

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Anniversary & Friendship Picnic — Bath, St. John (10:30 a.m. – 5:30 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.:** Women's Fellowship at 7:00 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 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 at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Dunscombe's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE:

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2017:**
 - † American Paperback Edition — \$22
 - † American Large Print Paperback Edition — \$25
- † 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.
- † 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.

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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: Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott, Howard and Beverly Arthur (Canada)



The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Violet Taylor and family on the passing of her son David.

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

Today: Joan Denny-Downes



Advanced: Carlyle Knight, Zaria Lashley (13th), Aidan McClean (14th), Kyle Blackman-Gibbons (15th), Annetta Browne (17th), Cheryl Alleyne & William Ifill (18th)



Congratulations to Bro. Berkeley & Sis. Cheryl-Ann Greenidge who are celebrating their 17th Wedding Anniversary today; Bro. Malcolm & Sis. Claudette Jones who will celebrate their 36th Wedding Anniversary on February 14, 2017.

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 little choices we must make
Will chart the course of life we take;
We either choose the path of light,
Or wander off in darkest night. — D. DeHaan —

MAKE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE AND WATCH THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF BLESSING.

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, February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Anniversary & Friendship Sunday
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We are happy to welcome all our friends and visitors as we celebrate the 249th Anniversary of the gathering of this congregation and the 218th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us for this Anniversary Sunday. May you be blessed as you share with us. Welcome.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him. (Deuteronomy 30: 19 – 20)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship:

L: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

C: *Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms*

Hymn 696 (CMP) – “*New every morning is the love*” (613)

Litany – Anniversaries (*on leaflet/projected*)

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

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)

Tithes/Offerory Hymn: 351 (CMP) – “*Great is Thy faithfulness*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Give Thanks*”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 21 – 37

Church Choir Anthem

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 471 (CMP) – “*Come thou fount ...*” (444)

The Benediction**Organ Postlude****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.*

We're together again, praising the Lord

*We're together again, just 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, just praising the Lord*

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. 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.
2. **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.
3. 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).
4. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
5. 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.
6. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.
7. **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).

In the Month of February 2017:

- † **Lay Academy** — Mondays, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.
- † **Harvest Festival at Calvary** — Sunday, 12th
- † **Women's Prayer Breakfast** — Saturday, 18th
- † **Harvest Festival at Dunscombe** — Sunday, 19th
- † **Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill** — Sunday, 26th

In the Month of March 2017:

- † **Lay Academy** — Mondays, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.
- † **Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service** — 1st at 7:00 p.m.
- † **World Day of Prayer** — Friday, 3rd
- † **Church Leaders Retreat** — Saturday, 4th
- † **Unity Sunday, March of Witness** — 5th
- † **Sunday School Quiz & Spelling Bee** — Saturday, 11th
- † **Harvest Festival at Gracehill** — Sunday, 12th
- † **Meeting of Island Conference** — Saturday, 18th at 10:00 a.m.
- † **Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor** — Sunday, 19th
- † **Centenary Anniversary Concert** — Saturday, 25th at Sharon, 6:00 p.m.
- † **Harvest Festival at Penuel** — Sunday, 26th

351 (CMP)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!