

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **This Week:**
 † **Office Hours:** Tuesdays & 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 (Near Sharon, Cane Garden, Canewood) 9:30 a.m.
 † Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
 † Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Prayer Service 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.:** **Laity Sunday**
 † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 † Blood Pressure Clinic after worship

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.

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, Lawrence Moore

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Flowers today are donated by Grant's Preparatory School who held their graduation yesterday.



Advanced: Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle, Shaquille Ellis, Gershom Francis & Zachary Gale (10th), Zhane Kellman (11th), Angela Applewhaite (12th), Lionell Hewitt (13th), Cynthia Eversley & Donna Lewis-Greaves (14th), Ashlee Brathwaite (15th)



Congratulations to: Bro. Carlos & Diane Knight who will celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2017; Bro. Adrian & Sis. Zelia Kellman who will celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary on July 15, 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

I am so glad that our Father in heaven
 Tells of His love in the Book He has given;
 Wonderful things in the Bible I see —
 This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me. — *Bliss.*

GOD LOVES US NOT BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE, BUT BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS.



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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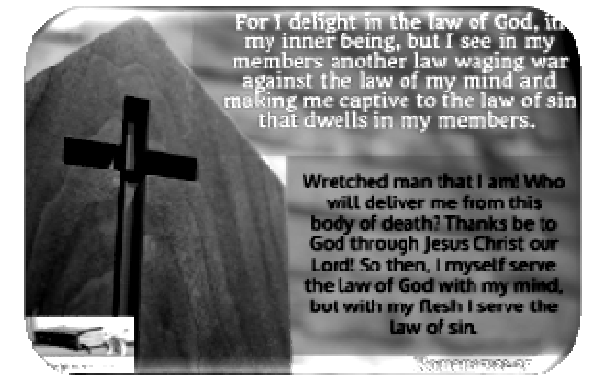
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Sunday, July 9, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *Praise O praise our God and King . . . for his mercy still endures, ever faithful, ever sure. Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May God's glory and grace abound. Welcome.*

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:

Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *(Psalm 145:8)*

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 135: 1 – 3)

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him,
O you servants of the LORD! You who stand in the house of
the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,

C: *Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His
name, for it is pleasant.*

Hymn 475 (CMP) – “*Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him*” (445)

Responsive Reading – Psalm 147: 1 – 12

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 473 (CMP) – “*Ye servants of God*” (443)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Greeting Song: 594 – “*Let Us Share True Peace*” (x4)

Choruses

Song of Praise by the Junior Choir

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: “*By love
serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even*

in this; you shall love your neighbour as yourself.” (Gal. 5:13b-14)

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 191 (CMP) – “*I’ve found a friend*” (180)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

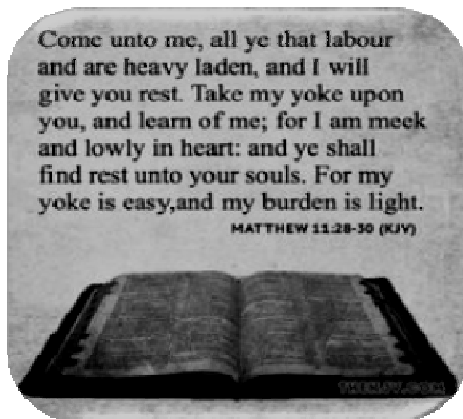
First Scripture Reading: Romans 7: 15 – 25a

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30

Church Choir Anthem

Sermon – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 305 (CMP) – “*Guide me O thou great ...*” (277)**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS****1. From the PEC:**

✦ Brother **David Ince**, a member of the **Bethlehem Moravian Church in Barbados** has been accepted as a candidate for the **Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province**. Brother Ince will enter the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica in August 2017 as he begins preparation for the Supplementary Ministry of our Church. Let us remember Brother Ince and his family in our prayers.

✦ The **Rev. Bonnie EBW Smith and the Rev. Devon Mannix** will be consecrated as **Presbyters** on Sunday August 13, 2017. The service will be held at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua at 5.00 p.m. Let us remember our two (2) Pastors in prayer as they prepare for this special service.

2. From the Superintendent:

✦ The **Gracehill Preschool** announces its **Summer Camp** for children 2 – 12 years old. Further details can be obtained from the school.

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. 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.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

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).

In the Month of July 2017:

- ✦ **Evangelism Explosion Training** — Monday, 10th
- ✦ **Vacation Bible School begins** — July 10th
- ✦ **Centenary Mission Rally** — Saturday, July 15th, commencing at 5:30 p.m.
- ✦ **Laity Sunday** — 16th
- ✦ **St. Philip Fellowship Annual Concert “Rejoice 2017”** — Sunday, July 16th at the Princess Margaret Secondary School at 4:00pm. Performing: The Royal Barbados Police Force Band. Tickets — \$20.
- ✦ **Conference Prayer Meeting** — Saturday, 22nd at the Centenary Moravian Church at 6:00 a.m.
- ✦ **Missionary Festival** at Centenary — Tuesday, 25th, 7:30 p.m.
- ✦ **Provincial Youth Leader Conference** — July 26th – 31st, Tortola.
- ✦ **Synod Walkathon** — Saturday, July 29th from Sharon to Folkestone, Holetown from 5:30 a.m.