

Great Kills Moravian Church



The Herald November 2023



2023 Volume 10

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters,

November 1st is known as All Saints' Day. It was first mentioned in the fourth century, in the early 600s. Pope Boniface IV created the holiday to be celebrated on May 13th.

In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1st to place some Christian meaning to a pagan festival day of that time.

Unfortunately Halloween, the remnant of that pagan holiday still has greater observance. The name Halloween came from All Hallows Eve or the day before All Saints' Day.

The Moravians celebrate All Saints as part of the liturgical year and we believe in celebrating the lives of all holy ones most known only to God.

This includes all faithful loved ones called home to the Lord during the preceding year.

They cannot be called home as saints in the sight of God without their belief in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus.

This should be a very special day of remembrance; and while you remember your loved ones, you must also remember Jesus loves you and so do I. (Taken from A Church Mouse Anthology; Central Moravian Church)

On another note, many look at this time of year as a time to make a point in giving thanks. As Christians, we know that giving thanks to God is an all the time ongoing thing. However, there is no harm in setting aside a special time to do so.

I am reminded of the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus cured. Only one returned to give thanks and Jesus questioned; where are the nine? Let us not be as the nine who did not see it fit to give thanks for all the benefits.

Harvest is also a time when we recognize the fruits of the earth and the part that God plays in it. We are reminded of the hymn:

- We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food, help us to show thanksgiving for all you freely give; to love you in our neighbor, and by the way we live.*
- All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

Let us all live continuously in the spirit of thanksgiving and with an attitude of gratitude.

*Blessings,
Your Sister in Christ
Pastor Blondel*



***Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 5th.**

Joint Board News

- *In observance of Election Day, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 7th.*
- *Elders Meeting is Sunday, November 19th following worship service.*
- *The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd.*
- **Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for September**
Total Income: \$4,955.60
(offerings, building usage, church events)
Total Expenses: \$3,880.49
Difference: \$1,075.11



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

Ministries and Events

Sunday School: Sunday School begins at 9:30am, 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 knit 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 that 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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



Tuesday, November 21st 7:30pm at Church of St. Clare - 110 Nelson Avenue

All are invited to join in this service with our friends from Christ Lutheran Church and St. Clare Church.

Thanksgiving Basket Collection



If you or someone you know would benefit from the gift of a meal basket this Thanksgiving you may contact the church office with name, address, and contact information for the recipient by first week of November. Contact the church office if you are able to assist with transporting collected items to New Dorp Moravian for packing and distribution on November 17th.



Unity Prayer Watch

December 17, 2023 "Moravians have been praying around the clock for a long, long, time!"

(Elizabeth D. Miller, Provincial Elders' Conference) This year, the Staten Island Moravian Churches have been given **December 17** as the day to be intentional prayer for the world. **Please sign-up** for one or more 15 minute time slots. **Our times are as follows:** 1:00am-1:30am, 3:30am-4:00am,

6:00am-6:30am, 8:30am-9:00am, 11:00am-11:30am, 1:30pm-2:00pm, 4:00pm-4:30pm, 6:30pm-7:00pm, 9:00pm-9:30pm, 11:30pm-12:00am. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate or use the sign-up sheet located on the Sign-Up Board outside the Cloak Room.

GKMC Christmas Fair

Please join us for

The Great Kills Moravian Church Christmas Fair



Saturday, November 18, 2023 10:00am-3:00pm

*Crafts Boutique
Café and Bake Table
Mitten Tree
Raffle Baskets*

(Donations of new hats, mittens, and gloves that will be donated to those in need.)

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HELP! Please bring in baked goods for the Bake Table. Basket or Gift Card donations would also be appreciated. See you on the 18th!

Events Happening Beyond GKMC

Vanderbilt Community Dinner

The next community dinner is **Saturday, November 18th 4:00pm-6:30pm**. If you would like to help in any way or need more information, please contact Muriel Timari.



