

Great Kills Moravian Church



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The Herald July 2020



From the Pastor's Desk

After months of relative isolation, mounting tensions in the world around us, and dealing with varying degrees of loss and change we are slowly beginning the process of re-opening our facility to in-person worship. The board continues to monitor and discuss information from various resources regarding expectations and requirements for re-opening. Based on this information and our conversations, we are asking you to complete a short ten question online survey regarding reopening expectations. If you receive your bulletins/newsletter by USPS then a survey (and pre-addressed return envelope) has been included with your newsletter. We kindly request that paper surveys be returned to the church office via USPS in the pre-addressed envelope no later than July 12.

If you receive your newsletter via email, a link to the survey was included for your convenience in the accompanying email. You may also retype the following link in your browser: If there is more than one member/regular attender per household you may each take the online survey. The online survey will close on July 12. **Link to the online Great Kills Moravian Church Return to In-Person Worship Survey:**

surveyhero.com/c/4cb16dd3

The Moravian Church Northern Province has also endeavored, in this challenging time, to provide a safe place for conversations about the effects of racism. Pastor Tracy participated in a three part Zoom workshop for clergy based on the PBS film series "Race: The Power of An Illusion." This free program is being offered again for clergy and laity during the month of July. No registration required. You join via a Zoom link with the expectation of participating in all three sessions (your video & microphone must be on for these calls). Participants agree to watch the film series in advance of the conversations. Dates for this event are Tuesday evenings July 14, 21, 28 from 7-8 pm ET. You may contact church office or email Pastor for details, links to the Zoom meetings, workshop materials, and password to the online film series.

You are also invited to join Moravians from across the Northern Province in "Road to Racial Justice Training: A Pathway for Systemic Transformation Online Event" taught by Dr. Tim Berry. This seminar engages participants in a comprehensive approach to learn about the social constructs of race and strives to enhance an individual's or organization's ability to identify and address inequities in the workplace or in communities. This event is also free and open to Northern Province pastors and lay persons thanks to funding from the Western District Christian Education Commission (MWCEC) and the Eastern District Church and Society Committee. Dates are July 13, 14, 16 from 11am-1:30 pm ET. Registration is required and is limited to 100 persons - please register early at: (<https://bit.ly/RoadToRacialJustice>) If you have questions, you may email Amy Gohdes-Luhman at pastoramy@wacniamoravian.org.

The Pastor and secretary will continue to mainly work from home through July. We will re-evaluate the need for more traditional in office hours in August based on decisions about in-person worship and facility use. As our community opens and people become more mobile remember to stay safe, wash hands and wear a mask.

Blessings,
Pastor Tracy

Joint Board News

Joint Board will meet via Zoom on Thursday, July 30th at 2pm.

- Weekly worship will continue for the month of July and August via Zoom.
- In April, the UBC (cemetery and congregations) received a federal PPP grant to cover salaries for a period of 3 months during the NY-PAUSE order. As of July 1 the terms of the grant expire and all funds must be allocated. At this time, based on current finances, we will likely need to re-implement reduced pay/hours for our Church Secretary, Director of Music, Sexton/Custodian, and Bookkeeper.
- **Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for May**
Total Income: \$5,013.13
(offerings, building usage, church events)
Total Expenses: \$12,179.75
Difference: -\$7,166.62
- From the Financial Secretary, please include an offering envelope or envelope number in memo of check, questions about envelope number or online giving contact our Financial Sec Claudia McGloin

Ministries and Events via ZOOM

Sunday School: Will resume in the fall.

Book Club and Aging Gracefully: Will resume in the fall.



Gentle/Chair-supported Yoga with Pastor Tracy via Zoom

Wednesdays 9:00am-10:00am. Pastor Tracy will lead a flowing yoga class to get the day started via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/714272739?pwd=NFU1c2F3Z2dJSIFpUDVFTVVCVC8yZz09>
Meeting ID: 714 272 739. Password: 893887 Dial in number +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Bible Study continues to meet on Sundays 3:00pm-5:00pm via Zoom

Grab your Bible or pull one up online at www.biblegateway.com or www.bible.oremus.org and join us for an online or call-in group study of the New Testament, contact Pastor Tracy for login information. All are welcome! Join us in the Season of Pentecost for a study of the early church as we read the Acts of the Apostles and letters.

