

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH
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Ascension Sunday
May 16th, 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 improving, and will be able to resume more of our in-person services and activities, 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. Claire Drinnan**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Greeter: **Mr. Richard Simpson**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**
- Special Music: **Mrs. Marla DiForte** and **Mrs. Libby Neri**

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 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

Seeds for Thought:

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We are approaching the end of the **season** of Epiphany. During Epiphany, which means “a revealing,” we have read how the risen Jesus was revealed to the disciples. Last week, we heard Jesus speak of Himself as the True Vine, with us as the branches - branches that are expected to bear fruit. Today, we engage Jesus’ hopes and instructions for the community of followers. As these followers banded together, the church emerged. Following their lead, we too, look to Jesus as our friend, who sets the rhythm of discipleship and invites us to respond lovingly, creatively and fruitfully.

Flowers

The Flowers this week, flowers are being placed in memory of Larry Ambrosino. Larry (and his wife, Dorothy) was a relative newcomer to our congregation, but was well known on Staten Island as a teacher and administrator in the NYC School system, and for of the many civic organizations and causes he supported and participated in. His time at NDMC was short, his commitment to his community and his faith were obvious to all.

Congregational Surveys

The Joint Board has recently mailed out a survey and questionnaire to help identifying the individual we will Call to lead and guide us in the future. Your responses will be helpful in this process. Please follow the instructions included with the survey and return them by the stated deadline.

Extra surveys are available at the Usher’s Table.

Member Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who has filled out a Directory Update form so far. There are still many who have not as yet updated their information. If you have not done so, please verify your address and contact information, including your email address. Note: The email list will not be published and will be for Church business only.

Also, please include contact information for youth and young adults who may be in college or who are now living in their own space. You can fill out a form at the Church or email your information to the Church Office.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Sunday, June 6 – Confirmation Sunday

Six of our Youth will be making their Confirmation of Faith:

John-Carmine Campagna, Jack Cohen, Evangeline Carolan,

Michael Fischetti, Logan Kay, and Brielle Loize.

Saturday, June 12 – Blessing of the Animals

This event will be June 12 at 10:30am on the Lawn. Prayers for all pets, whether present or in picture will be shared.

September - Trash & Treasure

The Outreach Committee has tentatively set September as the month that our Trash & Treasure Sales will resume, if Covid guidelines permit it and Jt. Board gives approval.

Sunday, October 10 - Octoberfest

The tentative date for this year's Octoberfest is October 10. More details coming later, but mark your calendars today.

Tech Crew Invitation

Anyone who would like to be part of our tech crew and learn the basics of operating our new equipment in the Church and Conference Center, please talk to Andrew Kay, or contact the Church Office.

Prayers:

In your prayers this week:

- For **Ed Krogstad** who is undergoing medical treatments.
- For those who have experienced prejudice or abuse, and for those who have been victims of race-related attacks.
- The incidences of gun violence continues to increase. victims of gun violence; let us pray for the wisdom to discern ways to reduce the violence; and for the courage to act.
- The immigration issues at our borders; for those desperate for freedom and the children who are coming unaccompanied;

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

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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)

Kim Loize (Christian

Ed.)

Anna Gaw (Nominating)

Libby Neri

Alice Giovanniello-Cohen

Ellie Wan

Jeremi Amagsila (Worship)

Jason Hoppe

Andrew Kay (Concerts)

Board of Trustees:

Bob Iadarola (Chair)

Richard Simpson (PH)

John Gaw (Vice-Chair)

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(Outreach

Ruth Carter (Admin)

Claire Drinnan

(Memorials)

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Toni-Ann Fischetti

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(Committee Chair)