

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **This Week:**
- † **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.:** Touch of Love Ministry at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Board of Elders Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** Church Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

In the Month of August 2016:

- † **Choirs on Break**
- † **New Generation Ministries on Break**
- † **Rev. Parris on Leave** — 8th to 29th
- † **New Generation Ministries Cake Sale** — Sunday, 28th

In the Month of September 2016:

- † **Moravian Women's Fellowship Fun/Fellowship Day** — Saturday, 3rd
- † **Visit by the Moravian Church Co-operative Credit Union** (September is MCCCUCU Month) — Sunday, September 4th.
- † **Sharon Choir Evening of Tea & Music** — Saturday, 10th
- † **Senior's Sunday** — Sunday, 18th
- † **Missionary Festival at St. Philip**—Sunday, 18th, 4:00 p.m.
- † **Bus Tour & Picnic for the Elderly** — Tuesday, 20th. Please register with Sis. Carmel Downes, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elders.
- † **Missionary Festival at Bethlehem**—Tuesday, 20th, 7:00 p.m.
- † **New Generation Ministries Cake Sale** — Sunday, 25th

Visit our Website at <http://sharon.moravians.net> or <http://sharonmoravian.info>

Prayer Needs:

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



The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Zenaida Ramsay, Arthur Ramsay & Family, and Alan Ramsay on the passing of their husband and father, Bro George Ramsay.

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians.



Today: Nigel Codrington

Advanced: Carl Cadogan (29th), Dalrymple Boyce & Lydia Roberts (31st), Cheryl Cadogan-McClearn & Sydney Gibson (Sept. 1st), Ciana Downes (3rd)

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

When life's journey gets too difficult
That it feels too much to bear,
Just remember, we don't walk alone —
Our Almighty God is there. — *Sper* —

THE STORMS OF LIFE REMIND US TO TAKE SHELTER IN THE
LOVING ARMS OF OUR SAVIOUR.

**PROVINCIAL THEME 2016:**

Fulfilling the Mandate – "Advance the Kingdom"



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**

(Built by Slaves - 1799)

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Sunday, August 28, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

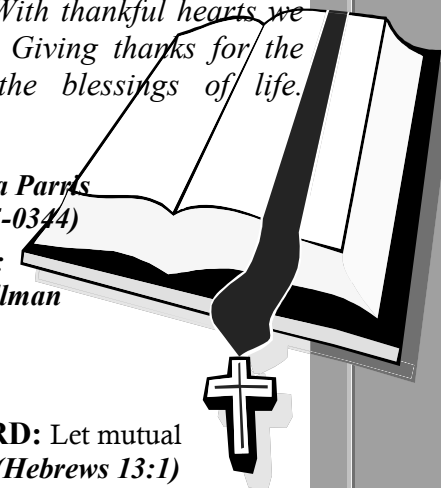
Welcome: "New every morning is the love, our wakening and uprising prove, through sleep and darkness safely brought; Restored to life and power and thought." With thankful hearts we worship today; Giving thanks for the blessing and the blessings of life. Welcome.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Let mutual love continue. (Hebrews 13:1)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Call to Worship (Psalm 111: 1 – 2)

L: Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the congregation.

C: *The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that
have pleasure therein.*

Hymn 437 – *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,”*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Confession of Faith I (page 132 – 134: front of hymnal)

Hymn 242 – *“In heavenly love abiding,”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Greeting Song – *“The Family of God” (x4)*

Chorus: *“We’re Together Again” (As We Return to Our Seats)*

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: *“A liberal
man will be enriched and one who waters will himself be watered”*
(Prov. 11:25 RSV)

Offertory Hymn: 236 – *“Come, we that love the Lord”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – *“Give Thanks”*

Children’s Message

Song of Praise by Juniors

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1 – 7, 14

Hymn of Preparation: 479 – *“Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire”*

Sermon – – Sis. Angelus Hurdle

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 258 – *“O Thou who camest from above”*

The Benediction & Organ Postlude**GREETING SONG — The Family of God**

*I’m so glad I’m a part of the fam’ly of God —
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by his blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;
For I’m part of the faml’y, the fam’ly of God.*

We’re together again, praising the Lord

We’re together again, praising the Lord
We’re together again, in one accord
Something good is going to happen
Something good is in store
We’re together again, praising the Lord

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The shipment of our new **Hymnal, Caribbean Moravian Praise** has arrived and those who ordered are asked to submit payment of \$70.00 per copy to your congregation, so that payment can be made to the printers.
2. **From the PEC:**
 - † We have . . . learnt . . . of the **passing of Bro. George Ramsay of Barbados**. Bro Ramsay passed into the nearer presence of God [on] Thursday August 25, 2016. Bro. Ramsay was a Member of the Provincial Elders Conference. He was not just a colleague, but a friend. He was bold and confident in his work for the Lord and was a mentor. He will be sorely missed. On behalf of the PEC and indeed the entire Eastern West Indies Province we wish to express our profound condolences to his wife Zenaida, sons Arthur and Gary, and other family members. May he rest in peace.
 - † The **Chairman of PEC will be on vacation** from August 25 to September 10, 2016. The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor will Act as Chairman of PEC during this time.
3. 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.
4. **Church Membership/Confirmation Class for adults** will be started in September. Interested persons and invited to register. Registration forms are available from the pastor.
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.

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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 2016:** *Fulfilling the Mandate—Advance the Kingdom!* The theme emphasizes the mandate of Developing God’s Church – Teaching, Reprimanding and Empowering God’s people. The foundation texts are Acts 1:8, Matthew 28: 16-20 Romans 15:20; 2 Timothy 4:2.

AVAILABLE:

- † **Offering Envelopes for 2016**— 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.
- † 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.

Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ is Son (repeat)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (repeat)*