

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Anniversary & Friendship Sunday
 - † Meet and Greet after worship, in the D. C. Moore Hall. A light refreshment will be served.
 - † Harvest at Calvary at 3:30 p.m.
- † **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 Ministries
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
 - † Meeting of S.A.M. at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 - † Sharon Primary School Devotions at 9:00 a.m.
 - † Mid-Day Lenten Meditation: 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.
 - † Joint Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
 - † Church Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Conference Women's Fellowship Council Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Savannah Hotel. Tickets cost \$60.
 - † Dunscombe's Pre-Harvest Sale from 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please give your support.
 - † Training Session for Ushers at Sharon at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Harvest Festival at Dunscombe at 3:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE:

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2018:** American Paperback Edition – \$23; American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$27
- † **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.

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 Waldron

The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Margaret Best & Sis. Evelina King-Harper on the passing of their uncle.

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

Today: Andrew Lowe & Tia Phillips



Advanced: Joan Denny-Downes (12th), Carlyle Knight & Zaria Lashley (13th), Aidan McClean & Tristan Whitehall (14th), Kyle Blackman-Gibbons (15th), Annetta Browne (17th)



Congratulations to Bro. Berkley & Sis. Cherylann Greenidge who will celebrate their 18th Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 2018; Bro. Malcolm & Sis. Claudette Jones who will celebrate their 37th Wedding Anniversary on February 14, 2018

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

New mercies every morning,
Grace for every day
New hope for every trial
And courage all the way. – *McVeigh*

**GOD'S GRACE IS INFINITE LOVE EXPRESSING ITSELF
THROUGH INFINITE GOODNESS.**

**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.

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 11, 2018
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Anniversary & Friendship Sunday
Celebrating 250 years

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We are happy to welcome all our friends and visitors as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the gathering of this congregation and the 219th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us for this Anniversary Sunday. May you be blessed as you share with us. Welcome.

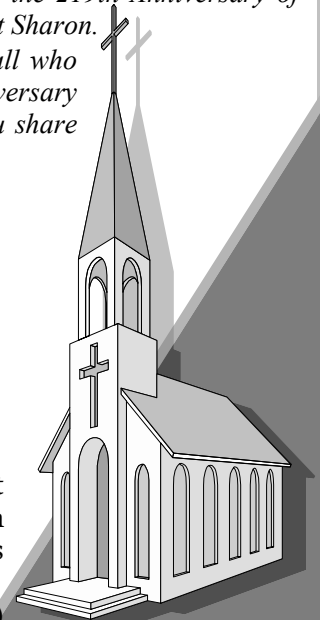
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

(2 Corinthians 4:5)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1,2):

L: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!**C:** *Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!*Opening Hymn: 467 – “*Joyful, joyful we adore thee*”

Litany – New Year & Anniversaries (pg 200 Liturgy Book/leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements

Song of Praise by the Junior Choir

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: “*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*” (Acts 1:8)Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 671 – “*We Come This Day...*”

(Hymn of the Month; CHOIR only until the last verse)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

First Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19 – 34

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2 – 9

Choir Anthem – “*Now Thanks We All Our God*”**Sermon** – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**Hymn of Reflection: 395 – “*Lord, you give the great commission.*”

Intercessory Prayers

Choruses

The Benediction & Organ Postlude**Meet & Greet in the D.C. Moore Hall****OFFERTORY CHORAL RESPONSE***(Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks)*

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

For all you've done.

I am so blessed, my soul is at rest;

O Lord, I give you thanks.

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**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The Moravian Church – Barbados Conference announces its **Lay Academy Classes** for 2018. DATE: February / September 2018. DAY: Mondays. TIME: 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. VENUE: Calvary Moravian Church. Registration Forms are available.
- † The Academy will be in two segments during the year 2018. The first segment begins on Monday, February 5 with the course “Introduction to the New Testament” and this will run for approximately 13 weeks. The second course “Introduction to Christian Counseling” begins Monday, September 3 and should run for a shorter period of time. The cost is \$50.00 per course.
- † The invitation is extended to all to be a part of the call to deepen their spiritual lives as well as to learn about and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Present Lay Preachers, Members of our Boards, Groups and Organizations are also encouraged to come and share in this period of study.
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);

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS****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).**In the Month of February 2018:**

- † **Lay Academy** — Mondays, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction to the New Testament.
- † **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- † **Harvest Festival at Calvary** — Sunday, 11th
- † **Harvest Festival at Dunscombe** — Sunday, 18th
- † **Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill** — Sunday, 25th

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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We come this day to give you thanks: We bring our loudest praise,
Our talents, skills; our hearts and hands In gratitude we raise.

We come and bow before your throne To pledge ourselves anew.
The ones we teach at school or home We consecrate to You.

We now rededicate ourselves To do what we can do.
Spirit of Truth we need your grace For we get weary too.

Help us to teach only what's right And keep our conscience clear.
Give us the strength to daily fight Against the devil's snare.