

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** **MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY:** In previous years, the focus has been on anthems or hymns written by Moravians, this year the focus is on the new hymnal – Caribbean Moravian Praise. The theme is CMP – *It Belongs to You and Me!*
- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday: 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 Board of Elders 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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

### AVAILABLE:

- † **Offering Envelopes** for 2018 – We ask each member of the congregation to request a box of envelopes if one has not been provided and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church.
- † **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.

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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

### 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:** Cynthia Walrond, Harold Carrington

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. The floral arrangements today have been donated by Srs. Yvonne Burrell, Shelah Clarke, Samantha Lewis and Gloria Skeete in celebration of their birthdays.



**Today:** Yvonne Burrell

**Advanced:** Marco Alleyne, Diana Boyce, Cheryl Maynard & Toni Thompson (30<sup>th</sup>), Lawrence Walrond (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### 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

Less of self and more of Jesus,  
More and more each day like Thee;  
Just to live in full surrender  
For my Lord who ransomed me. – Wonder

TO LIVE FOR CHRIST, WE MUST LEARN TO DIE TO SELF.



### PROVINCIAL THEME 2018:

Advance the Kingdom – Live As Kingdom Citizens.



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.



## Moravian Music Sunday



### SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

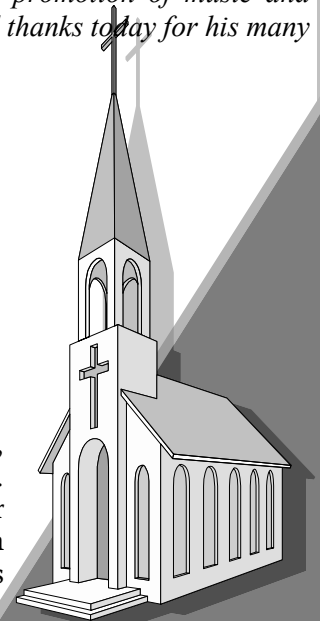
**Welcome:** Welcome to all as we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday, a day set apart by the Moravian Church E.W.I. Province for the celebration and promotion of music and hymnody in worship. We give God thanks today for his many and varied gifts. Welcome.

**Pastor:** Rev. Ezra Parris  
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Movelle Kellman

**Organist:**  
Bro. Carl Ifill

**WATCHWORD:** Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." (John 15:4)



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

Introit

Call to Worship: *Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His,  
And give thanks at the remembrance of His  
holy name.* (Psalm 30:4)

Opening Hymn: 475 – “Praise the Lord ye heavens ...” (445)

Litany for Moravian Music Sunday (on leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Song of Praise by the Junior Choir: 677 – “When he cometh”

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence:** “Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”

(Mat. 5:3)

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 520 – “O Lord of Hosts, today”

(Hymn of the Month)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response: 718 vs. 1 & 2 – “We give thee but thine own” (678)

**Ministry of the Word:**

First Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15:10 – 23

Canticle 15 (Psalm 95) (Hymnal, p. 38) (Canticle 25)

Second Scripture Reading: John 15:1 – 8

Choir Anthem

**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 281 – “I am Thine, O Lord”

**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****In the Month of May 2018:**

† **Moravian Children’s Convention** — Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> at Mount Tabor, 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. This is a Convention for children up to the age of 12 years. Theme: “I am a Child of God; A Citizen of the Kingdom”.

† **Mother’s Day** — Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>

† **Pentecost** — Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>

† **Annual Lovefeast** — Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>

**OFFERTORY CHORAL RESPONSE**

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We give thee but thine own, what’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Team members needed! We want to strengthen our **media ministry** and we are in need of volunteers to be trained in the use of our hymn projection system. If you are interested, please submit your names to the pastors or the Church Office.
2. The **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** will be held July 5 to 11, 2019. We invite members and friends of the Moravian Church to make weekly contributions of at least \$1.00 towards those costs for which this Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on the First Sunday of each month. Envelopes are available.
3. **Flowers are needed for our church!** You will find on the Notice Board 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.
4. **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).
5. **Bus Fund** – Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
6. 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.
7. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
8. **Provincial Theme 2018:** “*Advance the Kingdom: Live As Kingdom Citizens*” 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).

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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O Lord of Hosts, today we’ll worship and adore;  
Then meet us as we kneel to pray and make us love Thee more.

To this Thy house of prayer we come with willing feet.  
A loving fellowship we share harmoniously sweet.

We thank Thee, Lord, for heaven, while here to Thee we sing.  
But chiefly for Christ Jesus given, and then for everything.

Grant us the faith, that we Thy servants may remain;  
And toiling on continually, Thy great cause to maintain.

This prayer we offer here, for all these souls are thine  
O bend from heaven Thy gracious ear, Thou Majesty Divine.

To Thee all glory be, and to Thy blessed Son;  
All glory Holy Ghost to Thee while endless ages run.

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I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.