

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** New Generation Ministries Cake Sale after worship
- † **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.:** Shut-In Communion (Cane Garden, Canewood, Near Sharon) 9:30 a.m.
 - † Women's Fellowship at 6:30 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.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship & Joint Communion 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.

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 Sick / Recovering: Gretel Smith

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



Today: Ryan Ellis, Hetta Gill, Gabriel Leacock, Sidney Small & Myrna Walkes

Advanced: Makayla Codrington (26th), Ruth Bishop & Jason Worrell (27th), Christopher Barker & Christopher Carter (30th), Carmen Gill & Ismay Nowell (Oct. 1st)



Congratulations to Bro. Naphtali & Sis. Yvonne Burrell who will celebrate their 46th Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 2016; Bro. McDonald & Sis. Debbie Greaves who will celebrate their 32nd Wedding Anniversary on September 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

At times our path is rough and steep, Our way is hard to see;
We ask God, "Why is life unfair?"
He answers, "Follow Me." — D. DeHaan —

RESENTMENT COMES FROM LOOKING AT OTHERS,
CONTENTMENT COMES FROM LOOKING TO GOD.

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<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**

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Sunday, September 25, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

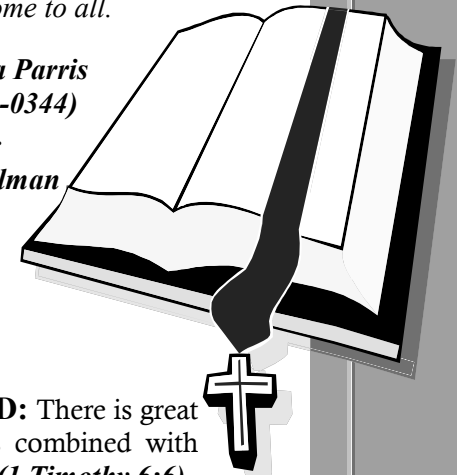
Welcome: We heed the invitation to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness as we gather today. May the outpouring of God's love especially warm our hearts. Welcome to all.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment. (1 Timothy 6:6)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 68: 4)

L: Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

C: *Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH,
And rejoice before Him.*

Hymn 148 – “O for a thousand tongues to sing,”

Responsive Reading – Psalm 146: 1 – 10

Hymn 432 – “All people that on earth do dwell”

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 186 – “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine”

Welcome & Celebrations

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

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

Notices

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings (Including Surviving Spouses

Offering): Offertory Sentence: *For I desire mercy and not
sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.*
(Hosea 6:6)

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

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Children’s Message

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 6 – 19

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16: 19 – 31

Church Choir Anthem – “God Is My Shepherd”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 152 – “The King of love my shepherd is”

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. Sunday September 25, 2016 is the **annual day of prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Ministers**. On this day we will remember the following persons in prayer: Sis Frances John - Tobago, Sis Margaret John - Tobago, Sis Dorothy Graham - Barbados, Sis Ida Brown - Antigua, Sis Deborah Challenger – Antigua, Sis Shirley Joseph and Sis Myrtle Miller - Virgin Islands. As we remember them in prayer, a special offering will be taken on this day as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Church.
2. 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.
 - † There will be a Launch and Service of Dedication of our new Hymnal – **Caribbean Moravian Praise** on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
 - † The service will be held at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua and will be in the form of a Moravian Singing Hour. The service will be streamed via the internet so that members across the Province could join in this Provincial celebration. The Barbados Conference will be gathering here at Sharon.
 - † Then on Thursday, October 13, the Barbados Conference will gather again, at Calvary on Roebuck Street at 7:00 p.m. for an exploration of the new Hymnal. You are invited to bring along your new hymnals and together give thanks to God for its completion.
 - † The current Hymnal will be retired on October 12, 2016.
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. Envelopes are available.
4. 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.
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.



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6. 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).
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 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.

In the Month of October 2016 — (Women’s Fellowship Month)

- † **Annual Elders’ Concert** — Saturday, October 1st, at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Benevolence Fund.
- † **Meeting of PEC in Barbados** – 3rd – 5th
- † **Pastorate Joint Communion** (World Communion Day) – Sunday, 2nd
- † **Missionary Festival at Penuel** — Tuesday, 4th, 7:30 p.m.
- † **Missionary Festival at Dunscombe** — Tuesday, 11th, 7:30 p.m.
- † **Conference Youth Workshop** — Saturday, 15th, 10:00 a.m.
- † **Missionary Festival at Sharon** — Tuesday, 18th, 7:30 p.m.
- † **Missionary Festival at Calvary** — Tuesday, 25th, 7:30 p.m.
- † **Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill** — Monday, 31st, 7:30 p.m.
- † **Women’s Fellowship Month.** Activities for the month:
 - ✦ Annual General Meeting — Saturday, 1st, 2:00 p.m., at **Bethlehem.**
 - ✦ Exhibition of Culinary Arts and Craft — Saturday, 8th, 1:00 pm to 6:00 p.m. at **Sharon**
 - ✦ Women’s Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) — 16th
 - ✦ Women’s Fellowship Concert — Sunday, 16th, 4:00 p.m. at **Dunscombe.**
 - ✦ Quiz — Monday, 17th, 7:00 p.m. at **Clifton Hill.**
 - ✦ Candlelight Service — Sunday, 23th, 5:00 p.m. at **Gracehill**

Bear in mind and in prayers that we will soon be celebrating our Harvest Festival in November.