

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.:** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Meeting of the Board of Elders at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
 - † Church Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 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.

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 May 2017:

- † **Moravian Children's Convention** — Saturday, 13th
- † **Mother's Day** — Sunday, 14th
- † Conference "**A SALUTE TO MOTHERS**" — Sunday, 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church.
- † **Moravian Music Sunday** — 21st
- † **NGM Health Walk & Breakfast** — Saturday, 27th

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, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.



The Sick / Recovering: Patricia Maynard, Stephen Greaves
The Bereaved: We pray for and express condolence to: **The Waithe family of Melrose on the passing of Julie Waithe; Sis. Esther Greenidge and the entire Greenidge family on the sudden passing of her daughter Sis. Tonya Greenidge.**

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



Today: Marco Alleyne, Diana Boyce, Cheryl Maynard & Toni Thompson

Advanced: Lawrence Walrond (May 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

**The great example is our Lord of overcoming power;
The strength that brought Him from the grave
Gives hope in life's dark hour. — Branon —**

JESUS DIED TO SAVE US AND LIVES TO KEEP US.

GREETING SONG —

*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.*

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.



Worship



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Sunday, April 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter
Exchange of Pulpit
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *With joy we extend welcome to all worshipping with us today as we worship our risen Saviour. Special welcome to Rev Vera Waithe from the pastorate of Clifton Hill, Centenary and Fulnec, the Superintendent of the Moravian Church in Barbados, as she leads us in worship for this Exchange of Pulpit. Welcome.*

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. **(1 Peter 1: 23)**

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship: Responsive – Adapted from Psalm 116

L: O LORD, I am your servant, you have freed me.**P:** *The LORD has heard our voices and supplications.***L:** I will call upon the LORD as long as I live.**P:** *We will lift up the cup of salvation,***L:** We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of the people.**P:** *We will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice.***L:** I will come into the courts of the LORD and offer praiseHymn 474 (CMP) – *“Come thou fount of every blessing”*(444)

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Youth Hymn: 663 (CMP) – *“Loving shepherd of thy sheep”***Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence:** *“Then he said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’”***(Luke 9:23 NRSV)**Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 112 (CMP) – *“Would you be free ...”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – *“Give Thanks”***Ministry of the Word:**

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17 – 23

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Church Choir Anthem – *“Resurrection Chorus”***Sermon – – Rev. Vera Waithe**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn: 244 (CMP) – *“Redeemed how I love to proclaim it”***The Benediction & Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Thanks to all who supported our annual fund-raising **Easter Monday Fish-Fry** on Easter Monday. Thanks to those who sold tickets, purchased tickets, gave monetary donations, donated items, prepared the premises, cooked the food, served the food, worked the stalls and attractions, cleaned up. Thanks to everyone.
2. The Moravian Church Barbados **Conference Cricket Tournament**, “The Rev Holder Memorial Shield,” continues on Friday, May 5th at 7:15 p.m. at the James Bryan Field, Market Hill, St. George. It will be a semi-finals match.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

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 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 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).

663 (CMP)

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand, None can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Savior, Thou didst give Thine own life that we might live;
And the hands outstretched to bless Bear the cruel nails’ impress.

I would praise Thee every day, Gladly all Thy will obey,
Like Thy blessed ones above Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear,
Suffer not my steps to stray From the strait and narrow way.

Where Thou ledest I would go, Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before my Father’s throne I shall know as I am known.

112 (CMP)

Would you be free from your burden and sin?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

*There is power, power, wonder-working power In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder-working power In the precious blood of the Lamb;*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide,
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow,
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

244 (CMP)

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro’ His infinite mercy, His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps And giveth me songs in the night.