# 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 2025**

"God, who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?"

*Romans* 8:32

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 <a href="https://www.moravian.org">www.moravian.org</a> 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: <a href="mailto:office@newdorpmoravian.org">office@newdorpmoravian.org</a>. 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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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 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/Sunday School After Worship: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

10:30 am Sonrisers

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17 President's Day

The Church office will be closed. 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

**The flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given by Anna Gaw, and family, in loving memory of John Gaw on the second anniversary of his passing.

#### Thank You

Jeff Bollinger, Paul Chen, and Marla DiForte for serving as our counters this month. **Additional volunteers are needed to serve as counters**. If you can serve in this way, please speak with Harry Gerstenlauer.

**Church Giving Envelopes** for 2025 are located in the Conference Center on the back table. Please pick yours up if you have not done so.

#### **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.

We continue to collect eyeglasses for charity. The box for your donations is located near the piano in the Conference Center.

### **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:

## <u>Please remember to notify the church office of updates for any of</u> 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, Linda Griggs, Connie Vadola, Meagan Iadarola, Tanya Smith, William Hill and family (Mr. Hill is under hospice care), Wayne Chase (suffered a severe fall with expected long-term recovery), Lois Zipf, Jayden Perez, Stephen Gencarello (undergoing cancer treatment), Libby Neri (recovering from broken hip), Estefania Griggs, Alfred Yee-Litt (under Hospice care), Marla DiForte (broken ankle), Luke Downs, Miritza (breast cancer), Angela Reala, Ralph Favale, families and friends of the crash victims of American Airlines Flight 5342 and the Army Blackhawk Helicopter, as well as the families of the medical flight crash in Philadelphia and its aftermath, Charlee Cheru and family (Charlee undergoing treatment for childhood leukemia), the family of Sandy Collora, the family of Brian Robinson, Doreen Traut (recovering from knee surgery), 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.