You may recall the Raiford Family from their visit last summer, below is an update from June 27, 2020. Raiford Family update...

Hello everyone,

First, I hope that you are all safe and healthy. We are doing well and have been in the village since March. It has certainly been an uncertain time in the world and here in Mexico we have felt the effects of the corona virus. Thankfully we have not seen any cases here in our village, but the town has been on edge for these past few months. We have basically been in quarantine here in the village but is not so bad, we at least have the ability to go out and enjoy nature and we have plenty of food. In the beginning of the pandemic Eunice and I were very concerned about an outbreak in our village and ordered lots of medicine preparing for the worst. God has been good and spared us so far, but we are ready if the time comes to act.

While the world has been in crisis we have seen God do so many good things here in Juquila. The time in isolation has brought many people to our door looking for guidance and help. We are now working with three new families and our relationship with the others has grown even deeper. As I imagine for you in the US, the people here watching the news began to feel immense stress. Many came to us for a new perspective on life and we would share with them about God's love, and to take advantage of this time with the people you care about. We also organized exercise routines for people who needed to be in better shape to potentially fight the corona virus. As time has passed, the air of uncertainty still lingers as if we are holding our breath that bad things will eventually come here. We have faith in God that He will protect us as we serve our community, and our friends are finding comfort in Him as well.

Some of you may have heard that we had an earthquake here in Oaxaca a week ago. We are fine. As far as we have heard there has been minimal damage around the state. It was one of the longest we have ever felt and scared the kids. Thank you for your prayers after hearing the news. *Continued on page 3*

Please know that we have been praying for all of you back home. It has been an interesting change seeing what is happening in the US and feeling helpless in this pandemic. We were hoping to come this summer and visit some of you, but that will have to wait for another time.

Eunice is working hard to keep our village healthy and she is preparing to possibly deliver babies for the first time since we have been in Juquila. The hospitals have told mothers who can give birth naturally to have them in the villages and not go to the hospitals to avoid infection. She is both nervous and excited to help these new mothers. I have been growing a garden preparing for a food shortage and we have been giving away some of the extra plants to people in our village to help those who have lost jobs. Also, I have been working construction for a couple months and have made three new friends who are trying to become better fathers and husbands through our talks.

Please pray for wisdom as we serve our community during this tough time. Pray for strength as we guide our friends through this stressful time. Pray for courage as Eunice brings new life into this world. And as always we pray for you back home, and thank you for your support even through hardship as we bring the gospel to those who do not know it. God bless us all as we serve Him.

Blessings, Phil, Eunice, Ian and Hannah. Phil and Eunice Raiford Donate by mail:

Commission To Every Nation

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Kerrville, TX 78029-1307

Online: <http://cten.org/missionary/philraiford/> Facebook: Indigenous Mission Today

With thanks...

Dear Pastor Tracy and congregation,

These are crazy times we live in but we feel grateful and blessed to have a baptism in the name of Jesus today. We are grateful to be allowed to have it during this time. We thank you for your support and blessings. It's one of the biggest celebrations in this life to profess this faith and follow Christ. Thank you again and God bless. Kindly, Diana, John, Aiden and Ella Moscarda

