

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **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.:** Meeting of the Board of Elders 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.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.



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.

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.

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 (QEH – C10), Stephen Greaves, Theophilus Cadogan
-  **The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Mencha Collymore and family, and Sis Zenaida Ramsay and family on the passing of their brother Ricardo Alleyne in the USA.

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



- Advanced:** Shania Goddard (29th), Shonda Forde & Macario Maynard (30th), Sharon Greaves (June 1st)
- Congratulations to 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

**Crown Him with many crowns;
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly music drowns
All music but its own. — Bridges**

HEAVEN'S CROWNS ARE NOT FOR KEEPING BUT FOR CASTING AT CHRIST'S FEET.

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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

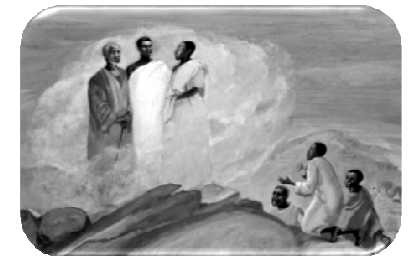
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Sunday, May 28, 2017

Ascension Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all today as we worship our ascended Lord. We worship with grateful hearts, for when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men (Eph. 4:8). A special welcome to the First Class Toastmasters Club which is celebrating its 10 Anniversary. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:

Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship:

L: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

C: *To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,*

Hymn 136 (CMP) – “All hail the power of Jesus name” (121)

Litany for Ascension (on leaflet)

Welcome & Celebrations

Greetings from First Class Toastmasters Club

Notices

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

Choruses

Youth Hymn: 290 (CMP) – “O Jesus I have promised” (265)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.* (2 Cor. 9:10)

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 351 (CMP) – “Great is thy faithfulness”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1 – 12

Church Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading: John 4: 1 – 14

Hymn of Preparation – “Still”

Sermon – – **Bro. Mario Springer**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn – “Let your living water flow over my soul”

The Benediction & Organ Postlude

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS****1. The PEC makes the following announcements:**

- † Due to family considerations, as requested, the **Rev. Georgette John-Cotton**'s active service with the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will come to an end with effect from July 31, 2017. Rev. John-Cotton currently serves as pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference.
- † The **Rev. Winston Chase** who currently serves as Pastor of the Friedensthal Congregation on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands Conference will retire from active service in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, with effect from July 31, 2017. The PEC expresses heartfelt thanks to both Rev. John-Cotton and Rev. Chase for their hard work, dedication and faithfulness to duty in the service of our Church and the Lord.

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We wish them every blessing in their future endeavours.

- † The **Rev. Kirk Barker** has been called to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † The **Rev. Moise Jean** has been called to serve as Pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † The **Rev. Elva Richards** has been called to serve as Pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † The **Rev. Junior Sean Roberts** has been called to serve as Pastor of the Gracefield and Bethany Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † **Pastor Daniel Mark**, a 2017 graduate from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Congregation in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † **Pastor Kevin St. Hill**, a 2017 graduate from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon (Newfield) Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † **The Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd** has been called to serve as Pastor of the Friedensthal Congregation on St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
 - † **Brother David Rossington** of the Friedensberg Congregation on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands Conference has been appointed as Lay Pastor and called to serve in the Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from July 1, 2017. He will be assigned to the Faith congregation but will be assigned to other congregations as necessary.
 - † Let us remember our Brothers and Sisters in prayer as they assume these new responsibilities in Ministry.
- 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.
 - † 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.

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- 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.
- 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).