

**NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 6, 2021**

**GREETINGS!** 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**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Guest Musician: **Jelena Cingara**
- Greeter: **Mr. Richard Simpson**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

### **Confirmation has been postponed.**

Confirmation is being postponed because one of our students tested positive for Covid-19 in a random test at school. (He is fine, with no symptoms.) If all goes as expected, our Confirmation Service will be rescheduled.

### **Guest Musician**

Our musician for the next 8 weeks will be **Jelena Cingara**. Our Music Director, **Dylan Sauerwald**, has been invited to an associate conductor at the Des Moines Metro Opera summer festival. This is one of the biggest opera festivals in the country, and is a unique opportunity for him.

## *Seeds for Thought:*

Finger Pointing. When confronted with their disobedience, Adam pointed the finger at Eve. Eve then pointed the finger at the Serpent. Finger pointing is a way of trying to avoid taking responsibility for one's actions, or trying to pivot the argument when a person realizes they are in a losing position. We are very adept at pointing fingers. There is always a reason for our forgetfulness, our disregard for others, or a deliberate action that goes dreadfully wrong. Comedian Flip Wilson used to say that "the Devil made him do it." But, while there are always reasons for our actions, it doesn't mean they are excused from the consequences. Remember, when the dust settled in the Garden, none of the three, Adam, Eve or the Serpent received a free pass.

## **Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

### **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.

### **Rescheduled Date TBD – 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.

**There will be a reception** after the service, honoring **Frank & Debbie Taverna** who are moving to Florida.

### **Sunday, June 20 – Father's Day**

### **Sunday, June 27**

10am                    **Baptism of Madeline Bazzoni**  
11:15am **Coffee & Fellowship** in honor of **Ray Heins**  
with a Memorial Service to follow.

### **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

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### **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.

### **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@newdorp moravian.org](mailto:office@newdorp moravian.org)

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

### **Prayers:**

In your prayers this week:

- For **our Confirmation Class** (and their families) that while exposed to Covid-19, all have either tested negative, or had a mild case.
- For continued success in distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine, and a continuing lowering of the NYC positivity rate.
- A prayer of thanks as **the Moravian Churches in Bethlehem** start to re-open this month after being closed since last March.
- For those who have experienced prejudice or abuse, and for those who have been victims of race-related attacks.
- A prayer of thanks for the many ways that **Frank & Debbie Taverna** have shared their faith and talents with our Church, and a prayer for God's blessings in this new venture.

### **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](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.

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