

**NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
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***Pentecost***  
***May23rd, 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: **Mr. Jeremi Amagsila**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Greeter: **Mr. Richard Simpson**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

### **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](mailto:office@newdorpmoravian.org)

Pastor Duane: [pastorduane@verizon.net](mailto:pastorduane@verizon.net)

### **Flowers**

The week, the flowers are being placed in celebration of Pastor Duane and Susan’s 39<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (which was yesterday).

## *Seeds for Thought:*

Today is **Pentecost**. Acts tells us that while the apostles were all gathered together in one place, the Holy Spirit rushed through the room like a mighty wind and tongues of flame appeared on their heads. Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the breath and fire of the Spirit that continues to live and move among God's people. The Spirit gives the Church its mission and the power to undertake it.

May the Spirit truly be present in our worship, in our church and in our lives today.

## **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.

**more events ...**

### **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.

### **Date TBD – Clothing Sort**

We have a LOT of unsorted clothes. The Outreach Committee is hoping to shift from doing the Big Giveaway Day, and instead providing clothes to various agencies. More details as they become available.

### **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 **Emma Sanchez**. (our secretary) who is doing find, but has been advised by her doctor to rest in the final few weeks of her pregnancy.
- Thank you for remembering **Nathan Ullrich** in your prayers. He is feeling much more comfortable than last week, and has even been back at work.
- **Gene Isola** has expressed his Thanks for your prayers and remembrances following his recent medical treatments, which went well, and he feels good.
- For continued success in distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine, and a continuing lowering of the NYC positivity rate.
- For those who have experienced prejudice or abuse, and for those who have been victims of race-related attacks.

### **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**

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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](mailto: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:**

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