

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the New Dorp Moravian Church is:

To **Grow** in Christ, to **Know** His love, to **Follow** His Footsteps.

CONGREGATION WATCHWORD, 2020

*“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1*

The Moravian Church is a Protestant church. Moravians are Trinitarian (God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit), are Christ-centered (affirming the Lordship of Jesus Christ by His life, death and resurrection) and affirm the Old and New Testaments as sacred scripture. Moravians affirm and value the ancient Creeds (e.g. The Apostle’s Creed) but believe that equally important is how we live in relationship with God and others. Moravians have emphasized the sacredness of living our faith rather than just reciting it or preaching it.

If you would like to know more about what a “Moravian” is, are looking for a new church home, or just want to talk with someone about a concern or your faith, Pastor Duane would be glad to speak with you. He can be reached by phone or email to arrange a time.

To contact Pastor Duane, you may call or email him at:

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For Pastoral emergencies after office hours: (718) 351-4047.

If you have an idea, a suggestion, a concern, or are interest in serving on a committee, please speak with our Pastor or one of the Board members.

Board of Elders:

Stephen Greet (Vice-Chair)
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The Week of 23-30

GREETINGS! We are glad that you are here, but for everyone’s health and safety, we must, at least for a while, adjust to a new normal. It has been a few weeks since we reached Phase 4, but even though more things are open, and we can gather again, we must remember that the virus is not gone, and the Covid-19 pandemic is not over. It may seem redundant to some, but once again, we ask that everyone observe the basic protocols of wearing masks and social distancing and the other items listed on Page 3. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Thanks to this week’s Online Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Pastor Duane Ullrich**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Special Music: **Andrew Kay**

Seeds for Thought. Sometimes HOW you say things is as important as WHAT you say. Change the focus or the emphasis, and different lessons come to light. In the Gospel, Jesus says, “On this rock, I will build my church.” Some will emphasize “rock” to point out Peter’s role in this new venture. Some will emphasize “church” to point to the creation of the institution we are a part of today. However, we often miss the “Christ action” in this statement. Jesus said, “I will build MY church.” There are now many denominations and many congregations, but may we all remember that at our core, we are all just a small part of HIS church.



Recently, we have had several requests for a copy of the Member Directory. We are aware that our directory information is not as up to date as it should be, mostly due to more frequent secretarial changes. If you have changed your address or phone number in the past year (or two), please let the church office know.

A good rule to go by, is that if you are NOT getting a newsletter, and/or you are NOT receiving announcements sent out by CallingPost, your information likely needs updating. This especially applies to youth who are in school, have graduated, or have moved out on their own.

Office Hours

The Office is open again. For now, the Office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm. Other times can be arranged if necessary.

Streaming SNAFU

We are now providing 3 ways to worship with us here at NDMC.

1. In-Person Services at 10am Sundays in the Church
2. Live-Streaming on the web. The link to join in is on our church's webpage: www.newdorpMoravian.org.
3. Sunday Morning Replay – when the service is over, a recording of the Sunday Service will be posted ASAP on YouTube. Links to this video will also be posted on our webpage, for you to watch at your convenience.

Unfortunately, our technology failed us, and we experienced an audio malfunction making it virtually unwatchable. We did create a “studio version” which was posted on YouTube.

One of the projects in development is updating and upgrading our audio/visual system to provide a better streaming experience, as well as reducing the chances of “technical difficulties.”

When the new system is up and running, we will be needing additional volunteers to operate it. Our goal is to make it as “user friendly” as we can. If interested, contact Andrew Kay. FYI – In addition to the service being online, the bulletin and the announcement page is also posted on our website.

Joint Board Update:

The Joint Board met in a Zoom Meeting last week. It was agreed that with the updated UBC policies, the current guidelines by the State of NY, we can safely begin to re-open our facilities for additional use. This will be a slow reopening. Use will be limited to the Parish House, and authorization will be given by the Board of Trustees on a case-by-case basis. The first to resume using our facilities will be our “regular users” – AA groups, SI Italian Women, etc. All will be required to abide by State Guidelines.

It was affirmed that we will not be resuming party rentals until it is safe to do so – that is safe for us, and for our renters.

Prayers:

For Bob Knapp who is going through cancer treatments.

For Larry Ambrosino who is beginning hospice care.

For Jen Burtner, health issues.

For parents and students who are preparing for the opening of school in the near future.

For Kenny Derenzo (Asst. Cemetery Supt.) and family. Kenny's granddaughter, Piffany, was born with serious health issues.

She is currently in NICU at Children's Hosp. in Philadelphia.

For Valerie Ferguson, wife of Rev. Wesley Ferguson (VAMC) who is being treated for a recurrence of her cancer.

For Rev. Michael Johnson, (his brother passed from cancer).

For Bishop Hopeton Clennon (Central Moravian) whose mother, and a sister passed in this past month.

Covid-19 Safety Guidelines

1. Everyone is to enter from the Main Front Entrance.
2. Temperature Checks and the standard Covid19 form issued.
3. Facial Masks or coverings must be worn in the building.
4. Pews will be roped off for distancing.
5. Family members may sit together, but social distancing with unrelated attenders must be observed.
6. The offering plates will be placed in the back of the church. The plates will not be passed.
7. The “Passing of the Peace” will not involve physical contact.
8. The Order of Service will be projected. Hymnals will not be used.
9. There will be no Fellowship Hour or refreshments until further notice.
10. There will be no Sunday School Classes until further notice.
11. The Nursery will not be available until further notice.

We are observing these things not out of fear, but out of respect for the veracity of this virus, and out of love for one another. For our own safety, and the safety of others, there will be some things that we can't do. There will be things that we shouldn't do. Yet, while we may need to be creative at times to do things we used to take for granted, we are still the Church – the Body of Christ – called to feed, comfort, treat, encourage or in other words – called to minister to one another.