NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

November **2026**



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Thanks, Give

In many of the stories we hear of the great celebration of thanksgiving between Pilgrims and Native Americans in 1621, we find that there was mutual generosity between the two peoples. Even though many of the European Pilgrims died during the difficult months of winter of the same year, those remaining were able to be thankful.

Thankfulness and generosity seem to be somewhat connected, with generosity often following a sense of gratitude. Think about when you've felt most generous. Can you connect it to a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving? I know that I can. Maybe we are most aware of those things for which we should be grateful when we have faced great loss. This could be similar to the Pilgrims having lost about half of their original group to sickness, starvation, and exposure, and being thankful for being a survivor. When we see news stories about storms and the vast devastation inflicted on a great number of our fellow humans, how grateful so many of us have been that we were personally spared serious loss and/or damage. Hopefully, we are responding with generosity to the needs of those suffering loss.

It is often too easy to consider the things that we do not have instead of considering the many →

ways in which we've each and all been blessed. That sense of want or lack can lead us to become selfish and to become hoarders rather than sharers. There are certainly appropriate times to mourn our losses and lament our unmet needs, no doubt. But more often than not, we can find much reason to be thankful, if we are intentional in reflecting on our blessedness.

In this season so associated with harvest, feasting, fellowship, and family, let us count our many blessings. And like those Pilgrims and Native Americans of so long ago, let us be generous with one another out of our common bounty, especially sharing with those who live with hunger and other unmet needs, whether they are friend or stranger.

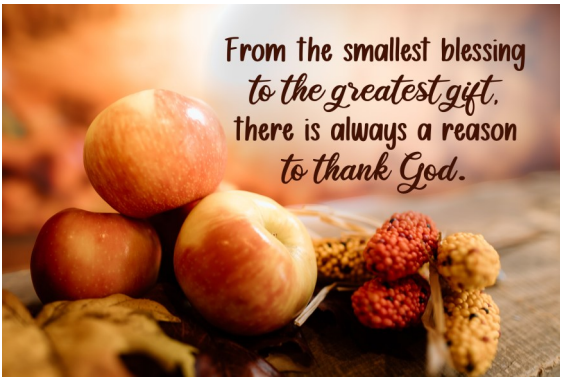
If we choose, we can cultivate our own gratitude, as well as our generosity. The two grow well, together.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.
(Proverbs 22:9, NRSV)

With thanksgiving,

Pastor Walter

(A version of this article has been previously published elsewhere.)





Board of Elders: The Board of Elders gathered on October 12 with six members present. A devotion was presented by Heather Gaw to open the meeting. Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved. The tentative planning for a Confirmation Class was noted. Planning for an Emergency Exit Plan was updated with Peter and Patrick taking the lead. Training for First Aid, CPR, and AED use was proposed and is under review. The meeting was closed with prayer. Submitted by Pastor Walter Bishop

Board of Trustees: Trustee meetings were held in September and October. Damage, as a result of an automobile mishap to the rear of the church, was repaired and completed. The fire system control panel upgrade was completed and as required the FDNY was contacted for a final inspection. Several items were cited as being deficient and a 90 day grace period issued to correct deficiencies found. The AC system malfunctioned. Parts are on order and under warranty. As a result the heating thermostat was affected and has since been restored. Our heating within the Sanctuary is no longer an issue. PrinceTech, the Audio/Visual (AV) hardware/software company hired to upgrade our systems (in the Sanctuary, infrastructure upgrades, and security improvements) has completed their work to include the relocation of the AV operator and newly installed 100" video screens for Sunday services, thus eliminating the need for a ceiling camera and projection screen at the front of the church. Upon removal of the large tree at the front entrance to the church sanctuary bids are being solicited for new plantings. Trash to Treasure continues to do well with well over $1000/ month. New electrical outlets have been installed for the Parish House stage area to expand on rental opportunities. Two new outlets have been installed at the entrance to the church allowing for electrical power cleaning and illumination of decorative holiday displays. A new cleaning company has been hired and is performing very well. We hired a new organist Miho, who is performing well for our congregation. A new nursery attendant has been hired for 3 hours every Sunday (9:30 - 12:30). The Parsonage chimney has been repaired along with a needed radiator repair within the residence. A shout out to Peter Traut for his continued work on our building and the painting of the outside of the church offices. Submitted by Steve Greet, Chair Board of Trustees

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.

The schedule for this month:

The group will only meet once this month.

November 11 10:00 am



Benevolence of the Month

Our Benevolence of the Month for November is the **Staten Island Council of Churches (SICOC).** The SI Council of Churches provides a network of cooperation & understanding among churches, community agencies, schools, private enterprise, civic organizations, and neighborhood groups. The Council is concerned with community issues such as drug use and the homeless, and supports efforts for world peace. The pastoral care program recruits and trains chaplains for hospitals & homes. It also supports the released time program for religious education of children.

