

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:

Office Phone: (718) 351-0090. Email: PastorDuane@verizon.net.

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)
Anna Gaw (Nominating)
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Jeremi Amagsila (Worship)
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Board of Trustees:

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The Week of January 10-17

GREETINGS! Thank you checking in today to see what is going on (or not going on) here at New Dorp Moravian Church. The reality for all of us is that because of Covid-19 (aka the Corona virus) and the renewed limitations, closings and restrictions, the way we have “always done things”, including our Christmas traditions and celebrations, will be different. There are again some things that we cannot do. There are also things that we should not do.

Yet, while we anxiously await the time when we can again do things we used to take for granted, we must remember that we are still the Church – the Body of Christ – called to feed, comfort, treat, encourage or in general – to minister to one another by sharing His Good News.

This continues to be a time when you can help us BE the Church we have been called to be. Let us know if you, or someone you know has a need – physical, financial, emotional and spiritual – and help us learn together how we can minister to address that need

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or Send us an email: Office@NewDorpMoravian.org

Seeds for Thought.

Epiphany: Season of Light. We are now entering the season of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means “to show” or “to reveal.” Throughout this season, we will encounter continuing revelations of Jesus’ identity. Today, we hear of Jesus’ baptism, the descending dove, and the Voice of God. Our challenge is to keep ourselves open to the ways that God’s Light is shining, and is being revealed to us in our daily lives. Magi may not stop at our door, and the heavens may not open before our eyes, but God is still being revealed daily to those who have eyes to see, and hearts to feel His presence.

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions all of our “face-to-face” worship services, meetings, and events are temporarily suspended.

We look forward to seeing you, worshipping with you and serving Christ with you as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Our Thanks to this week's Online Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Pastor Duane Ullrich**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Special Music: **Andrew Kay**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Moravian Open Door (MOD)

Thank you for your support of Moravian Open Door during our December Challenge. Official totals are not yet in, and we will report them as soon as we are able. Your continuing to support M.O.D., both now and throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

2021 Offering Envelopes

We are still waiting for the order of our Offering Envelopes for 2021. We will make an announcement when they are finally ready for pick-up. Please note your current envelope number on your gift/check until your new set arrives.

Stewardship

The beginning of a New Year is often a time for looking ahead and making plans for the coming year. Part of the planning process includes could include financial planning – deciding what you will spend, what you will save, and perhaps, what you will give.

We are grateful to all who have been regular with their giving. Some of you have been mailing in your donations. Others have been using the Giving Portal that can be accessed on our website.

You will soon be receiving more information about using the Giving Portal. We believe that on-line giving (e-giving, automatic giving, or any number of terms for this kind of giving) can be a helpful tool for you to use – its easy, safe, its regular, and you don't have to use envelopes and stamps. It also means your donation arrives and is recorded almost immediately. It also helps the church with a more predictable income. And it helps our Counters and Financial Secretary, because it accurately records your donation, and makes their task easier.

Grants and Assistance

While there is reason to be hopeful as the Covid-19 vaccine is now available, it doesn't change the reality is that this is still a stressful time for many. Stressful physically, emotionally and financially. We want you to know we are here to help. We may not be able to address every need, but we do have some resources available to assist you.

If you or someone you know needs help with **issues of food, utilities, rent, fuel or other bills**, contact Pastor Duane. He will assist you confidentially.

The UBC Central Elders have established a grant program for **any teacher who is a member of an SI Moravian congregation** can apply for a \$100 grant as a recognition that our teachers often make purchases for classroom supplies out of their own pockets. Contact Pastor Duane for more information.

The UBC Central Elders have also established a fund to assist **SI Moravian NYC students with their on-line educational needs**. If a student needs something to help get them on-line, from computers, monitors, keyboards, etc to software upgrades or internet access, funds are available to help. To find out more about this fund, contact Pastor Duane.

Prayers:

We pray for all who are dealing with Covid-19. We pray for those who are sick with the virus. We mourn for those who have dies, or are dying. We give thanks for the medical community for their dedication to their calling and care for us when risk is high. We give thanks for those who are now administering the approved vaccines. And we give thanks for the "essential services" including the police, fire, sanitation, food providers of all types, gas stations, the producers of medical supplies, and more.

For our Country – that the leaders on both sides of the aisle, can help us, and our Nation, move past the events of this past week, to address not just the actions of a hateful and disrespectful few, but to begin to truly address the underlying issues that seem to bring out the worst in us, rather than seeking ways to bring out the best in us.

Church Council 2021

Following our By-Laws, January 24th would be the day for our Annual Church Council. However, the current Covid restrictions will not allow us to hold an “in-person” meeting. The meeting will likely be a live Zoom meeting. Information on the meeting, access, and how we will proceed with such things as ballots and voting will be announced soon.

The most important pieces of business would be the approval of the 2021 Budget and the election of 3 Elders, 3 Trustees, and 2 for the 2022 Nominating Committee.

If you have not been asked, and are interested in serving on a Board, please contact Pastor Duane.

Committee and Group leaders are asked to submit their reports to the office as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Duane is still available to assist you. However, he is limited to what he/we can do because of the current restrictions. Clergy are being advised not to make hospital, nursing home or home visits at this time.

He is available to speak with you and pray with you by phone. You can also contact him by email.

Online Worship

Our services are again now online. They are being streamed live, and then “recorded” for you, or others to view at a later time. You can access them by, going to our webpage (www.newdorpMoravian.org) and clicking on the blue button that is the link to our latest service. A link to the latest Bulletin (Order of Service) and Weekly Announcements will also be posted in that same location.



If you would like to receive Holy Communion, we can arrange for you to receive a sealed, individual set of the Sacraments. Please leave a message for Pastor Duane on the Church Message system to make arrangements with him.

Office Hours

Until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted the Church Office will be closed. Please call 718-351-0090 and leave a message if you have a prayer concern, have a question or need assistance.

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