

Our In-Person Services will be limited to Live-Stream Only. Masks and Social Distancing will be Required.

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The Week of March 28-April 4
Holy Week

GREETINGS! Thank you checking in today to see what is going on (or not going on) here at New Dorp Moravian Church. The Good News for us is that today, March 28, Palm Sunday, is the last Sunday (for now) that we will be Live-Stream Only. Starting next Sunday, April 4, Easter morning, we will resume our In-Person Services, as well as continuing our Live-Stream and our Sunday Replay.

However, the reality is that the Covid-19 pandemic is NOT OVER. Yes, some conditions are better, but some are not. Many people are already “fully vaccinated” but others are waiting for their opportunity. The original strain of the virus is diminishing, but the variants of the virus are on the increase.

Therefore, while we believe that conditions are such that we are able to responsibly resume in-person services, there are still risks to be aware of and precautions to be taken. We ask your cooperation to help keep everyone as safe as we can. Remember:

1. Masks must be worn at all times in our facilities.
2. Temperature Checks will be taken at the dor.
3. Seating will be every other pew, with a maximum of 4, unless you are sitting as a family unit.
3. Please keep the aisles clear so people can pass.
4. There will be no nursery attendant. Parents can use the area, but only one family at a time.
5. There should be no handshaking.
6. There will be no Fellowship/Coffee Hour until further notice.
7. Hand sanitizer is available at all of the entrances.

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

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**
- Special Music: **Andrew Kay**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Seeds for Thought.

This Sunday has two titles, Palm Sunday and Sunday of the Passion. There is that festival frenzy of the palms, that marvelous chaos, a festive dress rehearsal for an Easter triumph. Yet, even as we start the day shouting “Hosanna,” we discover that this ‘king’ who has come will soon endure taunting, betrayal, torture, with shouts turning to “Crucify!” The journey of Holy Week invites us into the joy and the passion of our Messiah. Let us not be in such a hurry to join the parade, or to reach the empty Tomb, that we miss the message and the power of the Cross.

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 Update

The Board of Elders has decided that conditions have reached the point that we can responsibly resume our

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.

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.

Worship Leaders Wanted/Needed

We have reached a milestone. We have had an online presence for a whole year! Some recorded, some streamed live, all available for later viewing. Thank you for your patience as we have learned “on the fly” how to present what

patience as we have learned "on the fly" how to present what we hope has been and continues to be a meaningful worship opportunity for you. Online/live streamed services will not soon replace in-person services, but they serve a purpose, and we are committed to continue offering both an in-person and an online option.

However, as we continue, 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 invite you to be a **readers or a 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. The pandemic has created financial challenges for many. Whether your gift has been larger or smaller than you would like it to be, we appreciate it just the same. We do not require anyone to give a specific amount. All we ask is that you give as you are able, and give what you feel called to give.

There are many ways that you can give:

1. Bring it in person. Bring it to an in-person service or bring it to the Church Office.
2. Mail it to the Church Office
3. Use your bank account's bill-pay or check writing option.
4. Use an online giving portal. Links to the Vanco Giving Portal are on our website. It provides an easy and safe method to stay regular in your giving

Prayers:

Let us all be in prayer for the victims of recent accent accidents and acts of violence.

We pray for the firefighters and other essential workers who, by their jobs, often put their lives in danger to serve, care for, and protect us.

We pray for the victims of gun violence. While all gun

violence cannot be stopped, let us pray for the wisdom to discern ways to reduce the violence, as well as for the courage and the commitment to act.

We pray for those who have experienced prejudice because of their age, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

We continue to pray for all who are dealing with Covid-19. We pray for those who are sick with the virus. We mourn for those the more than 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 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

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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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