

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY
- † **Office Hours:** Mondays & Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (D.C. Moore Centre.)
- † **Mon.:** Annual Fish Fry & Bonnet Parade
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
 - † Church Choir Practice at 8:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Conference at Prayer at Dunscombe at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sunday:** No worship at Sharon. Youth Convention at Codrington College, St. John at 10:00 a.m.

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Rejoice and be glad! The Redeemer has come!
Go look on His cradle, His cross, and His tomb.

*Sound His praises! tell the story, Of Him who was slain;
Sound His praises! tell with gladness, He liveth again.*

Rejoice and be glad! It is sunshine at last!
The clouds have departed, the shadows are past.

Rejoice and be glad! For the blood hath been shed;
Redemption is finished, the price has been paid.

Rejoice and be glad! Now the pardon is free!
The Just for the unjust has died on the tree.

Rejoice and be glad! For the Lamb that was slain
O'er death is triumphant, and liveth again.

Rejoice and be glad! For our King is on high,
He pleadeth for us on His throne in the sky.

Rejoice and be glad! For He cometh again;
He cometh to glory, the Lamb that was slain.

In the Month of May 2017:

- † **Moravian Children's Convention** — Saturday, 13th
- † **Mother's Day** — Sunday, 14th
- † **Moravian Music Sunday** — 21st
- † **NGM Health Walk & Breakfast** — Saturday, 27th

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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

Prayer Needs:



Our Shut-ins: Eunice Applewhaite, Aileen Bowen, Claudia Boyce, Genetha Bryan, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.

The Sick / Recovering: Patricia Maynard, Stephen Greaves

The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Earlyne Walrond and family on the passing of her great-granddaughter, Jalea Walrond. A tentative date for a Service of Thanksgiving for her life has been set as April 25th here at Sharon, commencing at 1:30 pm, with interment at Coral Ridge.



Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Flowers today have been donated by Srs. Orrin and Hilda Williams in honour of their mother's birthday; the choir has also donated flowers in honour of Sis. Gloria Skeete's birthday.



Congratulations to Bro. & Sis. Bellamy who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on April 20, 2017; Bro. Walwyn & Sis. Shirley Blackman who will celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary on April 28, 2017.



Today: Chelsea Greenidge

Advanced: Shelah Clarke (17th), Cornetta Franklin, Liam Pinder & Shawn Stewart (18th), Editha Garner (19th), Katrina Bryan (21st), Gloria Skeete (22nd), Ambakisye Alleyne (23rd), Everil Carrington & Krishonda Myles (24th), Anson Skeete (25th), Ansonia Burgess (27th), Samantha Lewis (28th), Yvonne Burrell (29th)

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour, Bless them all we humbly pray; Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour Be their comfort every day. May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding Favour them with his most gracious leading; Thus shall they be truly blessed, Both in labour and in rest.

Thought for the Day (RBC Extract)

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever:
One day He's coming – O glorious day! – Chapman

CHRIST'S EMPTY TOMB FILLS US WITH HOPE.

PROVINCIAL THEME 2017:

Advance the Kingdom – Use the Keys



Take a cell-phone moment: Take the time now to set your phone to silent or turn it off. Help us to maintain our worship focus.

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

Rejoice!

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Sunday April 16, 2017
Day of Resurrection
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!" Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord — by which we are reminded of the power of God for the salvation of humankind. Let us give thanks and sing! Welcome!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Paul wrote: "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship

Liturgy for Easter (*projected*)

Scripture Reading – John 20: 1 – 18

Canticle 5 – *Te Deum Laudamus* (Canticle 7)

Liturgy for Easter continued (*projected*)

Hymn 131 – “*The Trumpet*”

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Greeting Song – 594 – “*Let us share true peace*” (x4)

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: “*Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.*”

(Ephesians 5:2 TEV)

Offertory Hymn: 459 – “*Rejoice and be glad*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Give thanks*”

Church Choir Anthem – “*One Church, One Faith, One Lord*”

Sermon -- **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 121 – “*I serve a risen Saviour*”

The Benediction & Organ Postlude

GREETING SONG: 594

*Let us share true peace with one another,
Shake another hand, shake another hand
Let us show our love for each other
Shake another hand, shake another hand
Let us show true unity, equality, solidarity
Shake another hand, shake hands with me.*



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our annual fund-raising **Easter Monday Fish-Fry & Bonnet Parade** will be held on April 17, 2017. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets. Tickets are available from Sis Sheila Browne, Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle or members of the Board of Stewards. All who are interested in modeling African Wear as a part of the entertainment on that day are invited to contact Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle.
2. The Moravian Church Barbados **Conference Cricket Tournament**, “The Rev Holder Memorial Shield,” continues on Friday, April 28th at 7:15 p.m. at the James Bryan Field, Market Hill, St. George. Sharon will play Calvary.



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3. Women throughout the Eastern West Indies Province are invited to a **Women’s Conference** hosted by the Women’s Council of the **Tobago** Conference, from November 1-6, 2017. The Conference will be held under the theme: “*Women of Knowledge and the Word — Advance!*” and will seek to inspire women to seek after knowledge and Jesus Christ. It also aims at empowering women as leaders in the home, the work place and the wider society. It will be an opportunity for women to fellowship with each other and gain insights from various speakers on issues that affect their faith, families and their future. We are expecting one hundred (100) women across the province to participate. Registration forms are available.
4. The **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** is scheduled to be held in Barbados from July 6-14, 2018. The Barbados Conference has begun to make preparations for this event, including fundraising. Members and friends of the Moravian Church are asked to make a weekly contribution of at least \$1.00 towards those costs for which the Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on the First Sunday of each month. Envelopes are available.
5. **Flowers are needed for our church!** You will find on the wall next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
6. Sunday Morning **Bus Route to Sharon:** Quarry Road (8:30 am), Redman’s Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 am), Sharon (9:05).
7. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
8. Remember the “**Basket of Hope**” ministry wherein you have opportunity to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which are distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made every Sunday, during the offertory hymn.
9. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
10. **Provincial Theme 2017:** “*Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys*” There are many keys but ONE door. By studying the many keys to the kingdom we will be brought to the knowledge that keys are accessible, available and ought be fully utilized: **The Key of Jesus** (Philippians 2:1-11, Revelation 3:7-13); **The Key of the Word** (John 8:31-36, Psalm 1, Luke 4:4); **The Key of Knowledge** (Proverbs 3:5-12); **The Key of the Holy Spirit** (Luke 4).

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I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, what-ever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Chorus:

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.*

*He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujah to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

AVAILABLE:

- + **Offering Envelopes for 2017** — We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- + **Missionary Collection Boxes**— If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- + **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos** — \$30; T-Shirts — \$15
- + On order from the Church Office, **copies of Sunday sermons** on CD — \$2.00.
- + **Greeting Cards** (\$2.00) and **Prints** (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- + **Books** by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker— \$25.00; Provocation—\$20.
- + The Book, ‘**Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914**’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.

In the Month of April 2017:

- + **Local Camp** (Juniors: 7-12 yrs) — Tuesday, 18th to 21st
- + **Annual Youth Convention** — Sunday, 23rd at Codrington College, St. John, commencing 10:00 am. No Worship here at Sharon on that Sunday.
- + **Women’s Fellowship Council Retreat** — Friday, 28th to 30th