.

## Wellness at Great Kills Moravian

### Gentle/Chair-supported Yoga

Wednesdays 9:00-10:00am

Pastor Tracy will lead a flowing yoga class to get the day started!

Donations received go to GKMC.

### Tai Chi on Mondays

Sensei Mike Poole, [www.earthandcup.com](http://www.earthandcup.com)

All classes (1 hour) are by donation.

9:00am: Yang Style 8

10:00am: Tai Chi for Arthritis

11:00am: Tai Chi Fan

6:30pm: Yang style 24 form



### Yoga with Gen Giles

Wednesdays 7:00pm,

\$5.00. Please bring your mat for this beginner/intermediate class.

### Free Adult Classes at the Great Kills Public Library

The library offers free classes and events for adults: Quilting, Adult Coloring, Adult Crafts, Afternoon Movies, Knitting & Crocheting Club. Anyone interested can call (718) 984-6670 or visit the Library.

## Community Outreaches



### **Vanderbilt Community Dinner**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 4:00-6:30pm**

You are invited to Vanderbilt's monthly community dinner. If you would like to help in any way, or need more information, please contact Paula Presutti, (347) 993-1769.

## Great Kills Garden Club

The Great Kills Garden Club meets here monthly, usually the third Wednesday, at Great Kills Moravian. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:30pm. These meetings are open to the community.



## Church Business

**Elders Meeting is scheduled for January 16th at 1pm.**



### Annual Church Council Meeting Sunday, January 21, 2018

Following Worship Service, soup and dessert is provided please bring your own sandwiches.

All **members** of the Great Kills Moravian Church are encouraged to attend to review 2017, to elect Congregational leaders, pass a budget for the coming year, and elect a Delegate to Northern Provincial Synod. This Synod is a gathering of Delegates from each congregation and its Pastor's, taking place every 4 years. The 2018 Synod is June 21st-24th. Synod appoints new leadership and makes decisions that impact the future of our Church. Please prayerfully consider this nominating from within our Congregation. A pre-Synod meeting on January 28th at GKMC will provide orientation for all Metro area Delegates.

A Quorum is required for voting please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

*\* Ministry Leaders\* Please submit your **Annual Reports to the Church office by January 3rd.***

### Ministry Reports Due

**Ministry Leaders... Please prepare your ministry's annual reports** for this year's Church Council Meeting and submit them to the church office **Wednesday, January 3rd.** We need time to prepare and copy the annual reports so they can be ready a week before Council. Needed: Elders, Trustees, Prayer Shawl, Sunday School, VBS, TTNT, Book Study/Aging Gracefully, , Craft Group. Growing w/ Baby and any other small groups that would like to submit. You can leave a copy on the desk, in the mailbox, or **email your report to:**

**Office@greatkillsmoravian.org**



## Ministries and Events

### Loving Staten Island Friendship Dinners

*Sunday, January 21st 5pm-7:30pm*

Reformed Church of Huguenot Park  
5474 Amboy Rd 10312.

You are invited to a series of Friendship Dinners to get to know new people and places on Staten Island.

These are Potluck Dinners, please bring a food item to share, no meat so all can enjoy. RSVP to Karen Jackson at [Karen\\_jackson@projecthospitality.org](mailto:Karen_jackson@projecthospitality.org) or 917-

### **Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*21st Annual Staten Island Prayer Service*

*January 18, 2018 7:00pm*

Zion Lutheran Church Staten Island, NY

Preaching: Msgr. Richard Guastella of the Church of St. Clare

### **Three Kings Celebration**

**Sunday, January 7, 2018** from

5:00-7:00pm. Join us for a potluck meal, games, crafts, and fellowship in the New Year. RSVP with the number of those attending. All ages welcome. Please sign up.



## Save the Date

### **Valentine Tea**

February 3rd

(snow date: February 10th)

Hosted by the Craft Group.

A fun time for tea and finger sandwiches. Of course, wonderful handmade items will be available to purchase. Ticket information will be available soon.



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(\*office hours subject to change)



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

Website:

[www.greatkillsmoravian.org](http://www.greatkillsmoravian.org)

We are also on:

Facebook, Google+,  
Google Reviews, and Yelp.

*A Christian Church serving Staten Island since 1886*

## January Worship Team

**Elder of the Month:** *Ariana Sanchez*

**Trustee of the Month:** *Janice Hermansen*

### Usher Schedule:

1/8: Barbara Feltus & Jim Jimenez

1/15: Laura Hepworth & Mike Crea

1/22: Donna & Charlie Montanti

1/29: Barbara Feltus & Jim Jimenez

**Prayers for:** The Barbara Scarpato Family, The Montani Family, The Smith Family, Amy Doersbacher, Rob Bauer, Victor Berta, Bilbao Family, Cascio Family, Steve Cernak, Ryan Christie, Nicole Cinque, Joan Dolder, Jennifer Fraley, Joshniel Ferguson, Jen, Diane Gibbons, Bill & Sue Glynn, Deborah Griggs, Claire Grasso, Henry, Kelly, Peter, Ray Laursen, Claudia Morrison, Lee & Larry Mullen, Edith Nasta, Kristen Patanella, Mary Petrocelli, Sam and all Caretakers, Catherine & Douglas Scannapieco, Joanne Verdiglione, David Weinlick, Tommy, Tommy Wright.

