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4th Sunday of Easter
April 25, 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. Many are now “fully vaccinated,” while others are still waiting for their opportunity. Yet, while the original strain is diminishing, variants of the virus are on the increase.

Therefore, while we believe that conditions are such that we are able to resume our in-person services, we still must act responsibly for those who are still at risk. We ask your cooperation to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you.

Our Thanks to this week’s Online Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Pastor Duane Ullrich**
- Lector: **Mrs. Marla DiForte**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Note: Volunteers to be a Lector, Scripture Reader or part of our Media Team are always welcome.

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

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on Monday, May 3rd at 5:30pm in the Conference Center. The meeting will include discussions on responsible ways to resume some of our mission projects. (We will try to make this a hybrid meeting, being both in-person and on Zoom.)

Flowers

Flowers this morning are in memory of **Bill Drinnan**. While Bill never served on a Board, he was active in much of what

goes on here at the Church. He was on the Worship Committee, was a Counter and an Usher, helped out at VBS, attended Bible Study classes, helped at the Easter Egg Hunt, help with Trash & Treasure and more.

Seeds for Thought.

For the churches that follow the Common Lectionary, which is the list of Scripture lessons we use each Sunday, today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The focus text and psalm invite us to imagine God's ultimate care for humankind through the essential qualities of a good shepherd: caring, feeding, protecting, rescuing, and guiding. In these passages, we encounter the nature of self-giving love and how this is part of discipleship. Even though the image of a shepherd is not something we see in our daily experience, it is nevertheless a powerful image. It is good for us to ask ourselves: "To what are we being called by the voice of the Good Shepherd?" "What does it mean to be led by Christ?" And while the Good Shepherd is still calling, and still leading ... are we still following?

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 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 appreciated. Forms are available in the entry, or you can email your information to the Church Office

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.

- **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

Prayers:

In your prayers this week:

- For Randy Rinker (54) brother of Rev. Tammy Rinker, who died from Covid-19 this week, as well as all those still dealing with the virus, whether as patients, or experiencing virus-related issues, e.g. health, utilities, rent, insurance, or other hardships.
- 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 those desperate for freedom and the children who are coming unaccompanied;
- for those who have experienced prejudice or abuse
- for David Gohdes, brother of the Rev. Amy Gohdes, who has been unresponsive following a heart attack.

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))

Kim Loize (Christian

Ed.)

Anna Gaw (Nominating)

Libby Neri

Alice Giovannello-Cohen

Ellie Wan

Jeremi Amagsila (Worship)

Jason Hoppe

Andrew Kay (Concerts)

Board of Trustees:

Bob Iadarola (Chair)

Richard Simpson (PH)

John Gaw (Vice-Chair)

Joe Rudy

(Outreach

Ruth Carter (Admin)

Claire Drinnan

(Memorials)

Debbie Taverna (Finance)

Toni-Ann Fischetti

John (Jack) Traut

(Committee Chair)

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.

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An additional reminder – Any time we observe Holy Communion, you may participate with us virtually while watching us Live or on Replay. You may use one of the individual sets, or you can use a bread and juice (or wine) of your choice.

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

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 is available 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 of the most recent service as posted on YouTube. You can also go directly to YouTube and search for NDMCTUBE. It will show you all of our services are stored.

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

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.