

Great Kills Moravian Church Herald

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We church members, as the Body of Christ, meet together on Sunday mornings. Parents bring their children to Sunday School by 9:30. Most stay for the worship service at 11:00. When we have coffee fellowship after worship, most people stay. Some stay for Bible study after worship. We gather for many reasons, among them to encourage each other in sorrow and joy.

Sunday, June 1, we will send off Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant who is retiring after three years as our lay pastor. We'll be sad. We plan to celebrate, with joy, though, at the luncheon, following the worship service.

The following Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost. After Jesus's ascension into heaven, he told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Advocate, the Comforter whom the Father would send. On the morning of Pentecost, the disciples and a crowd of people from many nations were together when the Spirit descended like tongues of fire on believers. Pentecost is a joyful celebration. Pastor Jesus Laguerra will preach that day. Many Christians will wear red. Pentecost is the only day in the church year where the liturgical color is red. Paraments in front of the church will be red only on Pentecost Sunday. There will be Fellowship Hour after the church service in honor of Sunday School members celebrating birthdays.

Fathers Day is June 15. We all know fathers. Perhaps we are fathers; we have or have had fathers. Our father figures were loving; or they were not. Sometimes life is complicated. Elder Todd Hallett will preach that day. The Sunday School children plan to sing.

The Moravian Church will honor Outdoor Ministries on June 22. Elder Muriel Timari plans to recreate the camping experience during the June 22 worship. I'm looking forward to singing some familiar camp songs. Perhaps she and Stan will teach us some new ones. For those interested, Camp Hope in NJ is open for the season. Some of us remember going there as children.

Pastor Jesus Laguerra is scheduled to preach on June 27, the last Sunday of the month.

Life goes on. We are busy. Nevertheless, we come together on Sunday mornings to worship God together and to share our joys and sorrows.

Charlott Bramwell

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



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Muriel Timari

Trustees:

Blondel Jones-Grant, Ex-Officio

Nancy Burri, President

Mike Crea, Vice-President & Treasurer

Claudia McGloin, Financial Secretary

Janice Hermansen

Stan Timari

Jim Jimenez

Ministries and Events:

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, 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: **Monthly Communion cups** can be delivered if you plan to join a communion service on Zoom.

The Joyful Noise Offering: The children collect coins every second Sunday as a Joyful Noise collection that supports three missions: Camp Hope in NJ, the Essentials Cafe in Pennsylvania, and Moravian Open Door in New York City. The children enjoy the clanking noise the coins make when they land in the offering can. So bring your coins. They will also accept bills or checks.

Greeters: We are looking for Greeters to help with Sunday morning Service. All you have to do is arrive at 10:30 a.m., smile, and say, "Welcome." If you are interested tell Debra Jelonek when you can help!

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 who would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the church office.

Celebrations: If you'd like birthday or anniversary wishes, let the church office know and it will be added to the monthly newsletter.

Christian Education:

Children's Chat: Children's Chat is held the second Sunday of the month during worship.

Sunday School: Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Please contact Pam Bailey at eccep3@gmail.com for registration and additional information. Sunday School children will sing for the congregation on Fathers' Day, June 15. The next Sunday, June 22, will be their last class before summer vacation.

Confirmation Class is available. So far, Gabriel Sanchez, Todd Hallett and Liz Reres are enjoying the process. Contact the church office if you know of anyone else who is Interested in confirmation.

Bible Study: Bible Study group meets after worship about 12:15 Sunday mornings. We are still studying the gospel of Mark in Bible Study after church on Sundays. All are welcome.



Children will sing for fathers day service.

Joint Board news:

Elders will meet June 5th at 11:00am.

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

Trustee Book Keeping Report For February

Income. \$5,346.00

Expenses. \$10,039.06

Surplus. -\$4693.06

- The HVAC was serviced and is working.
- The lawn sprinkler system was repaired and turned on.

Events Happening beyond GKMC:

Vanderbilt Community Dinner: The next community dinner is **Saturday, June 21,** 4:00pm to 6:00pm. We are invited. If you would like to help in any way or need more information, contact Muriel Timari.

New Dorp Picnic: Heads up! September 27 Picnic at New Dorp Parish house. More information will be forthcoming. This event is lots of fun!

Email Address: If you have an email address, can the church have it? We send the monthly Church Herald & Weekly Worship aid out by email. If you can not attend Sunday worship and elect to follow the service online, you will have the worship aid on hand ahead of time.

Directory: Do you want church friends to contact you? Give your phone number and email address to the church office for inclusion in the next edition of the church directory.

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.

Prayers For: Anna Maria V, John Ducey, Bill and Carol Burt, Charlee, Samantha Catania, Patrick Calcagno, Linda Golino, Susan C, Frank and family, Nicholas Falvey and his family, Joanne K, Joyce Fernandez, Captain J. King, Mark Chin, James Peterson, Madeline M, Doug Wycoff, Sean and his mom Sue, Thora Mae and family, Amanda, Dr. Krelensteri and Florence.

Regarding the **call process** for a new pastor, the Joint Board will meet on June 11 with the Reverend Melissa Johnson, President of the Eastern District Executive Board, who will guide us in the process.

Leaders & Co Leaders:

June 1 - Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant
Co-leader Liz Reres

June 8 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra
Co-leader Jim Jiminez

June 15 - Elder Todd Hallett
Co-leader Charlott Bramwell

June 22 – Elder Muriel Timari
Outdoor Ministries

May 25 – Pastor Jesus Laguerra
Co-leader Donna Ziegeler

June Birthdays:

6/2 Georgine Norbury
Laura Hepworth

6/3 Stan Timari

6/6 Laura Coury

6/7 Luis Gutierrez

6/8 Veronica Samuel

6/9 Teddy Hallett

6/10 Melissa Price

6/11 Cynthia Morrison

6/15 Susan Pulice

6/16 Jeffery Walker

6/17 Richard Scarpato

6/18 Barbara Feltus

6/25 Amanda DelGiudice

6/26 Carl Dahlberg

Todd Hallett

6/29 Diane Hansen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship	2	3	4	5 Elders Meeting 11:00am	6	7
8 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Children's Chat Joyful Noise Offering 12:00 Fellowship	9	10 Joint Board Meeting TBA	11	12	13	14
15 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Fathers Day 12:15pm Bible Study	16	17	18	19	20	21 Vanderbilt Community Dinner 4:00pm
22 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom 12:15pm Bible Study	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom 12:15pm Bible Study	30					

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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.

June 1 - Ascension Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

June 8 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17,(25-27)

June 15 - Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 22 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 29 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62