

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **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.:** Prayer & Fasting – 12 mid-day to 6:00 p.m. (At the Church)
- † **Tues. & Wed.:** Shut-in Communion at 9:30 a.m. (Near Sharon, Cane Garden & Cane Wood)
 - † Renewal & Prayer Services at Sharon from 7:30 p.m.
- † **Thurs. & Fri.:** Renewal & Prayer Services at Dunscombe at 7:30 p.m. The Bus leaves at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School Teachers Workshop at Sharon at 10:00 a.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Service for Northern District – Boy Scouts Association at Sharon at 3:30 p.m.




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We have this Hope, though in the midst of turmoil
 Here, in our Land and those beyond the seas,
 That by our faith, through fervent prayer, and steadfast,
 Our God of peace will bring us through, at last;
 For He will not forsake us, no, he'll never!
 This universe is in His full control,
 His word is true, His love is everlasting,
 He is our strength-unfailing, He's our guide, our all.


We have this Hope, though troubles seem unending,
 And say – fresh fears consuming our minds –
 That our dear Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer,
 Will give us refuge from the storms of life.
 His arms are strong, e'er ready to enfold us,
 We need no other for our sure repose,
 Safe and secure are we, while in His keeping,
 He is our strength-unfailing, He's our guide, our all.

We have a Hope, though clouds obscure our sunshine,
 And nights are long, and sorrows linger on –
 That our dear Lord, with tender love and mercy,
 Will give us comfort till the morning comes.
 He will not have us comfortless – oh never!
 We are all precious in his Holy sight;
 So, let us thank Him, praise Him, now, and ever,
 He is our strength-unfailing, He's our guide, our all.

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:** Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott, Howard and Beverly Arthur (Canada), Kelvin Carter.
-  **The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Flo Jean-Marie and family on the passing of her father, Bro Joseph Greaves (He was 102).

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

-  **Belated:** Kerri Headley (Dec. 31st)
- Advanced:** Jason Lewis & Charlton Moore (4th), Martin Codrington & Kempton Whitehall (5th), Alonna Goddard (7th)



Congratulations to Bro. & Sis. Meek who celebrated their 27th Wedding Anniversary on December 27, 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

**God will never fail us, He will not forsake
 His eternal covenant He will never break
 Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?
 God is all sufficient for the coming year. – Havergal.**

THE FUTURE IS AS BRIGHT AS THE PROMISES OF GOD.

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 or <http://sharonmoravian.info>

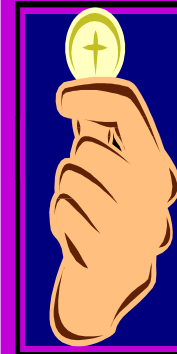


PROVINCIAL THEME 2017:
Fulfilling the Mandate – "Use the Keys"



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



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(Built by Slaves - 1799)

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Sunday January 1, 2017
First Sunday after Christmas

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to the house of the Lord. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
Associate Pastor: Rev. Movelle Kellman
Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us.

(Isaiah 63: 7)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Invitation to Worship

Liturgy – Christmas Sunday *(on leaflet/projected)*Youth Hymn: 53 — *“Hark! the herald angels sing”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence (Including**Synod Offering):** *“Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.”* (Jeremiah 5:24)Offertory Hymn: 236 – *“Lift up your hearts,”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – *“Doxology”***Ministry of the Word:**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63: 7 – 9

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 13 – 23

Church Choir Anthem

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 367 – *“We have this Hope”*Musical Interlude/Prayer of Preparation *(page 49–front of hymnal)***The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 571, 560, 576, 582

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 145, 139, 264, 149

Thanksgiving Hymns – 588

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 595

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. The Moravian Church - Barbados Conference announces its **Lay Academy** Classes for 2017 as we continue to affirm and strengthen our Laity within the Conference. Training and Development will be in two segments during the year 2017. The first segment will begin on Monday, January 9 with the course “Introduction to the Old Testament” and this will run for approximately 13 weeks. The second course “Introduction to Christian Counseling” begins Monday, September 5 and will run for approximately the same time period. The cost is \$50.00 per course. Classes will be held at the Calvary Moravian Church each Monday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The invitation is extended to all to be a part of the call to deepen their spiritual lives as well as to learn about and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Present Lay Preachers, Members of our Boards, Groups and Organizations are also encouraged to come and share in this period of study. Registration forms are available from the Church Office.
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. Envelopes are available.
3. **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.
4. 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).
5. **Bus Fund**—Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
6. 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.
7. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.
8. **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; The Key of the Word; The Key of Knowledge; The Key of the Holy Spirit.**

AVAILABLE:

- † **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.

In the Month of January 2017:

- † **Lay Academy** — Monday, 9th & following, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.
- † **Conference Youth Workshop** — Saturday, 14th at 10:00 a.m. at Sharon
- † **Sharon Women’s Fellowship Retreat** — Saturday, 21st
- † **Annual Church Council** — Sunday, 22nd at 9:30 am.
- † **Ordination of Bro Delroy Burley** — Sunday, 22nd at 6:00 pm at Sharon.
- † **Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer** — Saturday, 28th at 6:00 a.m. at Clifton Hill.
- † **Moravian Disciples Concert** — Saturday 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon
- † **Harvest Festival at Centenary**— Sunday, 29th at 3:30 p.m.

CHORAL RESPONSE— *Doxology**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**Praise him all creatures here below.**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*