

Great Kills Moravian Church Herald

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November 1 is All Saints Day.

We Protestants do not canonize saints. Nor do we venerate them. They are not part of our worship services. We don't learn about them in Sunday School. Yet there are some historical saints we recognize. Saint Francis of Assisi is associated with the beautiful prayer—"Lord make me an instrument of thy peace" that we sang as a hymn last month at the memorial service for our sister, Madeline Muller. The Church of Saint Clare around the corner is named in honor and memory of Saint Clare of Assisi, contemporary of Saint Francis, who founded the Poor Clares. Every year we hold Ecumenical Thanksgiving services with Saint Clare's as well as Christ Lutheran Church. Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Tottenville is named after Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Saul, a prominent Pharisee, condoned and witnessed Stephen's murder. Shortly afterward, Jesus confronted him on the road to Damascus. Saul became known as Paul—Saint Paul, the missionary— whose letters are part of the New Testament.

All Saints Day is really about unnamed saints, our ancestors and contemporaries in Christian faith, about whom Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me." Saints are the great cloud of witnesses described in Hebrews 12:1. They are the great multitude clothed in white described in Revelation 7.

The Watchword for All Saints Day, according to the *Daily Texts*, is *Revelation 7:10*.

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb."

Charlott Bramwell

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are collecting food for the Thanksgiving Baskets that will be put together at New Dorp Moravian Church. The food donations will go to individuals and families in our community this Thanksgiving. Items being collected are: Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, and Instant Mashed Potatoes. (Individual Boxes only, no bulk)

This year, instead of pre-packaged cookies, we will be collecting shelf-stable milk and cake/cookie mixes. Cans of frosting could also be included. If you or someone you know could use a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact the GKMC church office 718- 317-7788 or by email office@greatkillsmoravian.org

"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. 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 quarter, those coins will support Moravian Open Door. 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 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 has started. Please contact Pam to register.

Confirmation Class A new confirmation class will begin soon. Contact the church office if you are 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 September

Income. \$ 3,773.55

Expenses. \$ 9,847.70

Surplus. -\$6,074.15

The boiler was replaced. The panic bar on the fellowship hall outside door was replaced.

The door knob on the door between the Sunday school and the elevator was replaced.

The lawn sprinkler was winterized. The outside faucets were shut off. Also, the parsonage was cleaned.

The Elders Corner

On Thursday, October 16, 2025, the Elders held their monthly meeting. Todd led us in a devotion and closed with a prayer at the end of the meeting. We have developed a guest packet that will be given to visitors that come and express interest in finding out more about our church. We have purchased books that can be given to prospective members. The names are "Becoming a Member of the Moravian Church," "Customs and Practices of the Moravian Church" and "The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living." If you are interested in reading one of the books, please see Muriel. We had discussions about the Newsletter, Pulpit Coverage, Worship, Bible Study, Gabriel's Confirmation for Sunday, October 19, 2025, Media, and Ushers. We are happy to report that there will be a new Confirmation Class that will have three students, starting soon.

Muriel Timari

November Birthdays

11/11 Michael Crea

Casey Fogarty

Ariana Sanchez

Debra Jelonek

11/13 Alicia Morrison

11/15 Molly Mamolite

11/17 Carmine Russo III

11/18 Preston Jersek

11/21 Griffin Norbury

11/27 Carly Anderson Biggs

November Anniversaries

11/08 Lauren & Robert Mamolite

11/21 Louise & Dennis Brackett

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 cannot 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: The Family of Madeline Muller, Barbara Feltus and Family on the passing of her sister Joy, 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, Doug Wycoff, Sean and his mom Sue and stepdad Bill, Amanda, Dr. Krlensteri and Florence.

Pastors and co-leaders for November

November 2, 2025 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/
Jim Jimenez

November 9, 2025 - Muriel Timari - Stewardship Skit

November 16, 2025-Sister Blondel Jones-Grant/Charlott Bramwell

November 23, 2025- Pastor Jesus Laguerra/
Donna Ziegeler

November 30, 2025- Pastor Melissa Johnson/Laura Hepworth

Happenings at Great Kills Moravian Church From the Elders

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we celebrated the Confirmation of Gabriel Thomas Sanchez. Bishop Chris Giesler presided over the confirmation. Todd Hallett was the main teacher for Gabriel over the past couple of months. It was wonderful to see a young man confessing his faith to Jesus Christ. It was a beautiful service where Chris Giesler along with his wife Tina presented a Song Fest. Chris played the guitar, and Tina accompanied him on the piano. Both of them were leading the congregation in singing the songs. The service theme was Reaffirmation of Faith. We thank both Chris and Tina for sharing their special talents that God has given them with us. We all left the sanctuary feeling very spiritual from the service. Thank you to Gabriel's parents, Ariana, and Mauricio for the food they had provided for us to enjoy after church. We all enjoyed one another's company.

Muriel Timari





Events Happening beyond GKMC:

Vanderbilt Community Dinner:

The dinners are always held on the third Saturday of every month. If you would like to participate at Vanderbilt Moravian Church by 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

Thank you from Camp Hope:

On behalf of the Board of Management of Hope Conference and Renewal center, and the entire Camp Hope community, thank you for your generous donation of \$47.00 from your offering. Your donation will go toward improving Camp Hope's property.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 25th, 7:30pm at the Church of St. Clare. All are invited to join in this service with our friends from Christ Lutheran Church and St. Clare.

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						¹ All Saints Day
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom 12:00pm Bible Study	3	4 Election Day	8	9	10	11
9 Stewardship Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Joyful Noise Offering for MOD 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:30pm Bible Study	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Chief Elder Festival	14	15 Vanderbilt Community Dinner 4pm-6pm
16 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom-Holy Communion 12:00pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm Bible Study	17	18	19	20 11:00am Elders Meeting	21	22
23 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom 12:15pm Bible Study	24	25 7:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Church of St. Clare	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	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.

November 2 - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 9 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Joyful Noise Offering, Fellowship Hour

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 16 - Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, Fellowship Hour

Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 23 - Reign of Christ Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Fellowship Hour

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44