## January Celebrations

### Birthdays

1/2 Rain Poole Pryor

1/3 Karen Maskuli

1/7 Christopher Bilbao

1/9 Gary Feltus

1/10 Michael Pezzengrilli

1/15 Janet Buell

1/17 Zachary Ali

1/23 Patricia Ruch

Jessica DelGiudice

1/29 Lydia Langell

1/30 Claudia McGloin

Erica Kovacs

1/31 Madeline Muller

Elaine McHone



## Anniversaries

1/8 Donna & Charlie Montanti



Thank you to those who have helped support the Children's Services and The Safe Horizons Shelter.

Your generous gifts were greatly appreciated.

**First Moravian Church NYC** is hosting a bus trip on June 29th, 2018 to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. to see Jesus, the play. Cost for an adult is \$135, children ages 8-11 \$85. For additional information and to make a reservation please contact 212-683-4219.

## Kenos Animal Sanctuary

We continue to collect donations of old towels and blankets to be used at Kenos Animal Sanctuary, a non-profit no-kill cage less animal shelter in Brooklyn. Please send in donations to the attention of Pam Bailey

On December 16, 2017, it was our turn to provide for the Vanderbilt Moravian Church Community Dinner. Thank you to all the hands that helped make this event possible. The food was delicious, the fellowship was warm and the hats and mittens were well received. Thank you.

## Watchword

2017

**Great Kills Moravian Church**  
"...I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that is he able to guard that I have entrusted to him for that day."

2 Timothy 1:12b

## The Herald Newsletter

All news, articles, and church information for the newsletter must be in to the Church office by **the 15th of the month.**  
**Please!**

If you would like The Herald emailed to you, send an email to: [office@greatkillsmoravian.org](mailto:office@greatkillsmoravian.org)



# January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 9:30a Sunday School 10:00a Choir 12:30pm Bible Study 5-7pm Three Kings Celebration</p>	<p>8 TC: 9:00am &amp; 6:30pm TCA: 10:00am TC Fan: 11:00am 1:00pm Book Study 2:30pm Circle of Care 8:00pm Gamblers Anon</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00am Gentle Chair Yoga 11:00am Grow w/Baby 7:00pm Yoga w/Gen</p>	<p>11 6:30pm Craft Group</p>	<p>12 9:30am Craft Group 3:45-5:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 5508</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9:30am Sunday School 10:00a Choir <b>11:00a Worship</b> 12:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group @ CHMC</p>	<p>15 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)</b> TC: 9:00am &amp; 6:30pm TCA: 10:00am TC Fan: 11:00am No Book study 8:00pm Gamblers Anon</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00am Gentle Chair Yoga 7:00pm Yoga w/Gen (No GK Garden Club)</p>	<p>18 6:30pm Craft Group</p>	<p>19 9:30am Craft Group Girl Scouts: 3:45-5:00pm Troop 5508 6:15pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>20 11:00a Grow w/Baby 4:00pm Vanderbilt MC Community Dinner</p>
<p>21 9:30am Sunday School 10:00a Choir <b>11:00a Worship</b> <b>12:30p Church Council Mtg</b> 4:00pm Youth Group Ice Skating</p>	<p>22 TC: 9:00am &amp; 6:30pm TCA: 10:00am TC Fan: 11:00am 1:00pm Book Study 8:00pm Gamblers Anon</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00am Gentle Chair Yoga 11:00am Grow w/Baby 7:00pm Yoga w/Gen</p>	<p>25 6:30pm Craft Group</p>	<p>26 9:30am Craft Group</p>	<p>27 5:00pm Youth Group Lock-In @ CHMC</p>
<p>28 9:30am Sunday School 10:00a Choir <b>11:00a Worship*</b> 12:30pm Bible Study 4pm Pre-Synod Metro NYC MTG <b>6:00pm No Youth Group</b></p>	<p>29 TC: 9:00am &amp; 6:30pm TCA: 10:00am TC Fan: 11:00am 1:00pm Aging Gracefully 8:00pm Gamblers Anon</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:00am Gentle Chair Yoga 7:00pm Yoga w/Gen</p>	<p>* Joyful Noise Offering</p>	<p>TC = Tai Chi TCA = Tai Chi for Arthritis TC Fan = Uses fans</p>	

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## **January WORSHIP at GREAT KILLS MORAVIAN**

**January 7—First Sunday after the Epiphany**

***Worship 11am—Holy Communion***

***Genesis 1:1-15; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11***

**January 14—Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

***Worship 11am***

***1 Samuel 3:1-10,(11-20); Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51***

**January 21—Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

***Worship 11am***

***Church Council Meeting after Worship and fellowship following meeting.***

***Soup and dessert will be offered, sandwiches are asked***

***Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20***

**January 28—Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

***Worship 11am***

***Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28***

***Joyful Noise Offering***

