

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH
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6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021

GREETINGS! It is wonderful to be able to resume many of the in-person activities, from going out to restaurants and shopping, to going on trips and attending worship. It has been even better in the fact that we have been able to do more without masks.

However, the reality is that the Covid-19 pandemic is NOT OVER. Yes, conditions are much 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, for the safety of those who are still at high risk, we ask your cooperation. 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 or while sitting at tables. Also, please be aware that some are still uncomfortable shaking hands, receiving hugs or people standing too close.

While streaming our services was essential during the shut-downs, we are committed to continue Live-Streaming our services and posting a recording of the service on YouTube for later viewing. .

Our Thanks to this week’s Online Worship Leaders:

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

Seeds for Thought:

This is truly a weekend for celebrations. This is the 4th of July weekend. It is the John Hus Festival, when we remember the importance of John Hus to our Moravian Church. And, today is the Sunday before July 7, our Congregation’s 258th Anniversary. These events are worthy of our celebrations, but they did not come without cost, commitment, and sacrifice. As we gather picnics, parades and fireworks over this weekend, and as we worship today, let us not forget that there will be times when we, too, will be challenged to stand up for our faith or to speak out for what we believe in. As we live out our faith, let us do so with a renewed sense of commitment and urgency, just as others before us have done.

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

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

TODAY:

10am **Worship (In-person & Live-streamed)**
11:15am **Coffee & Fellowship**

July 6 - The John Hus Festival

**July 6 - Anniversary of New Dorp Moravian
258 yrs.**

Sunday, July 11

10am **Worship (In-person & Live-streamed)**

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.

Prayers:

We were saddened by the news of the passing of **Valarie Ferguson**, wife of the **Rev. Wellesley Ferguson**, pastor of Vanderbilt Ave. Moravian and Brooklyn Fellowship churches. The Going Home Service for her will be held on Friday, **July 9th** here at New Dorp. There will be **visitation beginning at 3PM**. The **Service will be at 7:00PM**. Cards may be sent to: **271 Vanderbilt Ave. 10304**.

Let us keep **Pastor Ferguson**, his son, **Joshneil** and his daughter, **Jalethea** in your prayers.

Also for your prayers this week:

- 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 **Theresa Dewidar** who is recovering at home following hip replacement surgery.
- For the **Joint Board** as they continue the Call process
- For the **new President of the Eastern District Executive Board, the Rev. Melissa Hertzog Johnson**, who was elected at last week's Eastern District Synod.
- For those who are continuing to deal with the tragic collapse of the apartment building in Florida – For those who died, for those who are still unaccounted for, for those who are working on the debris, and for those waiting for news.
- For continued success in distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine, and a continuing lowering of the NYC positivity rate, and for continued caution with new variants.



The John Hus Festival

This festival marks the occasion of the martyrdom of John Hus. In 1415, Hus had been charged with heresy by the Council of Constance. On July 6, 1415, after refusing to recant his testimony, Hus was condemned by the Council as a heretic and was burned at the stake.

His message of fidelity to the truth (“Seek the truth, listen to the truth, learn the truth, love the truth, speak the truth, abide by the truth, defend the truth unto death.”) continued on, and led followers of Hus to establish an intentional community they called the ***Unitas Fratrum***, Latin for “***Unity of the Brethren***.” This community of faith would later become known as the Moravian Church. This year marks the 606th anniversary of Hus’ martyrdom.

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.

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