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If it Means Enough to You...

A parent that I know liked to tell the children of the home, when they were complaining about something (I'm hungry, I'm bored, I need clean clothes...) would say "If it means enough to you to complain about it, it means enough for you to do something about it." Certainly the children, especially when younger, were not able to provide for themselves **everything** that they needed. I think the point the parent was trying to make was that much of what was being complained about was something that the child could provide the solution for by himself or herself – they just wanted someone else to do it for them. Some years ago during worship one Sunday, I asked for folks to make a wish list of things that they would like from their congregation. I noted during the service some of the things that folks wrote on their wish lists. Many of those wishes were related to growth. You would probably not be surprised by most of them and might agree enthusiastically with many of them. Stop right here for a moment, if you will, and think about your wishes for our congregation. Maybe even take time to pick up a pencil and write some of them in the space below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



Now take a look at your list. What have you listed that you are able to bring about, or help to bring about, yourself? And if you are able, are you actually willing? In other words, does it mean enough to you to do something about it? Are you willing to turn your wish list into a task list? Or maybe an intermediate step is needed in which the project and process undergoes group discernment and development for turning hopes and wishes into steps and actions toward the goal of fulfilling dreams. Are you willing to participate in the discovery process? There are some folks who say “We need to *(fill in the blank)*” when what they really mean is “**you** need to *(fill in the blank)*” or “**someone else** needs to *(fill in the blank)*.”

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. (Galatians 6:9–10)

Do you think there are barriers that keep you and us from acting to fulfill our common goals? Maybe there are some. Let's work to identify them and remove them. But, before we take on barriers outside of ourselves, let's each of us look inside of ourselves and see if we have constructed our own personal barriers. Maybe you have heard the saying that I heard while growing up: “Can't never could, and can't never will.” Or maybe you remember this exchange from the Lucasfilm movie **Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back** which comes at it from another angle: Yoda: (Sigh) “Always with you, it cannot be done...” Luke Skywalker: “Alright, I'll give it a try.” Yoda: “No! Try not! Do or do not...there is no try.”

Recall the words of Paul in his letter to the Philippians: “*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*” (4:13). Or recall these words from Matthew 17:20: “*For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*” These are such positive outlooks on doing the work that God calls us to do! We each need the spirit that Isaiah had when he said: “*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’*” (Isaiah 6:8) What is it that you believe the voice of the Lord is saying to the New Dorp Congregation in our day? Perhaps more importantly, what is it that you hear the voice of the Lord saying to you? And what are you willing to do in response? Are you ready to say “Here am I; send me?”



Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. (Colossians 3:23, CEB)

Just as the longest journey begins with a single step, so the accomplishments of a group begin with the movement of individuals. Each may bring a different gift or talent or skill.

That is a strength, not a weakness. Some may have much to give and some less. But each is called to participate according to their abilities. We are servants together, servants of one another on one level (see Ephesians 5:21), but first and foremost, servants of the God, Most High. May we work in harmony under the direction of our Lord and Savior.

The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:8–9)

In God's service,

Pastor Walter

(All scripture quotes are from the New Revised Standard Version unless otherwise noted.)

A version of this article has been previously published.





Congratulations to Pastor Walter on the 20th anniversary of his ordination this month. We'll celebrate this milestone with a special lunch on Sunday, **June 8**, following worship.

Youth Sunday will be **June 15th**. Come support and celebrate our youth as they lead us in worship that day! (This will also mark the end of Sunday School for the season.)



Our annual Strawberry Festival, hosted by the Sunday School department, will be Sunday, **June 15th**, following worship. Come, enjoy some delicious treats that day to celebrate the Sunday School season and the upcoming Summer!

The UBC Central Board of Elders is hosting a Staten Island Moravians Picnic on Saturday, **September 27th**, from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Parish House and on the grounds of NDMC. Mark your calendars now for this fun event and time of fellowship!





Community Meal

The Moravian Churches of Staten Island

invite you to come to our free community dinner.