The Council sponsors an annual interfaith service and promotes a Christian Unity Observance. It also has a scholarship program for member congregations where one student from each church may be eligible. In addition to donations you can help in the work of the Council with your prayers, as a volunteer, and by attending activities.



In Memory of:

Thomas Bonamo
James V Corr - US Marines
Ed Delmar- US Army
Harold Delmar- US Army
Tom Donnelly- US Army/ Navy Seal
Bill Drinnan- US National Guard
Norman Heil- US Army
Ray Heins- US Army
Paul Hoppe- US Army
Martha Housman – US Army
Eugene Isola- US Navy
James Joseph Jahns - US Army
Richard Kroeker
Edward Krogstad
Robert E. Knapp- US Army
Dan Master- US Navy
Gunther Passburg- US Navy
Anna Rodden- US Navy
Women's Army Corp
Thomas Searl, III
Walter Zipf- US Navy

In Honor of:

Roger Aker
Roy Bjorklund- US Army
Kevin Brown
Paul Chen- US Army
Matthew Ciccone-US Marines
Steve Greet- US National Guard
William Steiner – US Marines

*Those who are no longer members of the church have been removed from the "In Honor of" list. If you know what branch of the military was served by those in either category and it is not listed, or if you are a member and are not listed, please let the church office know.

Thank you!



NOVEMB

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDN
1 **All Saints Day/23rd Sunday after Pentecost** 10am Worship/SS 11ish Coffee/ Fellowship	2	3 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting	4
8 **24th Sunday after Pentecost** 10am Worship/SS 11ish Coffee/ Fellowship	9 7 pm Board of Elders Meeting	10	11 Vetera Church Off 10 am Son 1 pm St. C Con
15 **25th Sunday after Pentecost** 10am Worship/ Holy Communion/ SS 11ish Coffee/ Fellowship	16 7 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	17	18 9 a NEW DEA
22 **26th Sunday after Pentecost- Thanksgiving Serv. & Lovefeast** 10am Worship/SS 11ish Coffee/ Fellowship	23	24	25
29 **First Sunday of Advent** 10am Worship/ Holy Communion/ SS 11ish Coffee/ Fellowship	30 7 pm Joint Board Meeting		

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ESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	5	6	7  10am—4pm
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am SLETTER ADLINE	19	20	21  Vanderbilt Community Meal 4pm-6:30pm
	26  Church Office Closed	27	28



Thanksgiving Baskets

We are again collecting food donations to benefit individuals and families in our community this Thanksgiving.

Items being collected are:

- Turkey Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Yams
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Instant Mashed Potatoes (Individual boxes only, no bulk)

Once again, instead of pre-packaged cookies, we will be collecting shelf-stable milk and cake/cookie mixes. Cans of frosting could also be included. Please leave your donations on the tables in the Conference Center. Monetary donations may also be made to help make up any shortfall or purchase grocery store gift cards that will be added to the baskets.

Thank You for your generous support of this ministry that helps others in our community!


New Dorp
Moravian Church
FAIR
SATURDAY
Nov. 7th, 2026
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
2205 Richmond Road,
Staten Island, NY 10306



1	Donald Schwabacher	**14**	Dylan Bazzoni
4	Amy Isola	**16**	Christine Wilcken
6	Roberto Rubiano	**17**	Toni-Ann Slevin
8	Paul Chen	**18**	Mackenzie Traut
10	Lee Reycraft	**22**	Nina Bazzoni
12	Russell Hampton	**23**	John Carmine Campagna
14	Deborah Griggs		



15 Toni-Ann & David Slevin 2025



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: Richard Iadorola, Barbara Carolan, Linda Griggs, Libby Neri, Estefania Griggs, John DiForte, Jean DelBagno, Jackie Passburg, Debbie Lotito, Carmel McCarthy, Peter Jones, Lois Zipf, Doris Burtner, Jennifer Burtner, Carol Bugge, Delores Cavallo, Maria Edwards.

Healing, Praise, and other concerns: Van Takoushian (heart issues), Stephanie Gerstenlauer (treatment for metastatic lung cancer), Kat Kurys (in need of lung transplant), Laura Pagano (beginning physical therapy following surgeries on leg), Joyce Fernandez (undergoing tests), Joan Graves (health problems, Chris Gaw's mother in law), William Mehnert (stage 4 gall bladder cancer), Carol Diamond (shingles**), praise and thanks from Deborah Griggs that Lynelle Griggs is her power of attorney, families affected by violence and shootings,** those suffering the effects of recent natural disasters**,** those involved in care-giving of family members, for our church and its leadership, for churches worldwide, cooperation among nations, and for peace in the world. And may we continually seek God's guidance and always give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.



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