

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Mount Tabor's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m.
Bus leaves at 3:00 p.m.
- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Mondays & Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (D.C. Moore Centre.)
- † **Mon.:** Touch of Love Ministries at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Tues.:** Shut-in Communion (Near Sharon, Cane Garden, Canewood) 9:30 a.m.
 - † Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Mid-Day Lenten Devotions at 12:15 p.m.
 - † Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
 - † Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
 - † Church Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
 - † Centenary's Anniversary Concert at Sharon at 6:00 p.m.
- † **Sun.:** **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY**
 - † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Penuel's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE:

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2017:** American Paperback Edition — \$22; American Large Print Paperback Edition — \$25
- † 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.
- † 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.
- † **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, Claudia Boyce, Genetha Bryan, Eugene Clarke, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.

The Sick / Recovering: Patricia Maynard, Stephen Greaves



The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Yvette Gibbs and family on the passing of her mother Sis Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, March 30, 2017 commencing at 3:00 p.m.

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



Today: Rudolph Best & Sheila Foster-Clarke

Advanced: Anita Lowe, Marva Gibbons-Potts & Malachi Williams (20th), Linda Holder (24th), Oneata Durant (25th)

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

Be not weary, Christian warrior,
Buckle on thine armour tight;
Be ye strong and face the battle
In the power of His might. —

GOD'S ARMOUR IS TAILOR-MADE FOR YOU, BUT YOU MUST PUT IT ON.

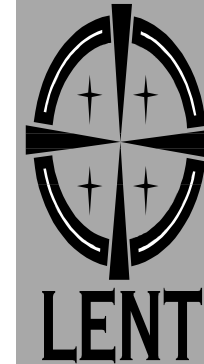
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PROVINCIAL THEME 2017:
Advance the Kingdom – Use the Keys.



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.

**SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH**

(Built by Slaves - 1799)

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Sunday, March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever (Rev. 5:13). To that we say, Amen, as we worship. Welcome to all, and may God's grace be sufficient for us.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill



WATCHWORD: "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

(Psalm 95:6)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 47: 1 – 2

L: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

C: *For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

Hymn 466 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (437)

Responsive Reading – Psalm 95: 1 – 8

Hymn 467 – “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Praise of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Song of praise by the Youth Choir

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

(Colossians 3:23-24)

Offertory Hymn: 248 – “Redeemed by the precious blood”

(Hymn of the Month)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Exodus 17: 1 – 7

Church Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading – John 4: 5 – 42

Hymn of Preparation: 218 – “Like the woman at the well”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 543 – “This child we dedicate to thee” (500)

Infant Baptism (page 1 – CMP)

Hymn 362 – “I’m not ashamed to own my Lord”

The Benediction**Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- From the PEC:** Sunday March 26, 2017 is **Theological Education Sunday**. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our ministers in training. Currently, Bro. Kevin St. Hill of Barbados and Bro. Daniel Mark of Tobago are our two (2) Ministers in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. Our Warden/Tutor is the Rev. Neilson Waithe from Barbados.
 - ✦ On this day we encourage anyone who has heard the Call of God on your life to speak to your Pastor about that Call. The PEC welcomes you and looks forward to hearing from you through the application process after you would have spoken to your Pastor. A special offering will be taken on March 26, 2017 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers in Training.
- Our annual fund-raising **Easter Monday Fish-Fry & Bonnet Parade** will be held on April 17, 2017. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets. Tickets are available from Sis Sheila Browne, Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle or members of the Board of Stewards. All who are interested in modeling African Wear as a part of the entertainment on that day are invited to contact Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle.
- Women throughout the Eastern West Indies Province are invited to a **Women’s Conference** hosted by the Women’s Council of the **Tobago Conference**, from November 1-6, 2017. The Conference will be held under the theme: “*Women of Knowledge and the Word — Advance!*” and will seek to inspire women to seek after knowledge and Jesus Christ. It also aims at empowering women as leaders in the home, the work place and the wider society. It will be an opportunity for women to fellowship with each other and gain insights from various speakers on issues that affect their faith, families and their future. We are expecting one hundred (100) women across the province to participate. Registration forms are available.
- The **Calvary Moravian Church** is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the role of **Church Secretary**. Individuals are invited to submit curriculum vitae and two references. Kindly address a letter of application to Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Pastor and submit no later than 20th March 2017.
- 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.
- 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

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- 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 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).

In the Month of March 2017:

- ✦ **Lay Academy** — Mondays, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.
- ✦ **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

In the Month of April 2017:

- ✦ **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- ✦ **Conference Fellowship & Sports Day** — Saturday, 1st
- ✦ **Harvest Festival at St. Philip** — Sunday, 2nd at the Bethlehem Moravian Church, Maxwell, Christ Church, 3:30 pm.
- ✦ **Unity Prayer Watch** — Wednesday, 5th to 6th
- ✦ **Local Camp** (intermediates) — Thursday, 6th to 9th
- ✦ **Adult Baptism** — Saturday, 8th at Batts Rock
- ✦ **Confirmation of Faith** — Palm Sunday, 9th
- ✦ **Holy Week Services** — Monday, 10th to 13th
- ✦ **Good Friday** — 14th
- ✦ **Fish-Fry Clean Up** — Saturday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✦ **Resurrection / Easter Sunday** — 16th
- ✦ **Easter Monday – Annual Fish Fry & Bonnet Parade** — 17th
- ✦ **Local Camp** (Juniors) — Tuesday, 18th to 21st
- ✦ **Annual Youth Convention** — Sunday, 23rd
- ✦ **Women’s Fellowship Council Retreat** — Friday, 28th to 30th