

Great Kills Moravian Church



2024 Volume I

The Herald January 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters;

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior whom our very being depends.

We have moved into a new year. A year of promises to be fulfilled and hope for the future.

As we look towards a new year and all that it brings, let this time lead to new beginnings.

Let us use the birth of our Savior and what is promised to us as the main thing that propels us to the revelation that with great hope we will see him in all that we do and all that we are. Make these things last forever in our minds and hearts.

As Christians, it is our duty to show love and goodwill, fellowship and joy; and in all that we do, give thanks for the gift that God has given us, that of life, hope and joy all through his son Jesus Christ.

In this time, let our expectancy rise, our gratitude overflow and our faith constant, and we have that reassurance that Emmanuel; "God is With Us".

So, with all the challenges in our lives and in the world, as Christians we live in eternal hope.

May the New Year be one of total blessings in our lives. May God bless you all as we endeavor together to make his gospel be heard and be relevant among us.

And in all; Have a Happy New Year!

Blessings;

your Sister in Christ

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant



Joint Board News

- **End of Year Reports**

Please start gathering the information you will need to prepare your end of year report for our Annual Church Council meeting which will be held on January 28, 2024 following worship service.

- ***Ministry Reports are due in to the church office by Monday, January 8, 2024.***
- ***Elders Meeting, Thursday, January 11th at 11am via Zoom.***
- ***Joint Board will meet on Sunday, January 14th following worship service.***
- ***The church office will be closed on January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.***
- **Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for November**
Total Income: \$13,273.70
(offerings, building usage, church events)
Total Expenses: \$6,996.22
Difference: \$6,277.48

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 and will start meeting again soon.

In-person Worship and Watchwords

Please join us for worship on Sunday, January 7. We will celebrate with Holy Communion and draw the 2024 watchwords. We annually draw watchwords, from the previous year's Daily Text, on the first Sunday of the New Year. The first text drawn during worship is on behalf of the congregation. A watchword, in the Moravian Church, is a scripture verse that is selected and shared for the purpose of offering a blessing, encouragement, or challenge. We believe the selection of these texts is guided by the Holy Spirit and we often find inspiration as we refer to the selected text throughout the coming year.



Annual Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2024, following worship service. All **members** of the Great Kills Moravian Church are encouraged to attend to review 2023, to elect Congregational leaders and pass a budget for the coming year. *A quorum is required for voting, please make every effort to attend this important meeting.* ***Ministry Leaders* Please submit your Annual Reports. Reports are due to the Church office by Monday, January 8th.**



GKMC Christmas Fair

This year marked our 27th Christmas Fair with 1 year off because of Covid. The Fair has evolved from A Moravian Christmas to what it is now. Our first year we had a small Craft Boutique under the direction of Nancy on one side and the Putz on the other in the lower Fellowship Hall. The Putz is a diorama of Jesus birth and was constructed by my husband Kermit with the layout of scenes under the direction of Janice and the script by Margaret. That year along with our Crafts, Cafe, bake table, candle demonstration we had a Chrismon Tree (decorated with musical symbols) and a Pyramid Tree (a wood frame decorated with fresh greens). We also offered a speaker on The Moravian Church and Lydia and I wore Moravian Women's dresses made by Lydia.

As you can see we have changed in a few areas and we now offer Raffle baskets and our crafts are now showcased throughout Fellowship Hall.

I wish to thank Nancy, Janice and all the Elves that work all year to make the wonderful crafts we have for the Fair and other small boutiques throughout the year along with the Pysanky Egg Classes. Thanks also to Mackenzie, Dalton, Margaret, Muriel and Liz for providing a delicious lunch. The cafe was run by Pam and her crew with Claudia, and later Ariana, as cashiers, thank you all! Thanks to Louise and Veronica and helpers for selling our Goodie donations. Last but not least, thank you to Liz, Jim and Mike for handling the Raffles this year. Thank you to all who helped by crafting, shopping, making baskets, decorating, baking, cooking or whatever you did to help, I thank you!!!!

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Christine Peterson

GKMC Sanctuary

On behalf of the Joint Board, we wish to thank those who helped decorate and prepare our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season.

GKMC Prayer List

Beginning in January, we will start a new prayer 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.

GKMC Fellowship Hour

We all love to snack on cakes and cookies and visit with friends after the service so please sign up to coordinate a fellowship hour. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Events Happening Beyond GKMC

Vanderbilt Community Dinner

The next community dinner is **Saturday, January 20th 4:00pm-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 Muriel Timari.



Camp Hope is Hiring!

Now hiring **for all 2024 Summer Staff positions**: Summer Staff Supervisor, Food Service Manager, Assistant Cook, Kitchen Aide, Waterfront Director (Head Lifeguard), Lifeguard, Maintenance Aide, Support Services Aide, General Summer Staff. Since we are an overnight summer camp, summer staff are required to stay at camp in the provided staff quarters. Meals are provided.

Qualifications: 16+ (please see individual job descriptions for age requirements)

The right candidate: enjoys working with campers, volunteers, and other staff of all ages and abilities; demonstrates patience, enthusiasm, self-control, and dependability; is able to work both collaboratively with others and independently. For additional information visit www.camphope.org

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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:

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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 Du-
cey, 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)*

January Birthdays

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 Jessica DelGiudice
Patricia Ruch
1/29 Lydia Langell
1/30 Claudia McGloin
Erica Kovacs
1/31 Madeline Muller



January Anniversaries

1/8 Donna and Charles Montanti



Upcoming Communion Services:

January 7

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

2024 congregational watchword will be picked on January 7th and will be posted in the February Herald.

Pastors scheduled for January

January 7 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

January 14- Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

January 21- Rev. Jesus Laguerra

January 28 - 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 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**





January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
www.greatkillsmoravian.org Facebook	1 New Years' Day (Office Closed)	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person via Zoom-Holy Communion, Watchword Drawing	8 Ministry Reports are due to church office see page 2	9	10	11 11am Elders Meet- ing via Zoom 11:30am AARP	12	13
14 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom 12pm Joint Board Meeting	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Office Closed)	16	17	18	19	20 4:00pm Vanderbilt Community Dinner
21 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom 12pm Annual Church Council Meeting	29	30	31			

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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.

January 7 — First Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion; 2024 Watchword Drawing
Genesis 1:1-15; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 14 — Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Joint Board Meeting following worship service
1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 21 — Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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
Annual Church Council Meeting following worship
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28