

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH
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16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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. We are also committed to continuing our Live-Stream and our recorded 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 – Note The Change

Emma is back following her maternity leave, but because of Covid, some days she will be working remotely from home. She will be in the Office on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**

From (9am-1pm) and working remotely from home on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On these days she will be monitoring phone messages and email. A Number for Pastoral Needs and Emergencies will be posted soon.

Seeds for Thought:

In today's texts, today, we confront the radical nature of God's wisdom. In the surprising reversals we encounter, Jesus begins to explain things: those who want to be first in God's reign need to take their places at the end of the line. He uplifts a child, symbol of the silenced, the vulnerable and the disenfranchised. The focus is to show how God's wisdom embodies acceptance, kindness, generosity, and dignity. Human beings often have a drive to be the first, to wear the championship ring, to be the greatest, but as people of faith, perhaps our greatest challenge is realizing that in God's eyes, we're already #1.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

TODAY:

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

11:15am **Coffee & Fellowship & Lunch**

Wednesday, September 22

6:30 pm **Wednesday Movie Night**

Thursday, September 23 (actually, every Thursday)

7:30pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Sunday, September 26 - Pastor Duane's last official

Sunday

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

streamed)

10:00am **Sunday School Classes Resume**

11:15am **Coffee and Fellowship**

Retirement Reception for Pastor

Duane

Sunday, Oct. 3 - Bishop Chris Giesler, guest speaker

Sunday, Oct. 10 - Oktoberfest

Fellowship Hour Today

The light lunch to be hosted by Outreach Committee for today has been **cancelled**. It will be just the regular Coffee hour in Conference Center.

Sunriser's Prayer Group

The Sunriser's Prayer Group will again be gathering on Sunday mornings at about 8:30am to pray over concerns that have been shared, mail out "We're praying for you" cards, and giving out prayer shawls upon request. For more info, speak with Joe Rudy.

A Post-Retirement, Retirement Party & Concert

On Saturday, October 16, there will be a Retirement "Event" for Pastor Duane. There will be a Potluck BBQ at 4:30pm. Main course provided, attendees bring the sides), and a Jazz Concert with "Mimi & the Podd Bros." at 7pm. The "Event" will be FREE, but you must register in advance. Members, friends, guests are all welcome. Attendance at the concert, however, will be limited to the seating capacity

of the Church and walk-ins may not find a seat. (We may be able to Live Stream it.) Watch for details coming ... soon.

Storm & Flood Damage

If you (or someone you know) experienced flood damage that your insurance did not cover, and need assistance, talk to Pastor Duane about getting some relief from the Central Elders of the UBC. The conversation and assistance is completely confidential. So, if you need help, let us help.

For your prayers this week:

- For **all those who are continuing to deal with the aftermath of recent earthquakes, hurricanes, tropical depressions and continuing fires.**
- For **the Afghan refugees, the US Citizens and our Afghan partners**, to help them reach places of safety.
- For those who have experienced damage and flooding from the recent storms and heavy rains.
- For **Ed Ranieri**, who is doing rehab at SIUH-Seaview.
- For **Tom and Phyllis Delisio**, as they deal with his cancer.
- For **the family of Peg Smith**, the wife of the Rev. Bob Smith (retired) who passed away last Thursday.
- For the **Joint Boards of New Dorp and Great Kills** as they continue the Call process for a new pastor.

NDMC COVID-19 Precautions and Protocols

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.

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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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