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"Reach out and touch someone"

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In April of 1979, a commercial for the Bell Telephone System (AT&T) debuted. The thirty second ad had a jingle that stuck in the minds of many people: *"Reach out, reach out and touch someone. Reach out, call up and just say hi."* Though the ad was meant to encourage people to make (costly) long distance phone calls, it resonated with people's sense of connectedness and desire for belonging.

People today still want to feel a sense of connectedness and belonging, but fewer people feel it as strongly as it was commonly felt fifty years ago. We tend to isolate ourselves in so many ways. More yards are fenced than once were so we know our neighbors less well. We tend to travel in our cars alone rather than in the company of others. Americans are a more transient people than we once were, so we more often move away from those with whom we've been close. We often FEEL less connected because we ARE less connected.

Churches can be places where people can grow to feel connected and experience a sense of belonging. It is appropriate when faith communities care for



the folks to which they already feel connected, but it is also appropriate to make intentional efforts to aid progress for those who are seeking belonging and connectedness among a faith community like our church. Did you know that 86% of people who start attending church do so because a friend invited them? Those who invite their friends give those friends an opportunity to expand upon the connectedness that they are already feeling. If you think it would be nice to see some new folks at our church events, maybe you should “reach out and touch someone” with whom you already have some connection.

A study once showed that whatever the reason might be for someone joining a church, the reason that they stayed engaged was because of the relationships that they made within the church community. Have you been missing someone at church lately? Or, over a longer period? Maybe you should “reach out and touch someone” to remind them that you feel connected to them.

Most of us have free long distance calling within the United States, and other territories. When I was a child, long distance calls were very expensive. Weekend and evening calls were less expensive than daytime weekday calls. In order to get the most from their calling dollar, people would often mutually schedule their calls to loved ones living far away. In February 1970, the charge for a 3-minute call between New York City and San Francisco was \$1.35, which is \$11.20 (\$3.73 per minute) in today’s money.ⁱ

Today, we have many ways to reach out to someone: phone call, text message, email, social media, postcard or letter, etc. Many of these methods of reaching out cost us no additional money, but the results may be priceless.

Jesus reached out and physically touched many persons during his ministry, often bringing healing and restoring connection to community. The Apostle Paul reached out to church communities in various places by sending letters. Followers of Jesus Christ have reached out in many ways across time and distance. In our time, on this day, reaching



out with God’s Good News is just as relevant and valuable as at any other time and probably easier than at any other time in history. Who knows, maybe you will touch someone’s heart if you reach out to them.

Thankfully touched,

Pastor Walter



<https://www.calilio.com/blogs/evolution-of-calling-costs>

***Our Benevolence for the Month is
the AmVets***

John R. Tamburri Memorial Post 917



Amvets is a non-profit 501 C-3 organization with a full volunteer membership. The Staten Island post, the John R. Tamburri Memorial Post 917, was named for a young man from the island killed in duty in 1970 in Vietnam at the age of 19.

The motto of the post, “Recognizing and Supporting Self Sacrifice,” is carried out by sending of care packages to active duty military as well as care items for service members/veterans in hospitals. The post also keeps veterans and their families updated on various news, agencies, and laws that are of benefit to them.

Please remember those who have served, and are serving, our country through your generous benevolent contributions this month.



JOIN NEW DORP MORAVIAN
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Easter Egg Hunt



APRIL 19, 2025

SESSION 1: 10 AM- 12 PM

SESSION 2: 1 PM- 3 PM

**FIRST CHILD IS \$10, EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD IS \$7
FOR TICKETS CALL (718) 351-0090 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@NEWDORPMORAVIAN.ORG**

MEET THE EASTER BUNNY AND ENJOY
SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS, AND PRIZES

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Community Meal

The Moravian Churches of Staten Island

invite you to come to our free community dinner.

Vanderbilt Moravian Church, 285 Vanderbilt Ave

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

The next Dinner is April 19.

The Free Community Dinner at VAMC is distributed as a takeout. For more Information, contact the Church Office by phone or email.



Trash to Treasure Sale

Join us every **second Saturday** of the month for our Trash to Treasure sale hosted and run by Bob Iadarola. The sale is in our church basement from **10 am until 2 pm** and benefits Outreach and Ministries of the church. If you have any items you would like to donate to Trash to Treasure feel free to call our office at 718-351-0090.

