

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** The Moramus Singers of Barbados annual **Moravian Christingle** at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. Tickets are available for Adults at \$20; Children can pay \$10 at the door.
- † **Office Hours:** **Tuesdays & Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (D.C. Moore Centre.)**
- † **Mon.:** Board of Stewards Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Joint Board 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 a.m.

In the Month of December 2017:

- † **Joint Board Planning Meeting** — Thursday, 7th at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** — Sunday, 10th
- † **Women's Fellowship Carolling / Christian Kindness** — 12th & 19th
- † **Men's & Women's Fellowship Christmas Social & Gift Exchange** — Thursday, 14th
- † **Sunday School Christmas Candle-Light Service** — Sunday, 17th
- † **Sharon Carol Singing** — Wednesday, 20th at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Worship on Christmas Day** — Monday, 25th at 5:00 a.m.
- † **Watch-Night Service**— Sunday, 31st, 10:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE:

- † Offering Envelopes for 2017 — 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.
- † 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: Patricia Maynard, Cynthia Walrond, Ansonia Cox-Burgess

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Flowers today are donated by Sis. Shirley Blackman and Sis. Pat Brathwaite-Marshall in celebration of their birthdays.



Belated: Maria Carrington & Terry Meek (27th)

Advanced: Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall (4th), Mia Best & Carlos Depeiza (5th), Terry Applewhaite, Shirley Blackman, Seward Francis & Lorraine Holder (6th), Cerrie Rouse (7th), Esther Greenidge (8th), Annette Price (9th)

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

Christ did not come to shield us from
The grief and pain of life;
But those who have His peace inside
Can thrive within the strife. — Sper.

JESUS CAME TO GIVE LIGHT TO A DARK WORLD.

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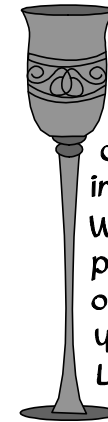
PROVINCIAL THEME 2017:

Fulfilling the Mandate – "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.

Communion



This cup
is the new
covenant
in my blood,
Which is
poured
out for
you.
Luke 22:20

Sunday December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *A sincere welcome is extended to all on this First Sunday of Advent. We rejoice in the hope that is granted to all who accept the reign of Jesus Christ the King. Welcome. Welcome to all.*

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

Associate Pastor: Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. (Mark 13:26)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship

Litany – The First Sunday In Advent (*pg 83 Liturgy Book/Leaflet*)

Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements

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

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: “*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*”

(John 15:13)

Offertory Hymn: 45 – “*Come Raise Your Voices Children*”

(Hymn of the Month. Choir; Congregation on the Last Verse)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Give Thanks*”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1 – 9

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24 – 27

Choir Anthem

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 54 – “*Come, thou universal blessing*” (53)

Musical Interlude/Prayer of Preparation (*page 9 – front of hymnal*)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 585 (545), 581 (540), 580 (539)

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 347 (327), 255 (235), 730 (693)

Thanksgiving Hymn – 36 (37)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 595 (551)

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who were a part of the editing workshop for the **Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal** held last week.
2. The Fulnecon congregation will host a **Thanksgiving Service in tribute of the late Bro. Lisle Brathwaite and Bro. William Jones**, both of whom served faithfully at Fulnecon and in the wider Barbados Conference. The service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Conference are invited to attend.



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3. The Moravian Cooperative Credit Union announces the availability of **Christmas Loans** of \$500 to \$2,500. Please see the flyer on the Notice Board for further details.
4. The PEC makes the following announcement: The **Rev. Hilton Joseph**, Superintendent of the Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference and Pastor of the Zion Moravian congregation in St. Kitts, has been granted four (4) months **furlough** from January 29, 2018 – May 29, 2018.
5. The PEC in consultation with the Superintendents across the Province has decided to postpone the **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** for one (1) year, until July 5 to 11, 2019. This is to allow those Conferences in the North which were affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria to recover. The full announcement from the PEC can be found on the Notice Board. The Barbados Conference therefore has a bit more time to prepare for the Synod and we ask members and friends of the Moravian Church to continue with their weekly contributions 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.
6. We express thanks to those who prepared for, contributed and supported our **Annual Fish Fry** in April. Receipts totaled \$17,581.45 and our Expenses \$4,797.18, giving a **surplus of \$12,784.27**. Thanks for your continual support.
7. The **Liturgy Book**, the companion to our Caribbean Moravian Praise hymnal is now available to those who already own a hymnal. You can collect a copy from the Church Office. For those who have ordered a copy of the hymnal, please note that the second printing of the hymnal has been delayed while typographical errors in the first printing are corrected.
8. Our **Missionary Festival at Sharon** was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. We gathered \$13,635 towards our target of \$20,000. Contributions can still be made until year end.
9. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their **Calendar of Events for 2018** and submit such to the Pastoral team by Sunday, November 26, 2017.
10. **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.



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11. 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).
12. Bus Fund — **Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.**
13. 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.
14. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
15. **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 to 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).

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Come raise your voices children; A new-born babe is come.
He's lying in a manger, Far, far away from home!

He has no crib or blanket, No cap or knitted shawl;
He has no shoes upon His feet, He has no clothes at all.

His mom is sweet, fair, Mary, And Joseph-brave, his dad,
His name is Jesus, Saviour, And this should make you glad:

Because this Jesus, Saviour, Is 'specially born today
To bring you love and joy and peace, That's what the scriptures say.

The scriptures, they say lots more About this special boy,
Just turn the pages day by day, And take your share of joy.

So, raise your voices children, Sing praise to God above;
He sent this special gift to you, He did it out of love!