

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Next Sun.:** Service for Northern District – Boy Scouts Association at Sharon at 3:30 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.:** Shut-in Communion (Edgehill, Melrose, Arthur Seat) at 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.
- † **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.
- † Conference Youth Workshop at Sharon at 10:00 a.m.
- † **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 Sis. Elva Richards at the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands at 4:00 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer 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.

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



The Sick / Recovering: Gretel Smith, Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott, Howard and Beverly Arthur (Canada)



The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Flo Jean-Marie and family on the passing of her father, Bro Joseph Greaves (He was 102). A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Wednesday, January 11, 2016 commencing at 1:00 pm. Interment will be in the Military Cemetery; the Gibbs and Brewster Family on the passing of Suzette Gibbs.

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 Bro. Victor & Sis. Maria Carrington in celebration of their first wedding anniversary.



Belated: Christina Joseph (7th)

Advanced: Sheridan Greaves & Cynthia Waithe (10th), Lorna Bryan (11th), Florina Scantlebury, Sheila Small & Mauricia Springer (12th), Tiandra Gill & Elsie Phillips (13th), Joy Best (14th)



Congratulations to Bro. Victor & Sis. Maria Carrington who will celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniversary on January 9, 2017; Bro. Lawrence & Sis. Cynthia Moore who will celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary on January 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

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee,
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see —
The Light of the world is Jesus. — Bliss —

WHEN WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, WE WON'T STUMBLE IN THE DARKNESS.



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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Sunday, January 8, 2017

First Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome is extended all as we worship the one who alone is worthy of unmeasured praise. As we worship, may God make us more keenly aware of the love of God towards us and all people.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:

Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. (Isaiah 42:3)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 162 – “Love divine all loves excelling” (149)

Psalm 29 – Responsive Reading

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: *Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

(1 Chronicles 16:29)

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 196 (CMP) – “There were ninety and nine”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Doxology”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43

Church Choir Anthem – “One Small Child”

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Hymn of Preparation: 208 (CMP) – “Amazing Grace” (197)

Sermon – – Rev. Movelie Kellman

Hymn of Reflection: 235 (CMP) – “Take my life and let it be” (219)

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 272 (CMP) – “My faith has found a resting place”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude

In the Month of January 2017:

† **Lay Academy** — Monday, 9th & following, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.

† **Sharon Women’s Fellowship Retreat** — Saturday, 21st

† **Annual Church Council** — Sunday, 22nd at 9:30 am.

† **Ordination of Bro Delroy Burley** — Sunday, 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon.

† **Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer** — Saturday, 28th at 6:00 a.m. 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. 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.*
2. The Moravian Church - Barbados Conference announces its Lay Academy Classes for 2017 as we continue to affirm and strengthen our Laity within the Conference. Training and Development will be in two segments during the year 2017. The first segment will begin on Monday, January 9 with the course “Introduction to the Old Testament” and this will run for approximately 13 weeks. The second course “Introduction to Christian Counseling” begins Monday, September 5 and will run for approximately the same time period. The cost is \$50.00 per course. Classes will be held at the Calvary Moravian Church each Monday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. The invitation is extended to all to be a part of the call to deepen their spiritual lives as well as to learn about and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Present Lay Preachers, Members of our Boards, Groups and Organizations are also encouraged to come and share in this period of study. Registration forms are available from the Church Office.
3. 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).
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).



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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 pm.
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).

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.*

272 (CMP)

My faith has found a resting place, not in device or creed:
I trust the ever-living One – His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him, He’ll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior’s Name, Salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick, The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.