

Lent Lent

Due to Covid 19 Restrictions all of our "face to face" worship
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Thank you for 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", will be different. There are again some things that we cannot do, and also things that we should not do, to keep ourselves and others safe.

Yet, as we anxiously await the time when we can again hold in-person services and do things we took for granted, we remember that we are the "salt of the earth", we are the Body of Christ – called to feed, comfort, and encourage – to minister to one another by sharing His Good News.

Help us to BE the Church we have been called to be. Let us know if you, or someone you know has a need – whether that need is physical, financial, emotional or spiritual – and let us learn together how we can minister to address that need. So, if you know of a need, say something:

Call the Church Office and leave a message
for the Office or Pastor Duane (718-351-0090)
or Send us an email: Office@NewDorpMoravian.org

Seeds for Thought.

Through the texts for today, we continue to learn of God's strong promise to love us, a promise that will lead Christ to the cross. The message of sacrifice will be part of His mission, and that self-sacrifice (putting the needs of others ahead of our own) will be an essential element of discipleship. In our own discipleship, we are called to look beyond ourselves to the mission that is ours, and the ministries we are able to complete. As we consider our continuing call to discipleship, let us look beyond "what's in it for us", even as we embrace the crosses in our own lives.

Office Hours

Until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted the Church Office will only be open Mondays and Thursdays from 9am – Noon. Please call 718-351-0090 and leave a message if you have a prayer concern, have a question or need assistance.

Office Email: office@newdorpmoravian.org

Pastor Duane: pastorduane@verizon.net

Our Thanks to this week's Online Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Pastor Duane Ullrich**
- Lector: **John Gaw**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Scripture Readers: **Confirmation Students Logan Kay, Brielle Loize and**
- Special Music: **Andrew Kay**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Worship Leaders Wanted/Needed

Since March of last year, our services have been online.

We have had time practice and experiment with our latest equipment. We are doing ok. We've received many positive comments to our services. Much of our success has been our good fortune that Pastor Duane, our Organist, Dylan Sauerwald, and our technical advisor, Andrew Kay, have been available to produce our service. Sometimes it was pre-recorded. Sometimes it was live, but, as those in theater might say, "The service must go on." But, our worship leaders may not always be available. It may be illness or maybe they just need a break. This is where YOU can help. We are in need of additional team members, in case one or more of the team is not available. We also want to add more variety and more participants to our services and our worship team.

We would like: **More readers and lectors.** We invite you to **read and lead the liturgy and responsive** readings. Or – we invite you to **read the week's lessons.** You may not have to be here – live. Did you notice that the Confirmation Class recorded their lessons for last week's and today's service? You, too can record it in advance either at your home, or at the church.

Call or email the Church Office for more information.

Worship Update

With the recent updates from the CDC and the new

With the recent updates from the CDC, and the new guidelines for those who are fully vaccinated (FV), the Boards will be discussing the subject of renewing in-person services. While the guidelines **appear** to allow FV persons to attend a service, it has been our preference NOT to establish rules on who can attend. It has been our preference that we are either “open for all” or “closed for all” and avoid the scenario that says, “You can come, IF ...”

And, if the conditions continue to improve as they have been, the time when we can fully reopen may not be that far away. Thank you for your patience.

Church Council

The Boards will be discussing the possibility of (finally) holding a Special Church Council Meeting to address the Church business we were not able to address in January. One of the items for the agenda will be the election of Officers. We are in need of at least 1 additional nominee for both the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees. If you are interested, or if you would like to know more about what the Boards do, please contact the Church Office.

Receiving Communion



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.

An additional reminder – The Maundy Thursday Evening Service that will be Live-Streamed will include a “virtual” Communion Service. (Approved by Moravian Church). You may use one of the individual sets, or you can use a bread and juice (or wine) of your choice. More information coming.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes have resumed. This is for youth in 7th & 8th grades. For more information, contact Pastor Duane.

“There Is An Alleluia”

The final hymn in today’s service is a hymn written by **John T. (Jack) Hicks**, a Moravian pastor, church musician and a son of the New Dorp congregation in 2017. Sadly, Jack’s earthly life ended in 2019 due to cancer.

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About this hymn, he would write, “Some of the many blessings of being in ministry are the times when we are invited to share in the deep places and struggles facing the people who trust us. This hymn came through me at a time when I was being reminded of just how difficult it can be to claim God’s presence, or even to pray, when we are facing the pain of someone we love, or our own challenges. In such times, the church can be quick to encourage us to get on our knees but, often, that’s the last place we’re able to be.

“A friend who had just been diagnosed with cancer was gracious enough to include me in his anger and despair,” continues John. “This hymn was inspired by him as one of many who face overwhelming times in their lives. He reminded me that, at times, the faith-and-life-affirming word ‘Alleluia!’ can be too intimate and powerful, too honest to claim, too close to our souls to use. Sometimes we need to give ourselves space and wait to speak. Yet there it is, always waiting quietly and painfully in our hearts for the time when, through the grace of God, it is all we can finally say. Praise God.”

As we continue to struggle with the overwhelming challenges, losses, restrictions and emotions in this time of Covid-19, we, too, need to hear and experience the

power of “Alleluia!” even when it is no louder than a whisper.

2021 Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes for 2021. You may pick them up at the Church Office on Mondays and Thursdays, or by appointment. Until you receive your new envelopes you can continue to mail in your contribution, use your checking account’s bill-pay feature, or use the Vanco portal on our website to make an automatic gift to the church. We thank you for your continuing support.

Stewardship

We are grateful to all who have been regular with their giving. Some of you have been mailing in your donations. Some of you have sent your donations using the check writing feature on your checking account. And some of you have started using the Vanco Giving Portal that can be accessed on our website.

We especially want to that those who are using the Vanco Giving Portal. We believe that this method of on-line giving (also called e-giving or automatic giving) is tool that can be helpful to you and to the church. For one, it is easy and safe to use. You can stay regular in your giving, and you don't have to worry about envelopes and stamps. It also means your donation arrives and is recorded almost immediately. It helps the church by providing a more predictable and regular income. And it helps our Counters and Financial Secretary, because your donations are automatically records your donation, making their tasks simpler, quicker and maintains accuracy.

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 the 500,000 who have died, and for those who will die before this pandemic is under control.

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 workers" including the police, fire, sanitation, food providers of all types, gas stations, the producers of medical supplies, teachers, postal and delivery workers and more.

Prayers for the people of Texas and other areas of our nation who are still struggling because of the storm that created power outages, lack of drinking water, broken water pipes and more.

Prayers for Cemetery Security – Virginia, the wife of John, mother of Gina, both who are part of security. Virginia struggled with COPD for a long time. During a recent hospitalization she contracted Covid-19, and also pneumonia. Please keep them in your prayers.

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**.

Teacher and Education Grants

The UBC Central Elders have also 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.

Online Worship

Our services continue to be 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.

Watching on YouTube Replay

A taped replay of the service by going to our website. The service is recorded and posted in such a way that the same button that takes you to the Live Stream link will later take you to the Replay location on YouTube. You can also go directly to YouTube and search for NDMCTUBE. It will show you all of our services are stored. Because the replay starts when the recording begins, the Replay may begin with a black screen. You may have to fast forward 5-6 minutes in order to get to the beginning of the service.

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 for 2021

“You are the salt of the earth.” *Matthew 5:13*

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.

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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)	Ed.)	Kim Loize (Christian
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