

Great Kills Moravian Church



2024 Volume 4

The Herald April 2024



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Easter was early this year. Easter is scheduled for the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the vernal equinox. This year the vernal equinox, when day and night were of equal length, was March 19. The full moon was March 25. That's why Easter was March 31.

The weather has been cold. No new summer clothes this Easter. When the weather is cold in early spring, flowers last longer. Daffodils, forsythia, hyacinths, crocuses tend to bolt and die back as soon as the temperature gets warmer. As soon as the days are warmer though, the cherry trees bloom. Years ago, A.E. Houseman in his poem, *A Shopshire Lad 2*, wrote:

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

The King James Version of the Bible (Psalm 90:10) describes "the days of our years (as) threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Next week we should see spectacular displays of cherry blossoms along the roadside in Staten Island, or at Moravian Cemetery, and Snug Harbor. Remember to look at them.

Charlott Bramwell

Joint Board News

- **Pastors Office Hours:** On April 18th, Pastor Blondel will have office hours in the morning to see anyone who would like to meet with her in person. Please contact the Pastor to set up an appointment or walk-ins are welcome between 11am-12 noon.
- **Elders Meeting** is Thursday, April 18th at 12 noon.
- **On Sunday, April 14** we will be collecting The Joyful Noise Collection for Camp Hope. Bring loose change to make noise!

Trustee/Bookkeeper Report for February

Total Income: \$1,572.00

(offerings, building usage, church events)

Total Expenses: \$7,388.79

Difference: -\$5,816.79

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.

Questionnaire: In the near future, a questionnaire will be distributed that will help our boards determine what our congregation interests are. For example, If you are interested in a Bible study group, you will be asked the times that are convenient for you and the type of meeting you prefer (Virtual vs. In-person).

Christian Education Committee: We are also creating a new CEC committee so please start thinking about how you can contribute to this important ministry. A fellowship hour will be scheduled soon to discuss this committee in more detail.

Children's Bulletins and Children's Chat

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22: 5

We have started something new during our worship service. The children depending on their age will be given a baggie with either crayons or pencils in it that has their age appropriate bulletin for them that goes along with The Gospel reading for that Sunday. Every second Sunday of the month there will be a Children's Chat and the children will help with the Joyful Noise collection. It will be their special day. We will try to have a children's song for them, too. We look forward in seeing the children every Sunday.

*In Christ,
Muriel*

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.

Are You Interested?



It has been a while since we had a picnic with our friends from the UBC Moravian churches. If we have enough interest, we would like to plan a picnic a date in September. Please contact the church office if you are interested or use the sign-up sheet outside the Cloak room.



The FerryHawks are hosting a Faith and Family Night on May 4th at 6:30pm with fireworks following the game and a Star Wars Night on June 15th. If you would like to attend any one of these games, contact the church office or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All are welcome to join!

Events Happening Beyond GKMC

Vanderbilt Moravian Church Community Dinner

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

On April 20, 2024, and May 18, 2024, we have been asked to provide the desserts for these two dinners. We will be preparing to provide the desserts for eighty clients. If you would like to help bake for either one of those dates it would be appreciated. You do not have to bake for the full eighty count. We can break it half of forty items. Please let me know if you would help bake for this cause. You can send me an email MTimari5@gmail.com or you can leave a message in the church office for me. *In Christ, Muriel*

Bible Study

You are all invited to attend the weekly Bible Study held by the United Moravian Church. They meet on Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact the church office for Zoom information.

Eastern Region Moravian Women's Annual Spring Rally

Will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 9:30am at John Hus Moravian Church. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Spiritual Companionship Group

Rev. Maggie Wellert will be leading some of these classes that will discuss topics such as, Compassionate listening, Explore spiritual path, Spiritual growth, Healing, Deeper connection with God and others, Non-judgmental listening, Safe space and Reverence and confidentiality. Sessions will be held on the first Monday evening, beginning in April via Zoom. Please contact the church office for more information and to register for an upcoming session.

The Moravian Church Community Garden



Grow food for yourself and for our community! Learn to garden or share your gardening skills at Castleton Hill Moravian Church. For meeting dates and additional information email: simoraviancommunitygarden@gmail.com

Summer at Camp Hope Grades 1-12



Week long camps are being offered at Camp Hope this summer. To inquire about the many camps being offered, please visit <https://www.camphope.org/>. Looking for a summer job? Camp Hope has many positions available, for additional information visit their website.

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*"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 F, Bill and Carol Burt, Nicholas Falvey and his family, Joyce Fernandez, Albert Foronda, Sadie Larsen, Madeline M **(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.

April Birthdays

4/3 Ande Marie Balla
4/4 Victoria Pezzengrilli
4/7 Nancy Burri
4/8 Mark D'Avino
Wanda Emery
4/9 Leslie Bruzzese
4/13 Allan Ali
4/16 Barbara Balla
Leonardo Gutierrez
Alexis Pulice
4/18 Margaret Grace
4/25 Zakariah Ali
4/27 Barbara Pezzengrilli
4/30 Mykaela Coury



April Anniversaries

4/24 Vanessa & Mark D'Avino
4/29 Michelle & Carmine Russo



Upcoming Communion Services:

April 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

**Here is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:29**

Pastors scheduled for April

April 7 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
April 14 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
April 21 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
April 28 - 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**





April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
www.greatkillsmoravian.org Like our Facebook Page	1 10am Pysanky Egg Workshop Spiritual Companioning Group	2 NYC Primary Elections	3 7pm Bible Study with United Moravian via Zoom	4 11am AARP	5 10am Craft Group	6 4pm VMC Community Dinner
7 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom-Holy Communion	8 Total Solar Eclipse	9	10 7pm Bible Study with United Moravian via Zoom	11 12pm Elders Meeting	12 10am Craft Group	13
14 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom-Joyful Noise Collection for Camp Hope	15	16	17 7pm Bible Study with United Moravian via Zoom	18	19 10am Craft Group	20
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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.

April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-22; John 20:19-31

April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

Joyful Noise Collection for Camp Hope

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8