

Great Kills Moravian Church Herald

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Dear Friend:

This letter is not so much an invitation as it is a reminder.

The picture at the top of the page has already helped to remind you at a glance of a very important fact. Lent, the 40-day season before Easter, will start soon.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is near.

If you have fond memories of reverent moments spent in past years hearing the story of Jesus' sacrifice for many, only a reminder is necessary.

If you have not made Lent a time for spiritual reflection and religious renewal in recent years, this letter is a sincere invitation to you to do so this year. Our church will help you.

Lenten worship services serve to draw men nearer to God when they focus on the Savior, Jesus Christ. The scene above shows Him in earnest prayer. Dwelling on the issues at stake for Him and for us during those final days before He died on the cross can help make our prayers more significant, our repentance more serious, and our hope more secure.

With this letter I invite you to take time for meditation, soul-searching, and worship. Extra effort to attend services, a little special time for private reading of the last three chapters of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and the last four of John, and more faithful prayer than usual can make this Lenten season rich and full for you.

Will you do it?

Yours in Christ,

R. L. Fisher
Pastor
G. K. Moravian

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



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The Reverend Ed Fischer, who served as pastor of this congregation from January 1953 - June 1964, wrote this message about the Lenten season. It is as appropriate today as it was then. His message is timeless.

Ministries and Events:

Ash Wednesday: The beginning of Lent is this Wednesday, March 5. New Dorp Moravian Church will hold a worship service at 7:00pm. For those who prefer a Zoom service, Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant will preach at the Ash Wednesday service at United Moravian Church offered via Zoom. The Zoom ID is 349 287 566. No password is needed.

Sunday Worship Services: We continue to hold worship services on Sunday at 11am **in person and via Zoom**. Worship aids and worship services are available for Zoom 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.

Communion Services: *February*
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

Sunday School: Sunday School begins at 9:30am, please contact Pam Bailey at eccep3@gmail.com for registration and additional information.

Children's Chat: Children's Chat meets every second Sunday of the month.

Bible Study: Bible Study group meets after worship about 12:15 Sunday mornings. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

GKMC Fellowship Hour: Fellowship hour is scheduled for February 9. Do you want to help or host? There's a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Ask one of the ushers or greeters if you can't find it. Do you like to smile at people and welcome them? We could use you as a greeter or usher. Tell an elder or the pastor.

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.

Pysanky Egg Classes: Will be starting soon. Call the church office to register or for more information. Each class will be \$25 which includes refreshment.

Pysanky Schedule:

Sat. March 1st @ 10:00 am (advanced*)
 Sat. March 8th @ 10:00 am
 Fri. March 14th @ 6:30 pm
 Sat. March 22nd @ 10:00 am (advanced*)
 Fri. April 4th @ 6:30 pm
 Sat. April 12th @ 10:00 am
 Mon. April 21st @ 10:00 am
 Sat. April 26th @ 10:00 am (advanced*)

***Advanced sessions are for those who have experience creating Pysanky eggs and do not require additional instruction.**

Joint Board news:

The Joint Board will meet March 16 after church. Elders will meet March 20 at 11:00am.

The financial secretary asks that you write your envelope number in the memo section of your check.

Events Happening beyond GKMC:

Vanderbilt Community Dinner: The next community dinner is **Saturday**, March 15, 4:40pm to 6:00pm.. 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.

Moravian Women's Conference: Do you want to learn ways to increase your faith? Do you want to go on a cruise? Join Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant on Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas from June 22nd through 28. The church office has more information.

Moravian Day of Giving: The Unity Prayer Day Offering will be collected on Sunday, March 2. This is a special collection offered in addition to your regular support of this congregation. The Unity Prayer Offering will be used by the Board of World Mission along with the Unity Committee on Theology and Moravian leaders and educators to produce a common theological curriculum, starting with the Spanish language.

The Joyful Noise Offering: Our Sunday School children collect a Joyful Noise offerings every second Sunday of the month. That money supports three missions. Camp Hope in New Jersey is one. For years children from this congregation have enjoyed camping there. Last year the camp had some challenges with water and with personnel changes. Those challenges have been resolved. Camp Hope is ready for the 2025 camping season.

Pastors scheduled for February

March 2- Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
co-leader Liz Reres

March 9– Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
co-leader Donna-Lee Ziegler

March 16– Rev. Blondel Jones-Grant
co-leader Normalee Mallawaarachchi

March 23 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra
co-leader Charlott Bramwell

March 30 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra
co-leader Laura Hepworth

Prayers for: Sabrina, John Ducey, Bill and Carol Burt, Susan C, Frank and family, Nicholas Falvey and his family, Joanne K, Joyce Fernandez, Captain J. King, Madeline M, Doug Wycoff, Sean and family, Thora Mae and family, Hurricane Helene and Milton victims. **(Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)**

GKMC Prayer List

To add someone, send a request to the office. Request forms are in a basket in the Narthex. Otherwise contact Louise Brackett.



March Birthdays

- 3/1 Robbin DelGiudice
- 3/3 Joseph Yang
- 3/4 James Ruch
- 3/6 Amber Samuel
- 3/6 Florence Willard
- 3/8 Bonnie Crea
- 3/9 Liz Reres
- 3/9 Alan Beinmoff
- 3/12 Donna Montanti
- 3/16 Emma Ruch
- 3/20 Jessica Hertman
- 3/21 Brenna Christie
- 3/28 Juliana Walker MacPhail
- 3/28 Russell Cutting
- 3/31 Chad Siniscalchi
- 3/31 Monique Yang

March Anniversaries

- 3/29 Ariana and Mauricio Sanchez

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
www.greatkillmoravian.org Facebook						1 10:00am Pysanky Egg Class (advanced*)
2 Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom Communion 12am Bible Study	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday New Dorp 7 pm worship in person United Moravian via	6	7	8 10:00am Pysanky Egg Class
9 First Sunday in Lent 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom Joyful Noise Offering 12pm Bible Study	10	11	12	13 AARP Meeting	14 6:30pm Pysanky Egg Class	15 Vanderbilt Community Dinner 4:40 pm - 6 pm
16 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom No Bible Study Joint Board Meeting 12:15 pm		18	19	20 First Day of Spring Elders Meeting 11 am	21	22 10:00am Pysanky Egg Class (advanced*)
23 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship In-person and via Zoom 12am Bible Study	24	25	26	27	28	29
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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.

***March 2— Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration of our Lord
Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36,(37-43)***

***March 9 — First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13***

***March 16— Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35***

***March 23 — Third Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9***

***March 30 — Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 6:15:1-3,11b-32***