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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.

We live in a world that is littered with broken promises and failed relationships. In today's lessons, we are reminded of the many times we forget God's promises and lose focus on our relationship with God. They also speak of the lengths to which God will go to bring about reconciliation. Jeremiah says that God will write the law on our heart, so that it will not be lost or forgotten. John reminds us that Jesus was willing to go to the cross to take away the sin that separates us from God. Imagine a love so strong and deep that God would do this for you. What has God written on your heart so that you won't forget?

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**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Scripture Readers: **Confirmation Students
Jack Cohen, Evangeline Carolan and Michael Fischetti**
- Special Music: **Andrew Kay**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Worship Update

The Board of Elders has decided that conditions have reached the point that we can responsibly resume our in-person services. Our in-person services will resume services on **Easter Sunday, April 4.** (details coming soon.)

While we will resume services in April, all of the remaining services in March will be live-streamed only. This means that our services for next week, which is Palm Sunday, as well as Holy Week will be live-streamed only. A schedule of days and times of services and Readings for Holy Week will be posted soon.

And, while conditions have improved and many are fully vaccinated, the pandemic is not over, so we will continue previous protocols, such as:

- Masks will be required by everyone in attendance.
- Seating will be every other pew, with 4 persons per pew unless they are related.
- There will be no handshaking.
- There will be temperature checks at the door.
- There will be no supervised nursery.
- There will be no Coffee or Fellowship Hour.

Church Council

The Boards have been discussing the holding of a Special Church Council Meeting to address the Church business we were not able to address in January. The main item on the agenda will be the election of Officers. We invited anyone who is interested in serving on either Board to contact the Pastor, a member of the Boards, or calling the Church Office. Each position is for a 3 year term, through January 2024.

At this time, the proposed date for this meeting is:

Sunday, April 11 following the 10am service.

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.

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.

Worship Leaders Wanted/Needed

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

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. 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 more participants to add more variety 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.** Even though we are resuming our in-person services, you can still record it in advance either at your home or at the church. If recorded, it will be shown as part of both the in-person and the streamed worship services.

Call or email the Church Office for more information.

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

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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 Moravian Pastors and the Provincial Staff

Gloria Reisinger, Provincial Office Secretary, is recovering from surgery for breast cancer.

Rosemary Kleintop, wife of Bishop Doug Kleintop is recovering from hip replacement surgery

Dina Sobek, wife of the Rev. David Sobek, (Lake Mills-WI) had outpatient gallbladder surgery last week.

Meg Newswanger, wife of Rev. Rick Newswanger (Lake Auburn – MN) is preparing for a bone marrow transplant at the Mayo Clinic.

Grants and Assistance

This pandemic has been a source of difficulties and hardships. 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.

Technology Grants

The UBC Central Elders have also established a fund to assist **SI Moravian NYC students with their on-line educational needs**. If a family or a student needs anything 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.

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
Anna Gaw (Nominating)		Libby Neri
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Jeremi Amagsila (Worship)		Bob Iadarola (Outreach)
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