

## 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 2024

*Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested. Hebrews 2:18*

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 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.

#### Board of Elders:

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## Epiphany of the Lord (Observed) January 12, 2025

*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: **Walter Bishop**
- Music Director: **Ji-Yong Kim**
- Greeter: **Richard Simpson**
- Lector: **Jeremi Amagsila**
- A/V Tech: **Steve Greet**

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Today

10:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/Sunday School  
(in person & live streamed)  
After Worship: Coffee/Fellowship

### Monday, January 13 Annual Committee Reports Due in Office

7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting

### Saturday, January 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Vanderbilt Community Dinner

### Sunday, January 19

10:00 am Worship/**No Sunday School**  
After Worship: Coffee/Fellowship

### Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**The church office will be closed.**

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

### Thank You

José Amagsila and Isabel Ranieri for serving as our counters this month.

**Thanks also** to the crew who took down all of the Christmas decorations after worship last Sunday. We appreciate you!

**Our Annual Church Council** will be held **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Conference Center immediately following worship.

### 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.

### 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.

**We will continue to collect** hats, gloves, scarves, and winter coats for those in need through mid-February. A collection box is located in the hallway of the church office wing.

### Fellowship Hour

The Coffee Hour following worship is a valuable opportunity for fellowship **and welcoming visitors!** 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.

### 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 remember to notify the church office of updates for any of the persons listed so we may keep our prayer list current.**

**For Health Concerns:** John DiForte, Marie Moser, Dolores Cavallo, Richard Iadorola, Shyanna McKelvin (return of Long Covid), Erik Faraj (complications from serious stroke), Christinjoy Fernandez, Carmel McCarthy, Nadira Edwards (stage 4 cancer), Patrick Eng, Joyce Fernandez (treatments for breast cancer), Ruth Madison (undergoing chemotherapy), Ida Perez, Phyllis Collins (undergoing cardiac rehab), Barbara Carolan, Luke Downs (infection from surgery), Linda Griggs, Connie Vadola, Tanya Smith, William Hill and family (Mr. Hill is under hospice care), Wayne Chase (suffered a severe fall with expected long-term recovery), Charlotte Goldgrabe, Dorothy Ambrosino, Lois Zipf (in rehab), Jayden Perez, Jay and Tara Christian, Christians around the world suffering persecution, Stephen Gencarello (undergoing cancer treatment), Libby Neri (recovering from broken hip), Megan Iadarola, Estefania Griggs, victims, and their families, of the recent terrorist attack in New Orleans, Alfred Yee-Litt (under Hospice care), Angela Realá, and family,(following the death of her child), Marla DiForte (broken ankle), the victims of the horrific wildfires in CA and those working to contain them, all of those continuing to recover from natural disasters, and ongoing concerns throughout the world.

**For continued healing:** Deborah Griggs, and Alison Griggs

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 leading in all of our endeavors.