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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,” but there are still people who are not vaccinated or are still at high risk.

Therefore, while conditions are improving, and we are able to resume more of our in-person services and activities, we still must act responsibly. For those who are still at high risk, we ask your cooperation to help keep everyone as safe as possible. We ask that **ALL** persons wear a mask while walking in the building. Masks do not have to be worn while you are in the pews. Thank you.

Our Thanks to this week's Online Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Pastor Duane Ullrich**
- Lector: **Jeremi Amagsila**
- Guest Musician: **Jelena Cingara**
- Greeter: **Mr. Richard Simpson**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor:
Andrew Kay

Seeds for Thought:

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God with a tiny seed growing up from the ground and out into the world, offering branches of protection and rest. Its large size suggests strength to withstand the elements that might bend or break it. When we have even a small seed of faith, it can grow into the strongest part of our lives, with branches making their way through our words and actions. When this happens, we not only take shelter in our faith, but attract others to come and find rest in the Kingdom of God.

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

Guest Musician

Our musician for June and July 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.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

TODAY: Happy Father's Day!

Thur. & Friday, June 24-25

Delegates will be logging in for a virtual gathering of the 2021 Synod of the Eastern District

Sunday, June 27

10am

Baptism of Madeline Bazzoni

11:15am

Coffee & Fellowship in honor of **Ray Heins**

with a Memorial Service to follow (time to be announced).

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

A date will soon be scheduled to sorting the clothes that has piled up. 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.

Thank You!

On behalf of myself and my family, thank you for your many

thoughts, prayers, cards, email and Facebook expressions of care and concern, and your support while being in WI.

The

flowers that greeted me on Sunday were beautiful.

Everyone, including pastors, grieve in their own way. As an introvert who has an extrovert job, my grieving is an internal process which many will not notice. It is less public and more private. If I seem quieter or distant, that is part of my process. If I don't respond or walk past without acknowledging, it could mean that I am focused on the task at hand. It could also be my process, where my mind (for a time) can deal with fewer things at one time. I ask for your patience. And if I do happen to ignore you, know that it is not personal. (Besides, aren't most men clueless at times?) So, if you need to ask or tell me something, just try and get my attention and let me know.

Pastor

Duane

Prayers:

In your prayers this week:

- 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.
- For those who have been under the stress caused by the current heat wave. Note: Whenever there is a heat wave, the Conference Center is available to be used as a Cooling Center.
- For **Linn Fahrenkrug**, Pastor Duane's brother-in-law, who is doing well, but continues to manage his liver cancer with ongoing chemo treatments.



NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the New Dorp Moravian Church is:

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.

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