Vanderbilt Avenue Moravian Church, 285 Vanderbilt Ave

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

The next Dinner is June 21st.

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 the basement of the church office building 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: June 14th

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



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 Ascension Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter 10am Worship/SS 11ish Fellowship	2	3 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting	4
8 Day of Pentecost 10am Worship/Communion/SS 11ish Pastor's Ordination Lunch Celebration	9 7:00 Board of Elders Meeting	10	11 10:00 am
15 Trinity Sunday Youth Sunday Father's Day 10am Worship/SS 11ish Fellowship/ Strawberry Festival	16 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting	17	18
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11ish Fellowship	23	24	25
29 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11ish Fellowship	30 7:00 Joint Board Meeting		

JUNE



Sunday School Ends
for the season

June 15th



ESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	5	6	7
h Sonrisers	12	13	14 Trash to Treasure  10:00am-2:00pm
	19 	20 	21 Vanderbilt Community Meal  4:00 pm- 6:30 pm
	26	27	28
			

Our Benevolence of the Month

is the

Eden II School for Autistic Individuals of S.I.

According to available data from 2022, 1 in 31 children in the US are on the autism spectrum. This is up from 1 in 150 from 2000. Based on the 2022 population of Staten Island this means more than 13,000 people living on Staten Island have some form of autism.

The mission of the Eden II School is to provide people with autism specialized community- based programs and other opportunities to enable them to achieve the highest possible quality of living. The school is for those age 5 to 21.

The Eden II School opened on Staten Island in 1976 with 6 students, one special education teacher and a director. There are currently 130 families participating in the various programs. The instructional program is modeled after the program of the Eden Institute in Princeton. However, there are no legal or financial ties between the two agencies. Each has a separate Board and operates as a separate corporate entity. Eden II also has programs for younger children as well as adults.

While the program does receive some grant money and support much of their funding comes from individuals and groups in the community.



Eden II
Programs

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3	Alex Cohen	23	Kathy Barrier
6	Mercedita Rubiano	23	Kevin Brown
7	Marla DiForte	24	Emma Master
8	Jesus Sanchez, III	27	Vivian Moser
8	Dylan Sandhu	27	Amelia Anderson
9	Matthew Ciccone	28	Daniel (Trip) Master
15	June Nuzzo	29	Patrick Carolan
18	Kristen Nolan	29	Edward W. Ranieri, Jr.
18	John Nuzzo	30	Debbie Parsons



10	John & Sharon Merolo	2007
11	Rob & Pam Kelter	1989
15	Thomas & Heidi Nolan	1985
28	John & Marla DiForte	1975
29	Nicholas & Ashley Brown	2013



The Elders met on the second Monday of May. A devotion was prepared and presented to open the meeting. Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved. Personnel concerns were addressed. Material was reviewed with the anticipation of inviting the Moravian Ministries Foundation to offer a presentation. Calendared events were reviewed and discussed:

- Celebration of pastor's twentieth ordination anniversary is scheduled for June 8.
- Youth Sunday/Strawberry Festival is June 15.
- A Fellowship event for the Staten Island Moravian Churches is being planned for September 27.

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Sonrisers Group

The Sonrisers are a prayer and card ministry group that generally meets 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:

June 11 10:00 am
(second date tbd)





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

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

For those under Hospice Care: Alfred Yee-Litt.

For Healing: Nadira Edwards (stage 4 cancer), Joyce Fernandez (treatments for breast cancer), Charlee Cheru and family (Charlee undergoing treatment for childhood leukemia), Megan Iadorola, Carol Bugge (cancer), Michael Cericola (undergoing chemotherapy for brain cancer), Colleen Cericola (recovering from a fall), Anita Guarino, Diane Serrano (cancer), KathyLynn Allen (recovering from a fall), Carol Grande (recovering from cataract surgery), Irene Malley (recovering from surgery), Maria Metzger (recovering from cancer surgery.)

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

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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