

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH
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13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 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 this part of the Season after Pentecost, the Scriptures invite us to encounter images of sharp edges, faithful action, and persistence. This week, the lessons invite us to consider the connection between hearing God's Word and doing it; to consider what we believe about God, and how we act on it. This is the big question of today's passages. We are challenged to find connections between what we believe and say about God, and the actions we take each day. Our call to faithful living invites examination of what is truly essential, and non-essential, as we strive to live in ways that bear witness to our belief in God's generous love.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Note: All Services are In-Person, Live-Streamed and

available for later viewing on YouTube.

TODAY:

10am **Worship**
11:15am **Coffee & Fellowship**

Monday, August 30

Bereavement Groups Meeting in the

CC.*

Sunday, September 5

10am **Worship & Communion**
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.

Saturday, October 16 – Jazz Concert with Mimi & the Podd Brothers. More information coming soon,

Time Is Limited. Obviously, Pastor Duane's time with us is now limited. If you have not already done so, now is the time to schedule anything that requires pastoral assistance, (like baptisms or personal assistance). Thank you.

Bereavement Groups. Bereavement groups are now meeting in our Conference Center. Note: You must be registered before you can attend .If you are interested in being a part of a group, or want more information, speak with Pastor Duane.

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 **Frank Taverna**, recovering from Covid-19.
- For "**Mike**" on the cemetery crew who also has Covid.
- 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 to the new variants than to the original Covid-19. Another concern are the "breakthrough" cases,

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.

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