Prayers for: Adam, Katie Burns-Amrhein, Baby Aria, Desmond Benimoff, Bilbao Family, Joseph Buffcusco, Scott and Marsha Carney, Meredith Cernek, Cascio Family, Rocky Chan, Pete Chiaracane, Christopher, Bob Cutting, Julianna Demaine, Joseph Desiderato and The Desiderato Family, Diane, Jessica DiMartino, Valerie Ferguson, Anna Galicia, Matilde Gutierrez, Thomas Grykien, Janine Hergsell, Jason, Jen, Joe, Diane Gibbons, Bill & Sue Glynn, Henry, Jackie, Janice, Evelyn Justiniano, Robert Kalliffian, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Giuliana LaHara, Juliana Walker-MacPhail, Mary Malandrucca, Susan Matthew, Donna Montanti, Claudia Morrison, Silvia Navarino, Peter, Mary Petrocelli, Barabara Pezzengrilli, Thomas Pezzengrilli, Karen Pisano, Tom Price, Susan Pulice, John Pummilia, Mike Raya, Rob, Rosanna, Sam and all Caretakers, Norma Smith. **(Use the Praise & Prayer Request cards to add/remove names. A monthly update is helpful to keep our list current)**

Watchword

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Great Kills Moravian Church

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

July Celebrations

Birthdays

- 7/3 Deborah Koop
- 7/4 Daniela Korbeci
Camryn Lodato
- 7/5 Harold Erwood
- 7/8 Michelle Prall
- 7/9 Nancy Doran
- 7/13 Janice Hermansen
Rocco DelGiudice
- 7/14 Lauren Crea
Charles Montanti
- 7/16 Jake Clifford
Ronald Coury, Jr.
- 7/18 Nancy Walker
- 7/20 Melissa Hertman
- 7/27 Vanessa D'Avino

July Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 7/13 Murial and Stan Timari
- 7/15 Robin and Rocco DelGiudice
- 7/25 Peace and Zakariah Ali



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(*office hours subject to change)



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

Website: www.greatkillsmoravian.org

We are also on:

**Facebook, Google+,
Google Reviews, and Yelp.**

A Christian Church serving Staten Island since 1886

**IF YOU ARE AT HOME SICK
AND
NEED A MEETING**

*Pause A While will host a free
conference call for AA meetings.*

2pm Every Day
Starting Today

Dial-in number:

(425)436-6360

Access Code

422932#

Please Share this Announcement

We also need host volunteers to chair the phone meetings please

email: pauldart@pauseawhile.org

We appreciate your ongoing support through this time. Many have expressed a desire to help by making phone calls or deliveries to those in need. Your gifts of time and effort are making a difference in our community.

If you need emergency assistance for food and or pets please consider utilizing the following organizations:

- Coronavirus NYC Food Resource Guide: <https://www.nycfoodpolicy.org/coronavirus-nyc-food-reports/>
- All NYC residents can now get free meals at one of the city's 435 grab-and-go food locations at schools. To find a school in your area, call 311, check nyc.gov or text the word Food or COMIDA to **877-877**.
- Pet Hotline will serve as an information, planning, referral and service coordination hub for NYC residents who need support of their pet during COVID-19 pandemic. Pet Hotline operators can be reached directly at 877-204-8821 from 8am—8pm daily.



July 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am-10am Chair Yoga with Pastor Tracy via Zoom	2	3 Independence Day Federal Holiday	4 Independence Day
5 11:00am Worship Service via Zoom 3pm Bible Study via Zoom	6 John Hus Festival Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 135:1- 13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Mark 8:34-38	7	8 9am-10am Chair Yoga with Pastor Tracy via Zoom	9	10	11
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Great Kills Moravian Church Worship in Place Weekly Scriptures

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

July 5—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

July 12— Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of John Hus Festival, 11am Virtual worship.

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65(1-8),9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

John Hus Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5610444742?pwd=WGU3MmtwNnlsdlpVVHNBSiNURFFVQT09>

Meeting ID: 561 044 4742 Password: 572848

Dial in Number: 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 561 044 4742 Password: 572848

July 19—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 26— Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - If your birthday is in July, join us for a virtual birthday celebration following worship. Bring your own cupcake and candle.

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

We encourage you to make use of the following for financial contributions:

https://paywithcardx.com/bpl/greatkill1,pt=default_invoice. Visit our website for a direct link or you may send in a personal check with your offering envelope to our address: 62 Hillside Terrace Staten Island, NY 10308.