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Easter Sunday
April 18, 2021

GREETINGS! A joyous Easter season to one and all! It is wonderful to be able to resume our In-Person Services. In addition, we are continuing to Live-Stream our services, as well as continuing to post a video of the service for later viewing (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 door.
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.

Office Hours

Our official Hours for the Church Office will continue to be on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am – 1pm. Please leave a message at 718-351-0090 or send us an email if you have a concern, 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 Ulrich

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- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Seeds for Thought.

This Easter season we grow in our recognition of Jesus as the Christ, alive in our midst and empowering us for discipleship as a community of believers. We may question and call out, seeking to know God, yet God is present prior to our seeking. Our awareness of God's presence grows and develops as we journey in faith. In the passage from Luke, Jesus appears to the disciples and offers peace. Seeing Him and recognizing Him after the resurrection eases their doubts and fears and empowers them for ministry. In the text for today, we too, can meet the risen Christ. But how do we hone our senses to be aware of Jesus' presence and purposes, Who is alive and present and active in our lives today?

Church Council – meeting bytes

At the Special Church Council Meeting last week, the Council officially approved the 2021 Budget. Council also affirmed a proposal of the UBC Collegiate Council, which recommended that when necessary, the Central Elders and Central Trustees could move the Collegiate Council meeting to a day other than the 4th Wednesday of October as stated in the By-Laws.

Elected as Elders (E) were: Jeremi Amagsila, Libby Neri, Jason Hoppe and Andrew Kay. Elected as Trustees (T) were: Ruth Carter, Bob Iadarola and Richard Simpson. Elected to the Nominating Committee (NC) were Toni-Ann Fischetti, and Anna Gaw.

Completing Terms of Office: Cara Kay (E), Andrew Kay (T), Dorothy Ambrosino (T) and Claire Drinnan (NC).

Other items shared were an explanation of how the Call System works, and a list of recent projects completed.

Flowers

Last week, flowers were placed in memory of **Ray Heins**. Ray was our long-time Sexton and Sacristan. This week, flowers are being placed in memory of **Walter Zipf**. Walter served on the Board of Trustees, including as Chair. He also shared his love of history and photography with us.

Member Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who has filled out a Directory Update form so far. We are trying to do a more thorough updating of the Church Directory so we are asking

updating the Church Directory so we are asking EVERYONE to fill out a Directory Update form – even if all of your contact information is correct. Please be sure to give us your best contact number, whether it is a landline or a cell phone.

We are also assembling an email address list. This list will not be published and will be used for Church business only.

We are also looking for contact information for youth and young adults who may be in college or who are now living in their own space. Your help and cooperation is greatly

Worship Team Members Wanted/Needed

As we resume our in-person services, as well as continue to stream our services, we are in need of additional Worship Team members. We are looking for:

- **Readers or a Lectors.** We invite you to **read and lead the liturgy and responsive** readings.

You don't have to be at the Church to be a Reader. We can record you reading the lessons which will then be shown as part of the In-Person and Streamed versions of our services.

- **Special Music.** The Choir will hopefully be able to rehearse soon, but until then we invite you to share your talents, vocal or instrumental. Speak with Dylan Sauerwald or Andrew Kay about this.

- **Tech Crew.** As we continue our Streaming Services, we will need more people who know what buttons to push and when to push them. If interested, speak with Andrew Kay.

Our Committees will be reorganizing soon. Watch for information about how you can assist with one of the many ministries of our Church, even if it is only helping to plan and coordinate just one program, event or activity.

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

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
Alice Giovannello-Cohen		Ellie Wan
Jeremi Amagsila (Worship)		Jason Hoppe
Andrew Kay (Concerts)		

Board of Trustees:

Bob Iadarola	Richard Simpson (PH)
John Gaw (Building & Maint.)	Joe Rudy
Ruth Carter (Admin) (Memorials)	Claire Drinnan
Debbie Taverna (Finance)	Toni-Ann Fischetti
John (Jack) Traut	(Committee Chair)

Prayers:

This has been an incredibly difficult year for all of us. We have been under a variety of restrictions and shut-downs and

lock-downs for over a year. It is likely that everyone of us

knows of someone who died from the virus. And while the vaccines are helping, the pandemic is not over yet.

We continue to 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” who have kept our lives as “normal” as possible.

But the Virus isn't the only issue of concern. Let us all be in prayer for:

- the people experiencing difficulties because of the pandemic, e.g. health, utilities, rent, insurance, etc.
- the victims of gun violence; for the wisdom to discern ways to reduce the violence; and the courage to act.
- the immigration issues at our borders; for the children who are coming unaccompanied; for solutions that deal not only with those who are crossing the border, but also to help deal with the reasons why people are so desperate to come.
- for those who have experienced prejudice or abuse

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.

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.

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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

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

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.

Be aware that the replay can begin with a black screen. (It does this some times.) If you do see a black screen, you may have to fast forward 5-6 minutes in order to get to the beginning of the service.