


**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**

- † **Today:** THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY  
 † Penuel's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m. The 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 (Edgehill, Melrose, Arthur Seat) 9:30 a.m.  
 † Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
 † Fish-Fry Planning Meeting at 7:30 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.
- † **Thurs.:** Meeting of the Board of Elders 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.  
 † Conference Fellowship & Sports Day at 8:00 a.m. at the Briar Hall Sports Pavilion in Christ Church.
- † **Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.  
 † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
 † St. Philip Fellowship Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem, Maxwell, Christ Church.

**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.; Sis Emelda Charles-Clarke and family on the passing of her niece.

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

**Today:** Peter Layne

-  **Advanced:** Winston Gaskin, Maudrie Holder, Antoinette Pilgrim & Mario Turton (27<sup>th</sup>), Michael Lewis, Daleshia Miller & Donna Moore (28<sup>th</sup>), Patricia Layne (29<sup>th</sup>), Gwendolyn Oke, Krifnaly Padmore & Yvette Taitt (30<sup>th</sup>), Cheryl-Ann Greenidge & Muriel Todd (31<sup>st</sup>)

 Congratulations to Bro. Frank & Sis. Sheila Small who will celebrate their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 31, 2017.

**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**

Help us, Lord, to be a lifeline  
 To a dying world today;  
 Bringing hope to hopeless people  
 Telling them that Christ is the way. — *Sper.* —

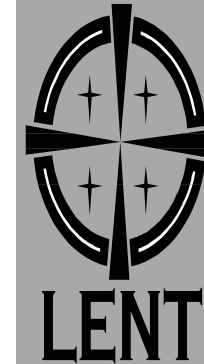
A WORLD IN DARKNESS NEEDS THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL.

**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.

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**Sunday, March 26, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Theological Education Sunday**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. We extend welcome to all and a special welcome to Sis Jeaneta Waithe who is our guest speaker on this youth Sunday. Welcome!

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**Organist:**  
**Bro. Carl Ifill**

**WATCHWORD:** "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." (Psalm 23:6)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 33: 1 – 4

**L:** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

**C:** *Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.*

Hymn 484 – “My God how wonderful Thou art” (453)

Litany for the Season of Lent B (leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings (Including Theological Education).**

**Offertory Sentence:** “Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor. 9:7)

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

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Children’s Message

Song of praise by the Youth Choir

### Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13

Church Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading – John 9: 1 – 41

Hymn of Preparation: 663 – “Loving Shepherd of thy sheep”

**Sermon – – Sis. Jeaneta Waithe**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 290 – “O Jesus, I have promised” (265)

### The Benediction & Organ Postlude

## 248 (CMP)

Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb, Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,

Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified, Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Redeemed, when in sin and condemned to die, Redeemed, an ol’ Satan was standin’ by,

Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified, Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Redeemed, when in sorrow and nearly drown’, Redeemed, on a broad road, darkness-bound,

Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified, Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb, Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,

Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified, Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!



## 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.
- The Moravian Church Barbados **Conference Cricket Tournament**, “The Rev Holder Memorial Shield,” continues Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7:15 pm. at the James Bryan Field, Market Hill, St. George. Sharon will be playing against B.C.C.F (Bethlehem, Clifton Hill, Centenary, Fulnec).
- If you intend to claim on **donations made to the Moravian Church** when filing for your 2016 income tax return, please request via the Sharon Church Office that a statement be made to the Barbados Revenue Authority on your behalf. You will need to provide your National ID Number.
- 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 **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.



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- 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 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 April 2017:

- † **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- † **Unity Prayer Watch** — Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
- † **Local Camp** (intermediates) — Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>
- † **Adult Baptism** — Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> at Batts Rock
- † **Confirmation of Faith** — Palm Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>
- † **Holy Week Services** — Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>
- † **Good Friday** — 14<sup>th</sup>
- † **Fish-Fry Clean Up** — Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- † **Resurrection / Easter Sunday** — 16<sup>th</sup>
- † **Easter Monday – Annual Fish Fry & Bonnet Parade** — 17<sup>th</sup>
- † **Local Camp** (Juniors) — Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>
- † **Annual Youth Convention** — Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- † **Women’s Fellowship Council Retreat** — Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

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