

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.:** Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
 - † Bible Study at 7:00 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.: Seniors' Sunday**
 - † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Missionary Festival at St. Philip at 4:00 p.m.

In the Month of September 2016:

- † **Minister's Covenant Day** — Sunday 16th. On this date in 1741, during a Synod in London, Jesus Christ was recognised as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. The day is now observed as a covenanting day for servants of the church.
- † **Senior's Sunday** — Sunday, 18th Honouring of Octogenarians at 9:30 a.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.
- † **Sharon Choir Evening of Tea & Music** — Saturday, 24th at 4:00 pm at the D.C. Moore Centre. Tickets—\$20.00.
- † **New Generation Ministries Cake Sale** — Sunday, 25th

**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.

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

Today: Betty Bryan

Advanced: Clement Harper (shut-in), Victor Hurdle & Normandyne Millwood (12th), Joan Morris (13th), Catherine Whittaker-Boxill (14th), Sophia Chase & Merville Pilgrim (15th), Lamario Springer & Diane Tull-Knight (16th), Ursalene Davis & Ottalene Hall (17th)

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

Sin ravages a beautiful life
When it is not addressed;
But God restores and makes us right —
Once sin has been confessed. — *Sper* —

GOD DOESN'T REMOVE ALL OF OUR IMPERFECTIONS, BUT HE MAKES US BEAUTIFUL BY SHINING THROUGH THEM.

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

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, September 11, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome, as in this place we seek God's face and his glory. *This is another day that Jehovah has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.* To all our visitors and friends, welcome!

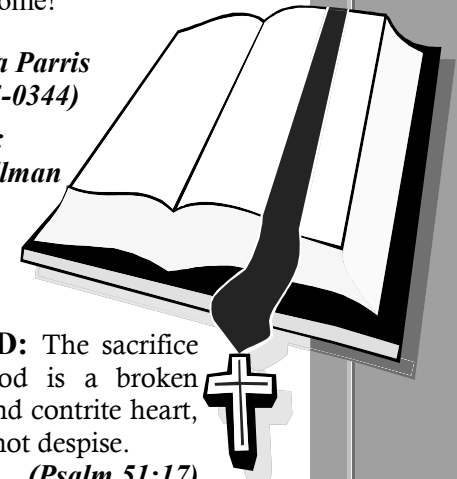
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Psalm 51:17)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 51: 1 – 2, 10)

L: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

C: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Hymn 444 – “Come, thou fount of every blessing,”

Litany – Education (page 35 – back of hymnal)

Welcome & Celebrations

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

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

Notices

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: “For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” (Luke 12:48b)

Offertory Hymn: 209 – “And can it be”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17

Church Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 1 – 10

Hymn of Preparation: 219 – “Take my life and let it be”

Sermon – – Rev. Movelie Kellman

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 189 – “There were ninety and nine”

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. We offer our prayerful support to **all who will be returning to the classroom** this week—whether as students or teachers. We think especially of those who will commence their secondary education. Give it your best and trust in God’s unfailing aid.
2. **Church Membership/Confirmation Class for adults** will be started on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Those who are interested in becoming full members of this church are invited to register. Registration forms are available from the Church Office.
3. 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.
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. Our **Missionary Festival** will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 and we hope to raise this year \$20,000. Funds raised will go towards the local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
6. **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.
7. 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).
8. **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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9. 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.
10. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
11. **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)*