

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † **Mon.:** Touch of Love Ministry at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Men's Fellowship at 6:30 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 at 9:30 am.

### I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.

*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day."*

I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart;  
Nor how believing in His Word wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,  
Revealing Jesus thro' the Word, creating faith in Him.

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air.

### In the Month of August 2016:

- † Vacation Bible School ends on August 12, 2016: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- † Choirs on Break
- † New Generation Ministries on Break
- † Rev. Parris on Leave — 8<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>
- † Women's Fellowship Concert — Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- † Women's Fellowship Ladies Night Out — Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>
- † Sharon Men's Fellowship Picnic — Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>
- † VBS Tour and Picnic — Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>
- † Children's Day Presentation & VBS Exhibition Sunday — Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>
- † New Generation Ministries Cake Sale — Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>

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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

### Prayer Needs:



**Our Shut-ins:** Eunice Applewhaite, Aileen Bowen, Claudia Boyce, Genetha Bryan, Eugene Clarke, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.

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

**Today:** Keisha Waldron

**Advanced:** Anmari Cumberbatch (9<sup>th</sup>), Hugh Haynes & Loretta Parris-Husbands (10<sup>th</sup>), Clifton Clarke (11<sup>th</sup>), David Chandler, Patricia Smith, Kimberley Turton (12<sup>th</sup>), Christon Davis & Etwin Parris (13<sup>th</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.

### GREETING SONG — Come Into His Presence

*Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
And give him praise . . . and give him praise;  
Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart,  
Our voices raise . . . our voices raise.  
Give glory and honour and praise unto his name,  
Jesus, the name above all names.*

### Thought for the Day

Eternal with the Father, One,  
Is Jesus Christ, His own dear Son;  
In Him God's fullness we can see,  
For Jesus Christ is Deity. — *D. DeHaan* —

CHRIST THE LIVING BREAD SATISFIES OUR SPIRITUAL HUNGER  
THROUGH THE LIVING WORD.

### PROVINCIAL THEME 2016:



*Fulfilling the Mandate – "Advance the Kingdom"*



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

(Built by Slaves - 1799)

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Sunday August 7, 2016  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** Welcome, as today we celebrate our freedom, in Jesus Christ. We also give thanks for the liberties enjoyed by the peoples of this region. We extend a special welcome to The Diabetic Association — Warrens West Central Group as they celebrate another anniversary with us. We also extend special welcome the Watson / Woodroffe family as they worship with us for their family reunion. Welcome to all.

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Movelie Kellman

**Organist:** Bro. Carl Ifill

**WATCHWORD:** Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." (Luke 12:32)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Organ Prelude**

Call to Worship (Psalm 86: 12 – 13)

**L:** I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

**C:** *For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of hell.*

Hymn 31 – “Praise my soul the king of heaven,”

Litany – The Sixth Order (page 41 – front of hymnal)

Welcome & Celebrations

Greetings from Visiting Groups

Greeting Song – “Come into his presence” (x4)

Notices & Concerns

Choruses

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence:** *Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.*

(Psalm 25:12-13)

Offertory Hymn – “I know whom I have believed”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

**Ministry of the Word:**

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1 – 6 (*The faithfulness of Abraham*)

Second Reading: Luke 12: 32 – 40 (*Being found faithful*)

Hymn of Preparation: 277 – “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

**Sermon** – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 265 – “O Jesus I have promised”

Musical Interlude/Prayer of Preparation (page 49 – front of hymnal)

**Reception** – Sis. Marcia Coombs & Sis. Richardine Cox

Prayer of Reception (page 70 – front of hymnal)

Hymn of Reception: 504 – “Here in the name of Christ our Lord”

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of Bread – Hymns of Distribution: 545, 529, 200, 191

Consecration of Wine – Hymns of Distribution: 295, 537, 139, 533

Thanksgiving Hymn: 526

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn – 522

**The Blessing & Organ Postlude**

## NEWS, INFORMATION &amp; REMINDERS



- Our new Hymnal, Caribbean Moravian Praise is due to arrive on the island shortly and those who ordered are asked to submit payment of \$70.00 per copy to your congregation, so that payment can be made to the printers.
- The PEC makes the following announcements:**
  - ✦ The Rev. Algernon Lewis, upon the completion of his Furlough on December 14, will proceed on Study Leave from December 15, 2016 to June 30, 2018.
  - ✦ Bishop Kingsley Lewis has accepted a Call to serve as Interim Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Newfield Moravian Congregations in Antigua from August 15 to December 14, 2016. Bishop Lewis will be assisted by the Rev. Jeremy Francis and the Rev. Ulric Smith. Future updates on this Pastorate will be provided.
  - ✦ The Rev. Bonnie E. B.W Smith has accepted a Call to serve as Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference from August 15, 2016 to February 14, 2017.
  - ✦ The first Provincial Staff and Spouse Retreat will convene from July 29 – August 02, 2016 on the island of St. Maarten. All Moravians are asked to keep this gathering in prayer.
  - ✦ The PEC has declared a day of Prayer and Fasting on August 13, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., as we focus on the 43rd Unity Synod being held in Jamaica from August 12-19, 2016. All Moravians in the EWIP are asked to engage in this time of Prayer and Fasting for Wisdom from on High to guide our Church into truth and righteousness.
  - ✦ The delegates of the EWIP to Unity Synod are: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Rev. Adrian Smith and Sister Jeaneta Waithe from Barbados. The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, Vice Chairman of the EWIP Provincial Elders Conference and pastor of Nisky Congregation in St. Thomas will serve as Chairman of the 43rd Unity Synod. In addition, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will represent the Bishops of the Unity.
- 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.
- Church Membership/Confirmation Class for adults will be started in September. Interested persons and invited to register. Registration forms are available from the pastor.

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- 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.
- 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).
- Bus Fund—Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
- 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.
- Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
- Provincial Theme 2016: *Fulfilling the Mandate—Advance the Kingdom!* The theme emphasizes the mandate of Developing God’s Church – Teaching, Reprimanding and Empowering God’s people. The foundation texts are Acts 1:8, Matthew 28: 16-20 Romans 15:20; 2 Timothy 4:2.

**AVAILABLE:**

- ✦ Offering Envelopes for 2016— 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.
- ✦ 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.