

## NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of New Dorp Moravian Church is:  
To **GROW** in Christ, to **KNOW** His love, to **FOLLOW** His footsteps.

### CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD for 2026

*"Let your work be manifest to your servants  
and your glorious power to their children."*

*Psalm 90:16*

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](http://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 speak with Pastor Bishop or contact the Church Office for further information.

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

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## First Sunday after Epiphany January 11, 2026

*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: **The Rev. Walter Bishop**
- Guest Musician: **Terry Shields**
- Greeter: **Richard Simpson**
- Lector:
- A/V Tech: **Steve Greet**

# Upcoming Events and Opportunities

## Today

10:00 am Worship/Sunday School  
After Worship – Fellowship/Coffee

## Monday, January 12 All Reports Due for Church Council

7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting

## Wednesday, January 14

10:00 am Sonrisers

## Saturday, January 17

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Pop-Up Clothing Swap  
and Food Bank  
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Vanderbilt Community Dinner

## Sunday, January 18

10:00 am Worship/Joyful Noise Day/Sunday School  
After Worship – Fellowship/Coffee

## Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day The church office will be closed.

7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting

**Thank you** to Carol Bugge and Anna Gaw for serving as our counters this month.

**Many thanks** to Terry Shields for providing our music this morning.

## 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. **If you are not tending children, please sit with the congregation.**

**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.

**Lectors/Audio Visual Volunteers Needed:** Please offer your gifts in this important ministry. You may sign up in the Conference Center near the Coffee Service area. Signing up also helps our secretary plan for each Sunday.

## Fellowship Hour

Our time of fellowship following worship is a valuable opportunity for welcoming visitors and getting to know others. Get out of your rut and sit with someone new! Also, would you like to sponsor the refreshments? There is a sign-up sheet in the coffee area. Expenses are reimbursed if you'd like. You can also help by donating regular and decaf coffee as well as other beverages, and helping with clean up following our time together.

## Office Deadlines

If you have anything to add to the monthly newsletter **the deadline for additions/changes is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.**

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

## For Your Prayers This Week:

**Please help us keep our prayer list current and notify the church office if changes occur. Names may be periodically removed but will be added back if you notify the church office.**

**For On-going Concerns:** Dolores Cavallo, Richard Iadorola, Barbara Carolan, Linda Griggs, Connie Vadola, Lois Zipf, Libby Neri, Estefania Griggs, Charlee Cheru and family (Charlee undergoing treatment for childhood leukemia), John DiForte, Jean DelBagno, Michael Cericola, Jackie Passburg, Debbie Lotito.

**For Healing:** Joyce Fernandez (treatment for breast cancer), Carol Bugge, Marla DiForte, Maria Metzger (undergoing chemotherapy), Robin Lawson (surgery/treatment of throat), Alana Guarino, Van Takoushian (diagnosed with partial heart failure), Megan Poljak (treatment for breast cancer), Deborah Griggs (in rehab), Shirley Parson, Peter Jones, Theresa & John Sahaj, Michele Ward, Robert Fischetti (recovering from surgery), Frank Carolan, Sue Yee, Faye and Patrick Eng, Karen Ortado (recovering from surgery), Carmel McCarthy (recovering from surgery), Rob Renaud (recovering from surgery), Guiiliana Stasinski (medical setbacks with Rett Syndrome), Allegra (Maria's cat, very sick), and those involved in care-giving of family members.

**Other Concerns:** For leaders here and throughout the world to seek solutions for peace and justice, and an end to all war.

Please remember to pray for our denominational leaders, our Pastor, Board Members, and Committee Chairs, and for our church, that we may follow God's call and leading in our service and ministries, and help those who come to us seeking, find whatever they need.

**Our Annual Church Council will be held  
Sunday, January 25, following worship!**

Proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of our church must be made available to interested church members for two weeks preceding the Church Council.

Those proposed changes are available today and may be picked up from the side table in the sanctuary.

If you are watching from home, please contact the church office to have a copy sent to you, preferably via email. The telephone number and email address are available on the front of the Announcements bulletin and also on the website.