

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT




- † **Today:** Blood Pressure Clinic 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.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
 - † Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Men's Fellowship at 7:30 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.
 - † Sharon Women's Fellowship Retreat at 13:00 a.m. The entire congregation is invited.
- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Ordination Service for Bro. Delroy Burley at Sharon at 6:00 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will be the Presiding Bishop.

AVAILABLE:


- † **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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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

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: Bro Frank Small and family on the passing of an uncle and a cousin; Sis Patsy Maynard and family on the passing of her sister in the UK. A memorial Service and the internment of ashes will be held here at the Sharon Moravian Church on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

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

-  **Today:** Margaret Haynes
- Advanced:** Louis Adams, Ashley King & Godfrey Walcott (16th), Maureen Nicholls & Gloria Sealy (17th), Daphne Bispham (18th), Julia Depeiza (19th), Tonya Greenidge (20th)

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

By this shall every person know
That we serve God above;
His Spirit dwells within our hearts
And fills us with His love. — D. DeHaan —

IF JESUS HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN US, THE WORLD SHOULD
NOTICE A LASTING CHANGE.

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

**SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH**

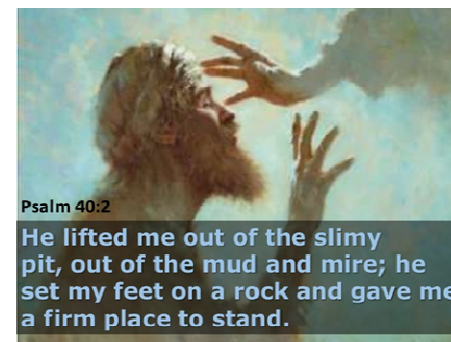
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Psalm 40:2

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With joy we meditate the grace of our High Priest above. And with grateful hearts we worship. Welcome to all.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:

Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1: 9)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (John 13:35)

Hymn 407 (CMP) – “*Hail to the Lord’s anointed*” (381)Litany – Epiphany (Revised) (*on leaflet/projected*)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Greeting Song: 594 – “*Let us share true peace*” (x4)Chorus: “*We’re Together Again*” (*As We Return to Our Seats*)

Choruses

Song of Praise by the Junior Choir

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: *Bless the**LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: (Psalm 103:2)*Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 410 (CMP) – “*God of mercy ...*” (384)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 40: 1 – 11

Church Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading: John 1: 29 – 42

Hymn of Preparation: 284 (CMP) – “*O Thou who camest ...*” (258)**Sermon – – Sis. Velma Sealy**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 149 (CMP) – “*Thy kingdom come O God*” (135)**The Benediction****Organ Postlude****In the Month of January 2017:**

- † Lay Academy — Monday, 9th & following, 6:00 pm at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.
- † Sharon Women’s Fellowship Retreat — Saturday, 21st at 10.30 a.m. The Guest Lecturer will be Station Sergeant Shepherd-Whitney and the topic is "Human Trafficking."
- † Annual Church Council — Sunday, 22nd at 9:30 a.m.
- † Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer — Saturday, 28th at 6:00 am at Clifton Hill.
- † Moravian Disciples Concert — Saturday 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon
- † Harvest Festival at Centenary— Sunday, 29th at 3:30 p.m.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The Sharon Choir will host a Concert entitled “If Music be the Food of Love ...” on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Artistes will include: Sharon Choir, Jane Small, BCC Ensemble, Johann Barker. Tickets are available from members of the Choir at \$20.00. Proceeds will go to the Organ Fund. All are invited.
2. Our Offering Envelopes have not arrived as yet and as a temporary measure, you are asked to make use of the specially printed envelopes provided at doors, in the brochure holders or from the ushers. Please write your envelope number from 2016 or your name and fill-in the amounts indicating where your offering is directed.
3. There will be a meeting of the Conference Sports Committee and representatives of our congregations to prepare for the 2017 Rev. Holder Memorial Shield 20/20 Tape Ball Cricket Competition — Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Calvary Moravian Church at 5:15 p.m.
4. January is recognized as Drug Awareness Month in Barbados, and we join with the National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA) in the effort to reduce substance abuse. Be reminded and remind others of the Christian responsibility to live soberly before God and with others. A message from the NCSA for Drug Awareness Month can be found on the Notice Board, or from our website (sharonmoravian.info) under *This Week’s Bulletin, View Full Archive*.
5. We express thanks to all who supported our Annual Fish Fry & Fun Day 2016. Our receipts totaled \$17,289.30 and our expenses totaled \$7,381.91 (which included some \$2,736 in equipment which we have for future use).
6. 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.
7. 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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8. 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).
9. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
10. 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.
11. Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
12. 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).

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*