

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Conference Christingle — 5:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor. Adults Tickets - \$20; Children - \$10 at the door. Proceeds go to the Conference.
- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Monday and Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
  - † Carol Singing at Sharon at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Joint Board (Elders & Stewards) Planning Meeting at 7:30 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 am.

### 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.

### 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.**



**The Sick / Recovering:** Gretel Smith, Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott, Howard and Beverly Arthur (Canada)

**The Bereaved:** Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall and family on the passing of her aunt.

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

**Today:** Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall

**Advanced:** Mia Best & Carlos Depeiza (5<sup>th</sup>), Terry Applewhaite, Shirley Blackman, Seward Francis & Lorraine Hinds-Holder (6<sup>th</sup>), Carrie Rouse (7<sup>th</sup>), Esther Greenidge (8<sup>th</sup>), Annette Price (9<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Best & Sheila Greenidge (10<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.

### Thought for the Day

The hope we have in Jesus Christ  
Brings joy into our heart;  
And when we know the love of God  
His peace He will impart.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, LOOK TO GOD.

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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

### 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 December 4, 2016**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Welcome on this Second Sunday of Advent. In this season we celebrate, with all who join us, the coming of Jesus Christ as the light of the world, and we pray for that light to be seen in us. Welcome.

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Movelle Kellman

**Organist:** Bro. Carl Ifill

**WATCHWORD:** Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.  
(Matthew 3:2)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP



## Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (*Psalm 136: 1, 4*)

**L:** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

**C:** *To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;*

Opening Hymn: 482 (CMP) – “*When morning gilds the skies,*” (450)

Invocation

Litany – Second Sunday in Advent (Revised) (*leaflet/projected*)

Welcome, Celebrations &amp; Notices

Greeting Song: 594 – “*Let us share true peace*” (x4)

Choruses

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: (Including Synod Offering)** *A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.* (Prov. 11:25, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 284 (CMP) – “*O Thou who camest ...*” (258)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10

Second Reading: Matthew 3: 1 – 12

Church Choir Anthem

**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment &amp; Intercession

Hymn 50 (CMP) – “*Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes*” (49)Musical Interlude/Prayer of Preparation (*page 49 – front of hymnal*)**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of Bread – Hymns of Distribution: 154, 347, 225, 575

Consecration of Wine – Hymns of Distribution: 568, 557, 580, 730

Thanksgiving Hymn: 36

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn – 596

**The Blessing & Organ Postlude****GREETING SONG —**

*Let us share true peace with one another Shake another hand, shake another hand*

*Let us show our love for each other shake another hand, shake another hand  
Let us show true unity, equality, solidarity Shake another hand, shake hands with me.*

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their reports for 2016 and submit such to the Pastoral team by Saturday, December 31, 2016.
2. Thanks to all who have supported our Missionary fundraising effort for 2016. Thus far we have raised \$20,014.80. If you have not yet made your contribution you can still do so. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organizations of the Moravian Church.
3. **From the PEC** —Please remember in your prayers as they prepare to take their Ordination vows:
  - ✦ Sister Elva Richards, currently serving as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua, will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday, January 15, 2017. The service will be held at the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands at 4.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer will be the Presiding Bishop.
  - ✦ Brother Delroy Burley, currently serving as Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian Church in Barbados, will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday, January 22, 2017. The service will be held at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 6.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will be the presiding Bishop.
4. **From the PEC:** The PEC, after prayerful consideration, has decided to terminate Rev. Camille James' employment with the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, with immediate effect. The Eastern West Indies Province is appreciative and very thankful for Rev. James' service to the Moravian Church and wishes our sister every blessing in all her future endeavours.
5. 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. Envelopes are available.

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6. 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.
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 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.

**In the Month of December 2016:**

- ✦ Sharon Lighting & Carol Singing — Wednesdays of Advent, commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- ✦ Men's & Women's Fellowship Christmas Social & Gift Exchange — Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Sunday School Christmas Candle-Light Service — Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Women's Fellowship Carolling / Christian Kindness — 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- ✦ Worship on Christmas Day — Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ Watch-Night Service— Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 p.m.