

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 2023

*Jesus said, "I have come to call not the
righteous but sinners." Mark 2:17*

The Moravian Church is a Protestant denomination with roots that predate Luther. It was founded in Moravia, now a part of the Czech Republic. Moravians have been serving Christ in the United States for over 250 years. We believe in God as Trinity, the Holy Bible as the primary guide for life and faith, the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and spiritual growth through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Moravian Church is recognized and accepted by all major churches and is a Charter member of the National and World Councils of Churches. Please visit our denomination's website at www.moravian.org for more information.

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, please contact the Church Office for further information.

The Church Office can be reached by phone: (718)351-0090, or by email: office@newdorpMoravian.org. If you have an idea, a suggestion, a concern, or are interested in serving on a committee, please speak with one of the Board members.

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Steve Greet and Barbara Impallaria

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Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

Good Morning and Welcome! We are glad that you made the decision to worship with us today. We are thankful for that, and hope that what you experience here today will lead you to come back and worship with us again. As you worship today, may the peace and the joy of the Lord be yours.

Our Thanks to this week's Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Rev. Walter Bishop**
- Greeter: **Richard Simpson**
- Lector: **Jeremi Amagsila**
- Music Director: **James Siranovich**

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Today

- 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School
(in person & live streamed)
Service – Rev. Bishop
11:00 am Coffee/Reception/Candle Trim

Monday, December 11th

- 7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, December 13th

- 10:00 am Sunriseser's
1:00 pm The St. Cecilia Concert/Reception

Saturday, December 16th

- 4:00 pm-6:30 pm Vanderbilt Community Dinner
7:00 pm Christmas Concert at NDMC

Sunday, December 17th

- 10:00 am Worship/Youth Christmas Program
(in person & live streamed)
11:00 am Coffee/Reception

Thank You

Steve Greet and Barbara Impallaria for being our counters this month.

Unity Prayer Watch: Our church's participation in the Unity Prayer Watch is next Sunday, December 17th. Times are split with the other Staten Island congregations so our time slots are not in a linear fashion. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway between the Conference Center and the offices. A prepared list of prayer topics and concerns is available through the Church Office.

Comfort Room

There is a windowed room at the back of the sanctuary where parents may go with their infant children and still be engaged in the worship experience. Those not tending children are asked to sit with the congregation. Cushions may be available from the greeter for those who need them.

Service Animals

Documented service animals are welcome. Other animals will not be welcomed

into the worship space.

Eye Glasses and Greeting Cards

We continue to collect both these items. You can put them in the marked boxes placed by the piano in the Conference Center.

Pastoral Visits

Please let Pastor Walter know if you are homebound, or in the hospital, and would like a pastoral visit. Others may schedule in-office visits by contacting the pastor.

Bake "Sale"

The NDMC Sunday School class is providing baked goods for our fellowship time through the end of the year. Donations are being accepted for Heifer International to help end hunger and poverty throughout the world.

Fellowship Hour

The Coffee Hour following worship is a valuable opportunity for fellowship and getting to know one another. Would you sponsor the refreshments? There is a sign-up sheet in the coffee area. Expenses are reimbursed. You could help by donating regular and decaf coffee.

Office Deadlines

If you have anything to add to the monthly newsletter the deadline for changes is the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

If you have any additions to the weekly church service bulletin or announcements, the deadline for changes is "end-of-day" each Tuesday for the following Sunday service.

For Your Prayers this week

For health concerns: John Diforte, Carmel McCarthy, Phyllis Collins, Barney Manzo, Jackie Passburg, Linda Griggs, Karen Ortado, Marie Moser, Connie Vadola, Dolores Cavallo, Lois Zipf, Maureen Massa, Pat Isola, Ed Ranieri, the Douglas family, Richard Iadorola, Patricia Fouts, Libby Neri, Carol Buggé (now in rehab), Roger Acker, Donald Hulsizer, Jim Talley, and Chuck Thorpe.

For continued healing: Maria Metzger (Doreen Traut's Sister), Alana Guarino, Deborah Griggs, and Alison Griggs.

Please keep the people of Israel and Palestine in your prayers, and also for the safe return of the Israeli hostages.



Toys and games are being collected for the Gifts of L.O.V.E. Toy Drive, an outreach of I Am Empowering.

A box has been set up in the entryway to the Conference Center to place your donations. These unwrapped toys/games will be delivered to children/youth (infant to 21 years of age) in hospitals this Christmas. The toy drive is Staten Island wide with a goal of 1,000 gifts. Anything over their desired goal will be given to a local agency that works with needy families who would benefit.

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Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season. As in years previous, you may purchase a plant that will be placed in the sanctuary, or make a donation to the Flower Fund, by filling out the order form below, include your payment, and place in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.

The Deadline to order is: **NOON this Wednesday, December 13th.**

Option 1: Please fill out this form and indicate the number of flowers desired as well as color.

Option 2: Make a donation to the Flower Fund. All Donations will offset the cost of extra flowers purchased. Any funds remaining will be used to purchase flowers during the coming year.

Note: All purchases and donations will be acknowledged.

Red Poinsettias (6 1/2" pots): _____ x \$ 15.00 ea. = _____

White Poinsettias (6 1/2" pots): _____ x \$15.00 ea. = _____

Flower Fund Donation (Option 2): _____

Total Payment Enclosed = \$ _____

Given by: _____

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