

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Clifton Hill's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m. Bus leaves at 3:00 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.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Ash Wednesday
 - † Mid-Day Lenten Meditation: 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
 - † Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
 - † Pastorate Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
 - † Church Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Church Leaders Retreat at Sharon from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** **UNITY SUNDAY**
 - † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † March of Witness 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.
- † **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.

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

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 Claudette Jones, Frances Barker and Clarence Cummings.



Today: Norma Meek

Advanced: Frances Barker, Clarence Cummings & Claudette Jones (28th), Cynthia Odle (March 2nd), Brenda Herbert (3rd), Shirley Hall (4th)

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

Keep listening for the "still small voice"
 If you are weary on life's road;
 The Lord will make your heart rejoice
 If you will let Him take your load. — Hess —

TO TUNE IN TO GOD'S VOICE WE MUST TUNE OUT THE WORLD'S NOISE.

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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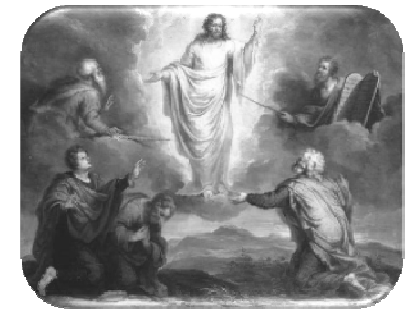
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Sunday, February 26, 2017

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Transfiguration of our Lord

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "We have come into His house, and gathered in his name, to worship Him." This is our aim and intention today. May God help us in this purpose, and bless us. Welcome to all.

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

Associate Pastor:
 Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
 Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship:

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (Psalm 32:11)

Hymn 482 (CMP) – “*When morning gilds the skies*” (450)

Responsive Reading – Psalm 96

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 484 (CMP) – “*My God how wonderful thou art*” (453)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: “*The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*” (Psalm 24:1)

Tithes/Offerory Hymn: 270 (CMP) – “*He pardoned ...*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

First Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1 – 9

Church Choir Anthem – “*O Love Of God*”**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 410 (CMP) – “*God of mercy God of grace*” (384)**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. In celebration of the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457):

† The Moravian Church — Barbados Conference will hold a **Church Leaders Retreat** on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Sharon Moravian Church, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Members of the boards and persons in any leadership position in our groups and organisations are called upon to attend. Registration forms are available and these should be returned by February 27th, that adequate preparations could be made.

† The Moravian Church worldwide will observe **Unity Sunday** on Sunday March 05, 2017. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church. A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on that Sunday March 05. The offering will go towards supporting the Unity Mission Conference which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from November 15-20, 2017.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- Our annual fund-raising **Easter Monday Fish-Fry & Bonnet Parade** will be held on April 17, 2017. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets. Tickets are available from Sis Sheila Browne, Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle or members of the Board of Stewards.
- 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.
- 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 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 to 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 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.
- † **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 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.
- † **Theological Education Sunday** — 26th
- † **Harvest Festival** at Penuel — Sunday, 26th

270 (CMP)

He pardoned my transgressions, He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions since by His blood I’m whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment by trusting in His grace;
’Tis through His blest atonement that I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction, He leaves me not alone;
He’s with me in temptation, He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me, His blessings ever flow;
He fills me with His glory, He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful, His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful, And live in His employ.

There’s not a single blessing which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven, the source of our new birth.

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