This month: April 12

***We do not accept clothing, linens, or large or heavy furniture items.**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting	2
6 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10am Worship/SS 11ish Fellowship After Fellowship: Lenten Lunch/Movie	7 7:00 Board of Elders Meeting	8	9 10:00 am 1:00 pm
13 Palm Sunday 10am Worship/SS 11ish Fellowship	14 7 pm Holy Week Reading Service	15 7 pm Holy Week Reading Service	16 7 pm Holy Week Reading Service
20 Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise Service Breakfast 10am Worship/SS 11ish Fellowship	21 Easter Monday	22 Earth Day 	23 10:00 am
27 Second Sunday of Easter 10am Worship/SS 11ish Fellowship	28 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting	29	30

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	3	4	5
Sonrisers St. Cecelia Concert	10	11	12  Trash to Treasure Sale 10 am—2 pm
Holy Week Service	17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Holy Week Reading Service/ Holy Communion	18 Good Friday 7 pm Holy Week Reading Service	19 Great Sabbath Easter Egg Hunts 10 am & 1 pm Vanderbilt Comm. Dinner 4pm—6:30 pm
Sonrisers	24	25	26



News from the Boards

Elders: At its March meeting, the Board of Elders received a presentation from Mercy First about their work placing children for foster care and sometimes eventual adoption. Continuing conversation around a possible presentation on Moravian history ended with an understanding that our congregation was not ready to take advantage of the opportunity in the format in which it was made available due to the length of the presentation and the number of interested persons required to schedule the event. The need for someone to stock the pew pockets with envelopes, visitor cards, and prayer request cards was noted. Work to further develop youth and children ministries continues. Work to get greater clarity on our membership continues with an effort to find contact information for those for whom that information is lacking. (Walter Bishop)

Trustees: It was approved that flaking paint from a radiator leak in the Parish House be repaired. The work has since been done. Trash to Treasure made \$1100 in January. A motion was approved for \$200 to provide lawn signs to read " I LOVE MY CHURCH" for those who might be interested. The Easter Egg Hunt and notifications were discussed. (Steve Greet)



As you know, we can still have chilly weather here through the spring months. Because of this we will be collecting Spring Jackets/Hoodies for all ages through mid-June to be distributed at the Vanderbilt Community Dinners. Please place your donations in the box located in the hallway after entering the office wing. Thank you for continuing to share the gift of warmth with our community.



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Birthdays

5	Charlotte Carolan	24	Isabella DeLorenzo
6	Isabella Rose Ruiz	24	Mercer Given
6	Barbara Mireider	24	Riverlynn Cericola
10	Lisa Takoushian	25	Diane Kurtzman
12	Theresa Dewidar	27	Caitlin Cericola
13	Sarah Machado	28	Teresa DiForte
21	Robert Worth	30	Thomas Nolan, Jr.



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Anniversaries

9	Walter and Debbie Bishop	1988
25	Pat & Laura Moschella	1992
26	Michelle & Stuart Schneiweis	1998
28	Harold & Stephanie Gerstenlauer	1995



Holy Week Readings

Please join us Monday through Friday evening , April 14—18, at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary for our Holy Week Reading Services. Each night we will walk with Jesus and the disciples as they journey through Jesus' last week and the crucifixion. Thursday's service will include Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper. If you have not participated in the Reading Services before, you have been missing out. Come, walk with Jesus, and us. This time spent in preparation makes Easter Sunday that much more glorious!

Sonrisers Group

The Sonrisers are a prayer and card ministry group that generally meet two Wednesdays out of the month in the Conference Center.

All are welcome to participate and/or submit prayer requests.

This month's meeting schedule is as follows:

April 9 **10:00 am**

April 23 **10:00 am**





**Please help us keep our prayer list current
and notify the church office if changes occur.**

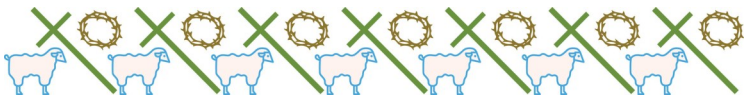
For On-going Concerns: John DiForte, Marie Moser, Dolores Cavallo, Richard Iadorola, Carmel McCarthy, Ida Perez Barbara Carolan, Linda Griggs, Connie Vadola, Lois Zipf, Libby Neri, Estefania Griggs, Luke Downs, Angela Realá.

For those under Hospice Care: Alfred Yee-Litt.

For Healing: Christinjoy Fernandez, Nadira Edwards (stage 4 cancer), Joyce Fernandez (treatments for breast cancer), Ruth Madison (undergoing chemotherapy), Stephen Gencarello (undergoing cancer treatment), Marla DiForte (broken ankle), Miritza (breast cancer), Charlee Cheru and family (Charlee undergoing treatment for childhood leukemia), Doreen Traut (recovering from knee surgery), Theresa Sahaj, Megan Iadarola, Michael Trifaro, Steffi Griggs, Carol Bugge (cancer), Florence Olsen (heart attack and blood clot), Michael Cericola (undergoing chemotherapy for brain cancer), Colleen Cericola (recovering from a fall), healing for Pope Francis, Moira Suarez, the family of Helen McCarthy, the family of Carole Detmar Collins.

Other Concerns: Elijah Griggs (training for Border Patrol), those affected by recent storms and disasters, for leaders throughout the world to find solutions for peace.

Please remember to pray for our denominational leaders, our Pastor, Board Members, and Committee Chairs as they lead us in the work of the church, and for our church, that we may follow God’s call and leading in our service and ministries.



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