

Great Kills Moravian Church Herald

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“The holidays are upon us.” For weeks now Halloween candy has tempted us. (“I’ll buy a bag of candy and save it. Oh no! I’ve eaten the candy. Now I have to buy another bag.”) Children are deciding what costumes to wear. After Halloween comes Thanksgiving, then Christmas and New Year’s. Can I catch a breath?

There is a simple little holiday on October 4 that we’ll probably overlook this year. Since the Pandemic, we’ve overlooked a number of things we used to enjoy and celebrate. October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis. Protestants don’t “do” many saints. However most of us have heard of Saint Francis of Assisi. He lived in Italy in the late 12th century, gave up his wealth to dedicate his life to caring for God’s creation including poor people, and animals. Today he is considered the Ecology saint.

We used to share a Blessing of the Animals service with Christ Lutheran Church in honor of Saint Francis. Several years ago I took my daughter’s cat to a Blessing of the Animals in our church parking lot. I remember Pastor Tracy praying that the cat would always have a clean litter box. A young couple who are dear to me have recently moved from the west coast to southern Pennsylvania with their dog. I suggested that they look for a Blessing of Animals ceremony at a church in their area. I want to encourage them to find a faith community in their new town. A pet friendly congregation might be a starting place for them.

Charlott Bramwell

Annual Meetings of the United Brethren’s Congregation

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



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Claudia McGloin, Financial Secretary

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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 Gabriel Sanchez will be confirmed on October 19 with Bishop Chris Giesler officiating. Please join us in supporting Gabriel as he confesses his faith. We'll continue the celebration with Fellowship Hour following the worship service. A new confirmation class will begin in October. 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 August

Income. \$ 2,421.00

Expenses. \$ 2113.67

Surplus. \$307.33

We want to welcome back Elizabeth Loveridge as our Administrative Assistant. We are very grateful she is here. Please welcome her by praying and supporting her as Elizabeth carries out her responsibilities.

Call Process: The call process has to be confidential. If you filled out the congregational survey form and sent it in electronically, or if you filled out a paper copy and gave it to Muriel or Liz, then you helped move the process along. If you have not completed and submitted the survey, you can do it this week. Your Joint Board thanks you for your help.

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This year, the New Dorp Congregation will provide food and beverages before and after the meeting on October 22. We will have food from Novelli's. You'll find hero sandwich, fruit, vegetables, desserts, and beverages. You can come straight from work or school or wherever you might be without needing to go home for dinner first. We will begin the time of food and fellowship at 5:30, with the sandwiches, and other items. Following the meeting, desserts, beverages, and other items will be available. We find value in opportunities for building relationships through fellowship among members from the various congregations. We also hope that it will serve as an incentive to attend in person.

October Birthdays

10/1 Daniel Timari
 10/3 Diana Moscarda
 10/6 Cynthia Leccese
 10/7 Karen Wallace-Pisano
 10/8 Giana D'Avino
 10/9 Pam Bailey
 10/11 Nolan Timari
 10/13 Gabriel Sanchez
 10/19 Rose Riccio
 Robert Bailey
 10/22 Maggie McGloin
 10/30 Lauren Gibbons
 Zoe McGloin
 10/31 Corey French

October Anniversaries

10/2 Laura & James Hepworth
 10/4 Bonnie & Michael Crea
 10/5 Pastor Blondel and Iva Grant
 Laura & Ronald Coury
 10/7 Jamie & Ryan Jersek
 10/12 Jodi & Gary Scarpato
 10/17 Wanda & Thomas Emery
 10/29 Barbara & Louis Pezzengrilli
 10/31 Melissa & Daniel Price

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 Lydia Langell, 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, Madeline M, Doug Wycoff, Sean and his mom Sue and stepdad Bill, Amanda, Dr. Krelensteri and Florence.

Pastors and co-leaders for October:

October 5: Pastor: Bishop Chris Giesler,
co-leader: Muriel Timari

October 12: Pastor Jesus Laguerra,
co-leader: Laura Hepworth

October 19: Bishop Chris Giesler,
co-leader: Todd Hallett

October 26: Pastor Jesus Laguerra,
co-leader: Normalee Mallawaarachchi

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

Camp Hope News:

Executive Director Announcement

WELCOME BRIAN LAUDERMAN AS CAMP'S
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -Romans 12:12 NIV

The Camp Hope community has embodied this verse, especially in more recent years.

The joy, patience, and faithfulness have been abundant and sustained us through various obstacles and challenging seasons. That patience, in particular, has paid off...

Please join us in welcoming Brian as our Executive Director! He brings years of proven leadership, organization, and vision to usher Camp Hope into a new season filled with joy, growth, and faith.

Historically, children from our congregation have enjoyed attending Camp Hope in Blairstown, NJ. We hope that our children will consider attending next summer.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Holy Communion 12:00pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm Bible Study	6	7	8 7pm Advisory at NDMC	9	10	11
12 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Joyful Noise Offering for MOD 12:15pm Bible Study	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16 11:00am Elders Meeting	17	18 Vanderbilt Community Dinner 4pm-6pm
19 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom Confirmation of Gabriel Sanchez 12:00pm Fellowship Hour	20	21	22 7pm Collegiate Council at NDMC	23	24	25
26 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship In-person and Zoom 12:15pm Bible Study	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

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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.

October 5 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, Fellowship Hour

Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 12 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joyful Noise Offering

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; Psalm III; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 19 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation of Gabriel Sanchez, Fellowship Hour

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 26 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14