

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH
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13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021

GREETINGS! We want to welcome everyone who is joining us for this service of worship – whether you are worshiping in-person, or joining us live on-line or watching us on our Sunday Replay. We are committed to in-person services while following all Covid-related mandates and guidelines. And while Live-Streaming our services and posting a recording of the service on YouTube started because of Covid, we are committed to continuing these worship opportunities. for later viewing. Let us know what we can do to improve your worship experience

Our Thanks to this week's Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Pastor Duane Ullrich**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Lector:
- Greeter: **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

Seeds for Thought:

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' followers say, "This teaching is

difficult!" Some just gave up and stopped following. Some lessons about God are difficult. We will all struggle with some teaching or another. As we follow in faith, there will come times when we will be challenged to "practice what we preach.". It will be tempting to "walk away." In today's lesson, we learn that the Apostles struggled on more than one occasion, too. But when asked if they wished to leave, Peter said, "No. Where else would I go?" Peter knew that even if he didn't always understand what Jesus was saying, and even though following Jesus would be difficult, Jesus was still the One to whom he should listen, and the One he should follow.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

TODAY:

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

Monday, August 23

Bereavement Groups Meeting in the CC.*

Wednesday, August 25

6:30 pm **Free Summer Movie Night**

Sunday, August 29

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

September - Trash & Treasure

Our Trash & Treasure Sales will be resuming soon following CDC guidelines of masks and distancing.

A "Grand Re-Opening" date will be announced soon

September 26 - Pastor Duane's last Official Sunday

There will be a reception after the Service in the Parish

House. His official retirement date is September 30th.

Sunday, October 10 - Oktoberfest (in October, too)

The tentative date for our regular Oktoberfest is October 10. More details coming later, but mark your calendars today.

Wednesday Summer Movie Nights are continuing. Enjoy a fun film and fun fellowship in the comfort of an air conditioned theater, complete with a new sound and projection system every Wednesday this Summer. Show time will be at about **6:30 pm**. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Bereavement Groups. Starting this week, Bereavement

groups will be meeting in our Conference Center. If you are interested in being a part of a group, or want more information, speak with Pastor Duane. NOTE: These are not open meetings. You must be registered before you can attend.

SI Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers and volunteers to help deliver meals to Staten Island residents. You decide

how often you serve: once a week, once a month or however often you want. Speak to Pastor Duane for more info.

For your prayers this week:

- For **the earthquake victims in Haiti and other islands in the Caribbean, including Jamaica and Cuba.**
- For **those who are fighting the fires** and for **those who have lost homes and businesses** in Western States,
- For **Ed Ranieri**, who is undergoing treatments and rehab. Update: Ed is now doing rehab on Staten Island at SIUH-Seaview.
- For **Brielle Loize** as she recovers from back surgery.
- For **Joan Jahn's daughter, Susan**, who has been undergoing medical treatments.
- For **Arlene Banomo**, recovering from a fall and broken hip.
- For **"Beth"** who was hospitalized because of kidney stones.
- For the **Joint Board** as they continue the Call process.

NDMC COVID-19 Precautions and Protocols

As infection rates are again increasing, it is obvious that the pandemic is not over yet. The CDC has noted "hot spots" where rates are again increasing. Much of the increase in cases involving the **Delta (Δ)** variant as well as a new **Lambda (Λ)** variant. A big concern is that in addition to being more contagious, our children appear to be more susceptible the new variants that to the original Covid-19.

We ask that **ALL persons** to wear a mask while walking in and through the building. Masks do not have to be worn while sitting in the pews or while sitting at tables. Please practice social distancing. Be aware that some are still uncomfortable shaking hands, receiving hugs or having unmasked people standing in their "comfort zone."

While getting the vaccine is a matter of choice, for the sake of your health, as well as for the sake and safety of your loved ones and our children, **we strongly advise all eligible persons to get the vaccine** and observe all reasonable directives issued by the City and the CDC.

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.

Board of Elders:

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