An Advent Season Gift for Moravian Open Door Each Advent season we are reminded of the family long ago who were homeless, had no room at the inn, and not even a crib for their expected infant. Yet they were provided for. Moravian Open Door (MOD) is a Moravian ministry in New York City that provides a safe, clean, temporary home for up to 40 homeless men and women aged 50 years and older since 1987. While the facility (called Moravian House) provides accommodation in single and double rooms, the staff provides supportive services to rebuild lives and help residents move to affordable permanent housing.

As New York City struggles in dealing with the effects of repeated and extreme flooding, so also, MOD struggles to provide that safe and secure facility in an area of the city prone to flooding. The safety of our residents depends on us. MOD needs the financial support of Moravian congregations, especially now. Please respond generously with your "No Room at the Inn" gift to support this ministry.

www.moravianhouse.org

Oakwood Heights Community Church Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Please thank all of the volunteers that put this Food Drive together and those who donated. It was greatly appreciated!

Liz Kelly, OHCC Food Pantry

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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

A Christian Church serving Staten Island since 1886

Prayers for: Barbara B, Desmond B, Carly B, Bilbao Family, Joseph B, George Bryant and Family, Clark Family, John C, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, C.J, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, John Ducey, John D, Joseph D, Jessica D, Harry E, Barbara F, Jennifer F, Jonathan F, Lisa F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janice H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Janice M, Jennifer R, June K, Robert K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Lisa F, Roseanne F and Family, Lydia, Giuliana L, Sam L, Elaine M, Juliana M, Mary M, Susan M, Robert M, Victoria M, Vincent M, Silvia N, Stephen N, Nicole, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Gemma P, Powell Family, Thomas P, Tom P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Rhonda R, Mary R, Norma S, Muriel T, Sandy, Joy, Tommy, Ware Family, and all caretakers **(Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)**

Prayer List

The current prayer list will be kept current through the end of the year. Beginning in January, we will start a new list. To add someone, a request must be made in writing, giving the name of the person needing prayer and the person asking to have them added to the list. Specific details are not required. There will be request forms in a basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your help with this project.

November Birthdays

11/11 Michael Crea
Casey Fogarty
Ariana Sanchez
Debra Jelonek
11/13 Alicia Morrison
11/15 Molly Mamolite
11/17 Carmine Russo III
Preston Jersek
11/21 Griffin Norbury
11/27 Carly Anderson
11/28 Christine Peterson

November Anniversaries

11/08 Lauren & Robert Mamolite
11/11 Elizabeth & Michael Reres
11/21 Louise & Dennis Brackett



Upcoming Communion Services:

November 12

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

2023

Great Kills Moravian Church

Whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. 1 John 2:5

Pastors scheduled for November

Nov 5 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Nov 12 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
Holy Communion

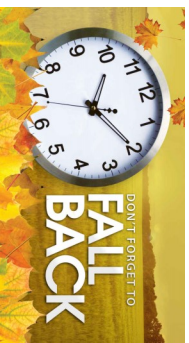
Nov 19 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Nov 26 - Rev. Jesus Laguerra



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 with 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**



November 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>*The Joyful Noise Offering for October, November and December will go to MOD</p> | | | 1 All Saints' Day | 2 | 3 10am Craft Group | 4 |
| <p>5 9:30 Sunday School 11am Worship Service <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></p> | 6 | <p>7 Election Day (Office Closed)</p>  | 8 | 9 10:30am AARP | 10 10am Craft Group | 11 Veterans Day  |
| <p>12 9:30 Sunday School 11am Worship Service – Holy Communion & Joyful Noise Collection*</p> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 10am Craft Group | 18 10am GKMC Christmas Fair 4pm VMC Dinner |
| <p>19 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service 12pm Elders Meeting</p> | 20 | 21 7:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Church of St. Clare | 22 | 23 Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)  | 24 | 25 |
| <p>26 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service</p> | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | <p>www.greatkillsmoravian.org Follow us on Facebook</p> |

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Great Kills Moravian Church Worship Weekly Scriptures

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

November 5 - Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Micah 3:5-15; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

November 12 - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion and Joyful Noise Collection for MOD

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 - Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-8(9-11)12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 - Reign of Christ Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Our Christmas Fair is Saturday, November 18th, 10am - 3pm