

# Great Kills Moravian Church Herald

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*For, lo, the summer is past, that heat is over and done;  
The leaves change color on trees;  
the time of migration has come,  
and the honking of geese is heard in the sky.*

Actually, it's still summer in New York. But fall is coming. I read once that the Jewish people had the right idea celebrating the new year in September. Somehow, it's easier to keep new year's resolutions when our stamina has not been crushed by cold or sucked out by heat.

Please resolve to be involved with our church this year. We always need exuberance and money. We recognize that some families, especially young families, have more exuberance than money. We need ushers and greeters and readers and helpers for fellowship hours. We need parents to practice the words to the songs the children will sing. We need a smile and a kind word. We need a box of instant mashed potatoes for a Thanksgiving basket.

The pastoral search committee, which consist of the joint boards, or elders and trustees remind everyone that the search is highly confidential. We will share this: we need all official members to complete the congregational assessment form that you got via email. If you don't do email, there are paper copies in the narthex. If you need assistance, ask an elder or trustee. Tell everyone. Complete it please, by the end of September.

Some people who attend regularly and participate in the life of this congregation may not be official members. I was not a member, but I attended this church for at least five years before Pastor Blondel invited me to join. Some churches have altar calls after every service. We don't do that. The pastor of my Kentucky church told the congregation every Sunday that they could join by affirmation of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of letter. We are more like that. If you'd like to become a member of Great Kills Moravian church, we would love to have you unite with us. Speak with one of the elders.

Did you like my poem at the beginning of this article? It was inspired by Song of Solomon 2:11-12, King James Version.

Charlott Bramwell

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



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## 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](http://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. Contact the church office.

**The Joyful Noise Offering:** Children collect a joyful noise offering every second Sunday. This summer, those coins will support Camp Hope. The children enjoy the sounds of coins clinking, so bring in your coins. They will accept cash and checks also.

**Greeters:** We are looking for Greeters to help with Sunday morning Service. All you have to do is arrive at 10:30am, 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 they 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 will resume on Sunday, September 14 at 9:30am. Please contact Pam to register.

**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 studying the book of Genesis. All are welcome!



## Joint Board news:

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

## Trustee Bookkeeping Report For July

Income. \$ 6,636.00  
Expenses. \$ 4,620.17  
Surplus. \$2,015.83

## Great Kills Moravian Church Scrapbooks:

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor we were recently able to digitize a series of fifteen scrapbooks that chronicle the history and activities of Great Kills Moravian Church. This congregation, which started in 1886 still serves the community today.

Twelve of these scrapbooks are organized according to pastorate, running from 1886 through 2015, with each volume including a wide range of material such as newsletter, the minutes of church council meetings, photographs, the newspaper clippings. The other three are focused on specific events, the congregation's 75th and 100th anniversary celebrations and a nursery school.

This material presents a fascinating look at this congregation's history, through both major developments and day-to-day activities. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the congregation, Staten Island, 20<sup>th</sup> century culture, and many other topics as well.

We are excited to have the opportunity to make this material accessible to researchers by digitizing them and making them available online.

The scrapbooks can be accessed online at:  
[https://www.moravianchurcharchives.findbuch.net/php/main.php?ar\\_id=3687#4d4320474b](https://www.moravianchurcharchives.findbuch.net/php/main.php?ar_id=3687#4d4320474b)

## **September Birthdays**

9/2 Jimmy Ruch  
9/5 Peter Ziegeler  
9/7 Ryan Christie  
9/13 Charlott Bramwell  
9/14 Carmine Russo  
    Brian Korbeci  
9/17 Joan Cutting  
    Sophia Scarpato  
    Katie Rogers  
9/18 Michael Crea, Jr.  
9/20 Andrew Russo  
9/21 Cayleigh Ziegeler  
9/22 Adam Landestoy  
    Cara Timari  
9/27 Stephen Nasta  
9/29 Allison Gibbons  
    Tyler D'Avino  
9/30 Mark Hertman

## **September Anniversaries**

9/7 Erica and Michael Ciallela  
9/11 Margaret and Michael Grace  
9/17 Nancy & Jim Doran  
9/23 Enduela & Besnik Korbeci  
9/27 Susan & Benjamin Pulice

**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:** Elizabeth Peterson-Reres Family, 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

## Events Happening beyond GKMC:

### Vanderbilt Community Dinner: Update for August 2025

This month we provided one hundred desserts for the clients who come to Vanderbilt to receive a meal. I want to give a big thank you to everyone who helped bake, made the fruit bowl, purchased the candy, put together the boxes, packed the desserts and delivered them. They are Pam Bailey, Rosemarie and Ariana Beepath, Charlott Bramwell, Vianey Hallett, Debra Jelonek, Jim Jimenez, Donna and Charlie Montanti, Muriel and Stan Timari.

The dinners are always held on the third Saturday of every month. If you would like to participate at Vanderbilt Moravian Church to putting food into bags to be handed out to the clients, you can show up at 3:30 pm to assist with that. Gwen would love to have the help.

If you would like to help with baking or supplying the candy for the dinners, please let Muriel Timari know. We will be providing the desserts for the rest of the year.

Thank you very much.  
Blessings, Muriel

**S.I. Moravian Picnic:** Fun. Rain or shine. Fun. The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, on the grounds of the Parish House of New Dorp Moravian Church, from noon to 4:00pm sponsored by the Central Board of Elders. John's catering will provide everything: burgers and dogs, pulled pork and chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, salad, watermelon, cake, and make your own sundaes. Children age eleven and younger attend for FREE. Everyone else is \$10. We are selling tickets now. See Muriel. There will be games and crafts—FUN.

**Save the Date! Please come, two important meetings in October. We need a quorum to do business.**

**Advisory** - October 8, 2025, Wednesday @ 7:00 pm @ New Dorp Moravian Church

**Collegiate** - October 22, 2025 @ 7:00 pm @ New Dorp Moravian Church

**New responsibility:** We are joyfully proud of Elder Todd Hallett who has started a new quarter time position with the Eastern District to provide support and resources to Moravian congregations in New York. Congratulations, Todd.

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 11:00am Elders Meeting	5	6
7 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Holy Communion 12:00pm Fellowship 12:15pm Bible Study	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Children's Chat and Joyful Noise Offering 12:15pm Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19	20 Vanderbilt Community Dinner 4pm-6pm
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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.***

### ***September 7 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Holy Communion***

***Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33***

### ***September 14 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Sunday School, Children's Chat, Joyful Noise Offering, Moravian Day of Service***

***Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10***

### ***September 21 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13***

### ***September 28—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Amos 6:1a,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31***