

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Holy Communion
 - † Visit by the Moravian Church Cooperative Credit Union (September is MCCCUC Month)
- † **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).**
- † **Mon.:** Touch of Love Ministry at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Men's Fellowship at 6:30 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.

In the Month of September 2016:

- † **Moravian Women's Fellowship Fun/Fellowship Day** — Saturday, 3rd
- † **Senior's Sunday** — Sunday, 18th
- † **Missionary Festival at St. Philip**—Sunday, 18th, 4:00 p.m.
- † **Bus Tour & Picnic for the Elderly** — Tuesday, 20th. Please register with Sis. Carmel Downes, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elders.
- † **Missionary Festival at Bethlehem** — Tuesday, 20th, 7:00 p.m.
- † **Sharon Choir Evening of Tea & Music**— Postponed to Saturday, 24th
- † **New Generation Ministries Cake Sale** — Sunday, 25th

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, Mareno Hoyte, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.**



The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Zenaïda Ramsay, Arthur Ramsay & Family, and Alain Ramsay on the passing of their husband and father, Bro George Ramsay. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Saturday, September 10, 2016 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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



Advanced: Kadeem Turton (6th), Tremaine Babb (8th), Carl Hoyte (9th), Joshua Waithe (10th)



Congratulations to Rev. Ezra Parris & Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who will celebrate their 24th Wedding Anniversary on September 5, 2016.

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

In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth. — *Oxenham* —

WHEN CHRISTIANS DRAW CLOSE TO CHRIST, THEY DRAW
CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER.

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

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Sunday September 4, 2016
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A warm welcome is extended to us today as we worship. May we experience God's peace in our hearts as we fellowship with God and each other. To all our visitors and friends, welcome!

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.

(Deuteronomy 30:19-20)



ORDER OF WORSHIP



Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (page 41 – front of hymnal)

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

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

Welcome & Celebrations

Greeting Song – “The Family of God” (x4)

Chorus: “We’re Together Again” (As We Return to Our Seats)

Notices

Choruses

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: “So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.” (Matthew 5:23-24)

Offertory Hymn – “I’m not ashamed to own my Lord”

Synod Offering – Organ Voluntary

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20

Second Reading: Luke 14: 25 – 33

Church Choir Anthem

Sermon – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 471 – “Thine forever!”

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of Bread – Hymns of Distribution: 145, 540, 535, 246

Consecration of Wine – Hymns of Distribution: “There is a fountain filled with blood”, 209, 213, 149

Thanksgiving Hymn: 192

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn – 555

The Blessing & Organ Postlude

Visit our Website at <http://sharon.moravians.net> or
<http://sharonmoravian.info>



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The shipment of our new Hymnal, **Caribbean Moravian Praise** has arrived 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.
2. 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.
3. **Church Membership/Confirmation Class for adults** will be started in September. Interested persons and invited to register. Registration forms are available from the pastor.
4. **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.
5. 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).
6. **Bus Fund**—Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
7. 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.
8. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
9. **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.

I’m not ashamed to own my Lord

I’m not ashamed to own my Lord, Or to defend His cause;
Maintain the honour of His Word, The glory of His cross.

*At the cross! At the cross! Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away;
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!*

Jesus, my God! I know His name – His name is all my trust:
Nor will He put my soul to shame, Nor let my hope be lost.

Firm as His throne His promise stands; And He can well secure
What I’ve committed to His hands, Till the decisive hour.

Then He will own my worthless name Before His Father’s face;
And in the new Jerusalem Appoint my soul a place.

There is a fountain filled with blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s
veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Thou dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

For since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

GREETING SONG — The Family of God

*I’m so glad I’m a part of the fam’ly of God —
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by his blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;
For I’m part of the faml’y, the fam’ly of God.*