

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** CHRISTMAS DAY
- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (D.C. Moore Centre.)
- † **Tues.:** Public Holiday – Boxing Day.
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** **Talk/Discussion** on the topic, “*Moving Forward After Loss*” at 7:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
† Church Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** New Year’s Eve – Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sun.: NEW YEAR’S EVE**
- † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
- † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Watch-Night Service at 10:30 p.m.

In the Month of January 2018:

- † **Sharon Prayer & Fasting** — Monday, 1st, 6:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- † **Sharon/Duncombe Renewal & Prayer Services** — Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Sunday School Teachers’ Workshop** — Saturday, 6th at Sharon.
- † **Conference Youth Workshop** — Saturday, 13th
- † **Moravian Disciples Concert** — Saturday 20th
- † **Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer** — Saturday, 27th
- † **Annual Church Council** — Sunday, 28th
- † **Harvest Festival at Centenary** — Sunday, 28th
- † **Superintendents Conference** — 28th to 31st in Antigua.

CHORAL RESPONSE—Doxology for Christmas(Tune: *O come, . . . Immanuel*)

Praise God for whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.**On this Christmas Day we remember in prayer ...*

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

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Flowers today were donated by Sis. Cora Cumberbatch and Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall.



Today: Roseanne Eversley

Advanced: Fabian Bartlett, Shamia Corbin & Merville Franklyn (27th), Curtis Drakes, Joan Lewis & Chanel Rock-Waithe (28th), Steven King & Edwin Sandiford (29th)

Congratulations to Bro. Stephen & Sis. Donna Greaves who will celebrate their 13th Wedding Anniversary on December 26, 2017; Bro. Bertram & Sis. Norma Nicholls who will celebrate their 48th Wedding Anniversary on December 27, 2017; Bro. Terry & Sis. Norma Meek who will celebrate their 28th Wedding Anniversary on December 27, 2017.

**Thought for the Day (RBC Extract)**


Have you felt the joy of the shepherds,
Who were first to behold the sight,
Of that holy Child of Mary
On that wonderful Christmas night? — *Brill.* —




A WONDER-FILLED LIFE IS YOURS WHEN YOU KNOW THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

**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.



Let us go
to Bethlehem and see...
LUKE 2:15



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Christmas Day
Monday December 25, 2017
Nativity of the Lord
5:00 a.m.


Welcome: *For unto us a Son is born* . . . And we rejoice, for his birth signals new life and hope for all who believe. Welcome to one and all, as we celebrate the nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Call to Worship – Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Hymn 56 – “*Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,*” (55)

Liturgy – Christmas (on leaflet/pg 100 Liturgy Book)

Welcome & Greetings

Hymn 70 – “*The First Noel, the Angels did say,*”

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: “*And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*” (Matthew 2:11)

Offertory Hymn: 60 – “*Angels we have heard on high*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – *Doxology for Christmas*

Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52: 7 – 10

Church Choir Anthem – “*Ding Dong Merrily On High*”

New Testament Reading – Luke 2: 1 – 16

Hymn 59 – “*Silent Night, Holy Night*”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Hymn of Reflection: 62 – “*It came upon the midnight clear*” (60)

Intercessory Prayers: Christmas Liturgy (continued)

Hymn: 47 – “*Joy to the World the Lord is come*”

Benediction

Greetings – “*We Wish You A Merry Christmas*”

Organ Postlude

AVAILABLE:

- ✚ **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>

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Please note that the **telephone number at the manse** has been changed to 246-546-0344. We had some disappointments with the previous service and decided to change. The Office number remains the same: 246-425-4011.
2. You are invited to a **Talk / Discussion on the topic, "Moving Forward After Loss"** on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the D. C. Moore Centre. The presenter will be Dr. Abel St. Amour, a clinical psychologist from Florida USA. He is the author of the book, "*Beyond the Mission; a guide for pastoral counseling on Traumatic stress in missionary relief workers.*" All are invited.
3. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their **reports for 2017** and submit such to the Pastoral team by Saturday, December 31, 2017.
4. 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.
5. Our **Missionary ingathering for 2017** has to date realized \$17,409.90 towards our target of \$20,000. We say thanks to all who supported. Contributions can still be made until year end.
6. **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.
7. Sunday Morning **Bus Route to Sharon:** Quarry Road (8:30 am), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 am), Sharon (9:05).
8. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
9. 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.
10. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.
11. **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).



The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star where'er it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly swinging o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph lend your aid While our hearts in love we raise.