

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Moravian Music Sunday
 † Blood Pressure Clinic after Worship
 † Police Band Concert at Dunscombe at 4:30 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.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 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.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. First Class Toastmasters in attendance.

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.

In the Month of June 2017: Local Camp (Seniors) — Friday, 2nd – 5th; Moravian Credit Union AGM — Saturday, 3rd; Pentecost (Whit-Sunday) — 4th; Laymen's League Convention — Monday, 5th; Women's Fellowship Food Sale — Saturday, 10th; Trinity Sunday & Annual Lovefeast — 11th; Father's Day — Sunday, 18th; Missionary Festival at Mount Tabor — Tuesday, 20th; Conference Prayer Breakfast — Saturday, 24th; Sharon Women's Fellowship 75th Anniversary Service — Sunday, 25th, at 9:30 a.m.; Conference Evangelistic Services — Monday, 26th – 30th at the Gracehill Moravian Church, 7:15 p.m. nightly.


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

 **The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas on the passing of his Mother Ms. Jestina Stevens. The Service of thanksgiving was held on Friday May 12, 2017, at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, St. John's, Antigua. Rev. Winston Chase on the passing of his Mother Mrs. Dorothy Burke who passed into the near presence of God on May 8, 2017. The Service of thanksgiving was held on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the St. Mary's Anglican Church in Bridgetown, Barbados.

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

 **Today:** Shirley Cadogan & Dalicia Gittens
Advanced: David King & Joan Taylor (22nd), Elizabeth Ifill (23rd), Dwight Waithe (24th), Amaya Greenidge, Anson Skeete & Carlo Smith-Tull (25th), Tricia Babb, Heather Barker, Natalie Carmichael & Deighton Davis (27th)

 Congratulations to Bro. Steven & Sis. Sonia King who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on May 25, 2017; Bro. Hugh & Sis. Margaret Haynes who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on May 29, 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

From your heart give God your praise For His blessings all your days;
 Lift your voice to God above — God of mercy, God of love. — Hess

PRAISE IS THE OVERFLOW OF A JOYFUL HEART.

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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Moravian Music Sunday



Sunday, May 21, 2017
 Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all as we celebrate **Moravian Music Sunday**, a day set apart for the celebration and promotion of music and hymnody in worship. Let us sound forth the joy that God by his salvation has placed in our hearts. Welcome.

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

Associate Pastor:
 Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
 Bro. Carl Ifill



WATCHWORD: "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise."
 (Psalm 66:1 – 2)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 383 (CMP) – “Come, let us all with gladness raise” (356)

Litany for Moravian Music Sunday (on leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Song of Praise by the Junior Choir

Church Choir Anthem – “Eternal God”

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: *The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.***(Acts 17:24)**

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 518 (CMP) – “Our Father ...”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13 – 22

Church Choir Anthem – “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

Second Scripture Reading: John 14: 15 – 21

Sermon – – Rev. Movelle Kellman

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 442 (CMP) – “How good it is, how pleasant ...” (415)

The Benediction & Organ Postlude**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Today we celebrate **Moravian Music Sunday**. This year 2017 marks the 560th anniversary of the birth of the *Unitas Fratrum* – the Unity of the Brethren. As we mark this milestone in the life of the Moravian Church worldwide, we commemorate Moravian Music Sunday by highlighting some of the oldest hymns in Caribbean Moravian Praise which date back to the early period of the establishment of the *Unitas Fratrum*.
2. We express thanks to all who supported the Mother’s Day Celebration: “**Salute to Mothers**” last Sunday. It was a wonderful occasion.
3. **The PEC makes the following announcements:**
 - † The Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith who has been serving as Acting Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference since August 2016, has been appointed as Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference, with effect from March 1, 2017.
 - † The Rev. Bonnie EBW Smith who has been serving as Acting Superintendent of the Antigua Conference since August 2016, has been appointed as Superintendent of the Antigua Conference, with effect from March 01, 2017.

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- † The Rev. Vera Waithe will step down as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, with effect from August 31, 2017. Rev. Waithe began serving as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference in February 2002. The PEC wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Rev. Waithe for the leadership which she provided over the many years. God Bless you.
 - † The Rev. Ezra Parris has been appointed as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, with effect from September 1, 2017.
 - † The PEC says thanks to the Superintendents who have been appointed for their willingness to assume the awesome responsibility that have been entrusted to them. Let us remember them in our prayers.
4. **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.
 - † 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.
 5. 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.
 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

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- Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
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).

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Our Father who’s in heaven, Hallowed be your name;
On earth your kingdom come, As in heaven your will be done.

*Dear Father let your Kingdom come, Holy Father, let your will be done;
Jesus, let your will be done, And let your Kingdom come.*

Lord on this day you’ve made, Give us our daily bread.
We your children are in need – O Lord, lift up our head.

Lord, forgive our trespasses. We sin in word and in deed;
Forgive our brother’s sins; For they too are in need.

Lead us not into temptation; For we are often weak;
Deliver us from evil, Lord; Your strength and grace we seek.

Yours is the Kingdom Lord! The power and the glory too;
Forever and forever! Amen! Amen! It’s true.

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