

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** New Generations Ministries Cake Sale after Worship.
 - † Women's Fellowship Candlelight Service at Gracehill at 5:00 p.m.
- † **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.
- † **Tues.:** Missionary Festival at Calvary at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
 - † Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Men's Fellowship Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
 - † 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 (Pulpit Exchange) at 9:30 a.m.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: We extend congratulations to all who graduated at the UWI last week, including Sis Danielle Downes who was awarded a BSc Degree in Accounting & Finance (USC Honours).

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, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.**



The Sick / Recovering: Gretel Smith, Cynthia Walrond, Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott

The Bereaved: The family Sis Patricia Maynard and family on the passing of her sister Elsa Maynard in the UK; Sis Bernedine Hunte and family on the passing of her husband Jeffrey Hunte.

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 Sis. Heather Hunte and Sis. Eula Gibbs.



Advanced: Caroline Kellman (24th), Hazel Carrington, Kristina Carter & Heather Hunte (25th), Jamall Lewis & Neshia Nicholls (26th), Carmen Haynes, Akeem Holder, Dwaine Maynard & Dwight Maynard (27th), Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris & Talya Layne (28th), Christon Skeete (29th)

Congratulations to Bro. George & Sis. Joan Taylor who will celebrate their 15th Wedding Anniversary on October 27, 2016; Bro Alfred & Sis. Patsy Turton-Beckles who will celebrate their 4th Wedding Anniversary on October 27, 2016.

**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

**Blessed Saviour, make me humble, Take away my sinful pride;
In myself I'm sure to stumble,
Help me stay close by Your side. — D. DeHaan —**

IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM, HUMILITY TRUMPS PRIDE EVERY TIME.

**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**

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Sunday, October 23, 2016

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We extend a sincere welcome to all today, as we worship, as we lift up sacrifices of praise. May our hearts be strengthened for our daily walk.

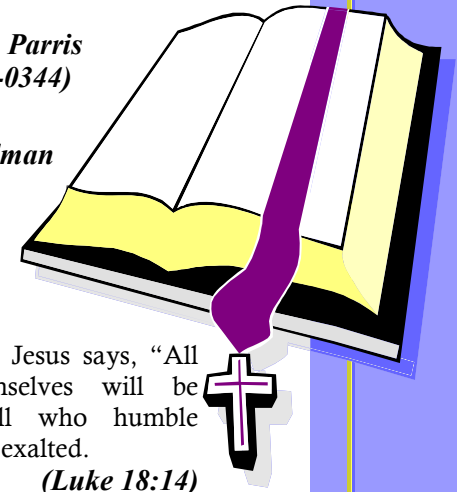
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Jesus says, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

(Luke 18:14)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 103: 1 – 2)

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**C:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.*Hymn 455 (CMP) – “*Enter into Jerusalem,*”

Responsive Reading – Psalm 84: 1 – 12

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 485 (CMP) – “*Praise Him, Praise Him,*”

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: “*And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*”**(John 14:13-14)**Weekly Offerings: 476 – “*Lord I would own ...*” (446)Special Offering for Haiti: 449 – “*Help us to help...*” (421)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Give Thanks*”

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 1 – 8

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 9 – 14

Church Choir Anthem

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Preparation: 543 – “*This child we dedicate...*” (500)

Liturgy for Infant Baptism (page 1 – front of CMP)

Closing Hymn: 281 – “*I am Thine, O Lord*”**The Benediction****Organ Postlude****In the Month of October** — Women’s Fellowship Month
Women’s Fellowship Bajan Food Fair — Saturday, 29th; **Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill** — Monday, 31st, 7:30 pm.**In the Month of November:****Worship Workshop** — Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 (6.00 – 8.00 p.m.);Saturday 5th (10.00 am – 12.00 p.m.); **Missionary Festival at Gracehill**— Tuesday, 8th, 7:30 p.m.; **Youth Council Concert** — Saturday, 12th;**Harvest Festival at Sharon** — Sunday, 13th**Missionary Festival at Fulnec** — Tuesday, 15th, 7:30 p.m.; **Harvest****Festival at Bethlehem** — Sunday, 20th; **The First Sunday of Advent** —27th**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- Thanks to all who supported our **Missionary Festival** held on Tuesday, October 18th. We raised \$15,130.15. If you have not yet made your contribution you can still do so and help us to our target of \$20,000 by the end of the year. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organizations of the Moravian Church.
- The **Sharon Moravian Church building** has been selected as the non-governmental building in the Parish of St. Thomas that will be lit by the Ministry of Culture in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Independence of our nation. It is expected that the lights will be lit on the 1st November.
 - ✦ Here at Sharon we intend to do our part and a plan has been put in place to decorate the interior of the Sanctuary and to touch on the independence theme as we worship.
 - ✦ Our groups and organisations are being asked to be a part of the effort and to take up the challenge of mount displays that reflect our national and cultural heritage, making use of the windows primarily. More will be shared with the groups on the concept.
 - ✦ We look forward to your response. We are also open to donations to cover the cost of bunting.
- To celebrate **Credit Union Week** all Credit Union's will be having Customer Appreciation Day on Friday October 28, 2016. The Moravian Credit Union will also be celebrating on this day from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm at the Office at D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas, all members of the Credit Union are invited.
- As you know, with the passage of **Hurricane Matthew** over 120 thousand houses have been destroyed in Haiti, and hundreds have lost their lives. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is seeking to raise funds to contribute directly to the Moravian Church in Haiti, to help the Church respond to the needs in the communities they serve. An offering will be received on Sunday, October 23rd towards the **Haiti Relief Fund**, to be forwarded to the Provincial headquarters on or before October 31, 2016. We anticipate your favourable responses and thank you in advance for the contribution that you will make. May God continue to prosper you in all things.
- You are invited to attend a **Workshop on “Worship”** at Calvary Moravian Church, from Tuesday 1 – Friday 4, November, 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. Among other areas, the focus will be on how to plan and lead Worship. Registration Fee: \$20.00 (payable at the first session on Tuesday, November 1). Come and equip yourself to lead God’s people in Worship.
- New Generation Ministries** won the St. Thomas Parish (Independence) Talent Competition and will go on to represent the Parish at the **Spirit of the Nation Show** on November 19, 2016 at Kensington Oval. We congratulate NGM. Please continue to pray for and support the group.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- If you ordered and paid for a copy of the new **Hymnal — Caribbean Moravian Praise** and you have not collected it as yet, please do so. If you ordered and have not paid, remember that the terms are COD. We do not have copies for all who made a request and some will have to wait until the next shipment. We are receiving orders for the next shipment.
- 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.
- 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.
- Sunday Morning Bus Route to Sharon:** Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 a.m.), Sharon (9:05).
- Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
- 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.
- Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
- 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.

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.*