

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**



- † **Today:** HARVEST FESTIVAL.  
† Harvest Programme at 3:30 p.m.
- † **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.:** Fulnec's Missionary Festival at 7:30 p.m.  
† **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 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.  
† **Next Sun.:** 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 December 2017:**

- † The Moramus Singers of Barbados annual **Moravian Christingle** — Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. Tickets are available for Adults at \$20; Children can pay \$10 at the door.
- † **Joint Board Planning Meeting** — Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Women's Fellowship Carolling / Christian Kindness** — 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
- † **Men's & Women's Fellowship Christmas Social & Gift Exchange** — Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>
- † **Sunday School Christmas Candle-Light Service** — Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>
- † **Sharon Carol Singing** — Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Worship on Christmas Day** — Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 a.m.
- † **Watch-Night Service**— Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 p.m.

**Prayer Needs:**

-  **Our Shut-ins:** Eunice Applewhaite, Aileen Bowen, Genetha Bryan, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.
-  **The Sick/Recovering:** Patricia Maynard, Cynthia Walrond, Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Douglas Taylor — QEH-B5

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Some of the flowers today have been donated in memory of the late Sis. Ethel Hutson.

-  **Today:** Linda Bryan-Carrington  
**Advanced:** Albertha Osbourne (13<sup>th</sup>), Aliyah Smith-Boucher, Alyssa Smith-Boucher & Denise Grant (14<sup>th</sup>), Kimoi Jones, Abigail King, Zahra Nicholls & Saadiq Prescod (15<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Browne, Mario Depeiza & Jerome Watts (17<sup>th</sup>)



Congratulations to Bro. Kelvin & Sis. Hazel Carter who are celebrating their 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today.

**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**

**Bestowed with benefits daily,  
Sent from the Father above;  
Mercies and blessings abounding  
Gifts of His marvelous love. — Anon.**

EVERY GOOD GIFT COMES FROM THE FATHER.

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<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

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 12, 2017

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** A welcome is extended to all. Today is a day of thanksgiving, and we pray that God will bless us to the overflowing during this time of worship and in our daily walk with him. "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Movelle Kellman

**Organist:**  
Bro. Carl Ifill

**WATCHWORD:** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP****Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship – Psalm 117

**L:** Praise the LORD!**C:** *I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.*Opening Hymn: 495 (CMP) – “*O praise ye the Lord!*” (461)Litany: Harvest (*Leaflet/pg 163 Liturgy Book*)

Welcome, Celebrations &amp; Announcements

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

Choruses

Youth Hymn: 677 (CMP) – “*When He Cometh,*”**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence:** *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***(Galatians 6:9)**Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 641 (CMP) – “*O Lord of heaven ...*” (597)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

First Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 16: 7 – 14

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 9 – 14

Choir Anthem – “*A Psalm Of Life*”**Sermon** – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment &amp; Intercession

Closing Hymn: 634 (CMP) – “*Come, ye thankful people ...*” (593)**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Please lift up in prayer **Rev. Adrian Smith** and **Rev. Cicely Athill-Horsford** as they travel this weekend to attend the **Unity Mission Conference** which will be held from November 15 to 20 in Cape Town, South Africa. Some 200 representatives from the world-wide Moravian Church will be gathering for mutual inspiration and reflection on the way forward in pursuit of the mission of the Church.
2. The Ministers of Music serving within the Province will be meeting in Barbados from November 26 – December 1, 2017. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to continue the work on the music edition of the **Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal**.
  - † As part of these meetings, choir members, musicians and other interested members are invited to meet at Sharon Moravian Church from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, November 27 to Wednesday November 29, 2017. During these sessions, participants will be invited to sing

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through portions of the hymnal. Since this activity is part of the ongoing editorial process for the music edition, participants will be asked to pay attention to the melodic and harmonic accuracy of the music that has been scored.

- † Those who will participate are asked to contact the Conference Office to have emailed to them, a digital copy of the booklet containing the hymns that will be reviewed. Limited copies of the booklet containing the selected hymns will be available.
  - † Let’s play our part in assisting the production of the musical edition of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal.
3. The Fulnec congregation will host a **Thanksgiving Service in tribute of the late Bro. Lisle Brathwaite and Bro. William Jones**, both of whom served faithfully at Fulnec and in the wider Barbados Conference. The service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Conference are invited to attend.
  4. The PEC in consultation with the Superintendents across the Province has decided to postpone the **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** for one (1) year, until July 5 to 11, 2019. This is to allow those Conferences in the North which were affected by Hurricane Irma and Maria to recover. The full announcement from the PEC can be found on the Notice Board. The Barbados Conference therefore has a bit more time to prepare for the Synod and we ask members and friends of the Moravian Church to continue with their weekly contributions 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. We express thanks to those who prepared for, contributed and supported our **Annual Fish Fry** in April. Receipts totaled \$17,581.45 and our Expenses \$4,797.18, giving a **surplus of \$12,784.27**. Thanks for your continual support.
  6. The **Liturgy Book**, the companion to our Caribbean Moravian Praise hymnal is now available to those who already own a hymnal. You can collect a copy from the Church Office. For those who have ordered a copy of the hymnal, please note that the second printing of the hymnal has been delayed while typographical errors in the first printing are corrected.
  7. Our **Missionary Festival at Sharon** was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. We gathered \$13,635 towards our target of \$20,000. Contributions can still be made until year end.
  8. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their **Calendar of Events for 2018** and submit such to the Pastoral team by Sunday, November 26, 2017.
  9. **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

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

10. 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).
11. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
12. 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.
13. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
14. **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).

**677 (CMP)**

When He cometh, when He cometh, To make up His jewels,  
All His jewels, precious jewels, His loved and His own.

*Like the stars of the morning, His bright crown adorning,  
They shall shine in their beauty, Bright gems for His crown.*

He will gather, He will gather The gems for His kingdom;  
All the pure ones, all the bright ones, His loved and His own.

Little children, little children, Who love their Redeemer,  
Are the jewels, precious jewels, His loved and His own.

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- † **Rev Parris on vacation** — 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- † **Missionary Festival at Fulnec** — Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.
- † **Harvest Festival at Bethlehem** — Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>
- † **Provincial Hymnal Workshop** — November 27<sup>th</sup> — December 1<sup>st</sup> at Sharon