

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Mother's Day
 † Conference "A SALUTE TO MOTHERS" —
 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church.
- † **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.
 † Meeting of SAM at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** 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 7:30 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** Moravian Music Sunday
 † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.


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.


In the Month of May 2017:


- † **New Generation Ministries Health Walk & Breakfast** — Saturday, 27th from Sharon to Batts Rock Beach. Tickets available at \$10.00.

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, Stephen Greaves, Theophilus Cadogan

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 Srs Lucine Baker and Gwendolyn Brewster.

 **Today:** Gwendoline Brewster, Gabrielle Cumberbatch & Clovis Williams
Advanced: Dawn Moore & Douglas Taylor (15th), Coraleen Greenidge (16th), Kianna Rouse (19th), Jarad Lewis (20th)

 Congratulations to Bro. Martin & Sis. Sophia Codrington who will celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary on May 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

Of all the earthly things God gives,
 There's one above all others:
 It is the precious, priceless gift
 Of loving Christian mothers. — Anon —

GODLY MOTHERS NOT ONLY BRING YOU UP, THEY BRING YOU TO GOD.

Visit our Website at <http://sharon.moravians.net> or
<http://sharonmoravian.info>

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, May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A sincere welcome is extended to all on this Mother's Day as we celebrate and give God thanks for our mothers. We give special welcome to all women as we express our appreciation for their maternal care. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:

Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
 (John 14:6)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 117

L: Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

A: *For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!*

Hymn 465 (CMP) – “Now thank we all our God” (435)

Litany for Mothers (on leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: “Give unto the Lord the glory due his name: bring an offering and come into his courts”
(Psalm 96:8)

Tithes/Offerory Hymn: 480 (CMP) – “The Lord is King ...” (449)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Tribute to Mothers by the Sunday School

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 3: 9 – 20

Church Choir Anthem – “Love Is The Answer”

Second Scripture Reading: John 19: 25 – 27

Hymn 652 (CMP) – “Faith of our Mother’s living still”

Sermon – – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn – “Honour Christian Mothers”

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Mother’s Day Celebration: The Moravian Church presents “**Salute To Mothers**” at the Calvary Moravian Church on May 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. This is a celebration of Motherhood and includes music, poetry, modelling, entertainment, and surprises - Come, salute mothers, grand-mothers, godmothers and those who mothered you. Each individual is requested to make a small contribution of just \$10.00 which will go towards Provincial Synod. Bring the women in your life and let’s celebrate.
2. **From the Conference Evangelism Committee:**
 - ✦ The Conference **Week of Evangelistic Services** will be June 26-30 at the Gracehill Moravian Church, 7:15 p.m. nightly under the theme, “*Using the keys: Locking and Unlocking.*” The preacher will be the Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel from Tobago. Come refocus and renew yourself in the Lord. Bring a friend.



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- ✦ All persons interested in being trained in evangelism using the approach of **Evangelism Explosion** (EE) are asked kindly to submit your names to the pastors or the Church Office by June 18th as the next course starts July 3, 2017.
 - ✦ The next Conference Prayer meeting will be on Saturday, July 22nd at 6:00 a.m. at the Centenary Moravian Church. Come let us pray together.
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. We are expecting one hundred (100) women across the province to participate. 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.
 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).

HONOUR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

(Sung to the tune “Onward Christian Soldiers”)

Honour Christian Mothers, Instruments of God
Raising faithful families, worshipping the Lord,
Following His Commandments, showing us the way,
Love and faith and kindness; teaching us to pray.

*Honour Christian Mothers, Instruments of God
Raising faithful families, worshipping the Lord,*

“Let it be”, say mothers, trusting to obey,
Finding strength and courage, grace for every day.
Challenges surround us, but we will not fear,
God’s love will sustain us, help our cross to bear.

God be with our mothers who have gone before,
Certain of His promise: life for evermore.
In His many mansions, love again we’ll share,
He will take away all sorrow, wipe away each tear.

Honour Christian Mothers - heaven’s gift of love
Join with them in service to the Lord above.
Follow their example, let your lights so shine –
All will see your goodness, praise the One Divine.

Onward, still ye mothers, tho’ the time become;
Sons will leave their parents; daughters leave their home,
We’ll remain united, Mother’s legacy
One in love and faithfulness, One in charity.

652 (CMP)

Faith of our mothers, living still, First known in mother’s tender care
And still guiding us in life’s way In spite of strife and worldly cares.

Faith of our mothers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death

Faith of our mothers, well infused By prayer, by word, and faithful life.
Thus o’er the years our hearts were shaped And shown our heavenly father’s
love.

Faith of our mothers, you have kept Our spirits bright in life’s dark hour.
And through the grinding storms of life, Your truth has been our hope and
power.

Faith of our mothers, holy faith; That binds our souls to God’s good grace.
So may His perfect cleansing lead To justice, truth, a saintlier race.