

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**

- † **Today:** Blood Pressure Clinic after worship
  - † Dunscombe's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m.
- † **This Week:**
- † **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.:** Touch of Love Ministries at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Mid-Day Lenten Devotions at 12:15 p.m.
  - † Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Men's Fellowship 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.
- † **Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.
  - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Clifton Hill's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m.

**AVAILABLE:**

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2018:** American Paperback Edition – \$23; American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$27
- † **Offering Envelopes** for 2018 – We ask each member of the congregation to request a box of envelopes if one has not been provided and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church.
- † **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.

**In the Month of February 2018:**

- † **Lay Academy** — Mondays, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary. Introduction to the New Testament.
- † **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- † **Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill** — Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>

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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

**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:** Cynthia Waldron, Esther Babb (QEH – C6)



**The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: Sis Norma Nicholls and family on the passing of her husband Bertram Nicholls. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, February 22, 2018 commencing at 3:00 pm.

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

**Today:** Cheryl Alleyne & William Ifill



**Advanced:** Zachary Hoyte, Ashley Marshall & Jaaziel Parris (20<sup>th</sup>), Keandra Eversley, Simone Jean-Marie & Roseann Lewis (21<sup>st</sup>), Felicia Best & Ebony Knight (23<sup>rd</sup>)



Congratulations to Bro. Ricardo & Sis. Leila Gibbs who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 2018.

**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**

There's never a day nor a season  
That prayer may not bless every hour,  
And never a prayer need be helpless  
When linked with God's infinite power. — Morton. —

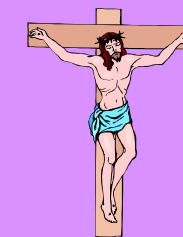
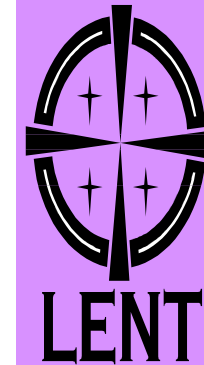
LET CHRIST BE FIRST IN YOUR THOUGHTS IN THE MORNING,  
AND LAST IN YOUR THOUGHTS AT NIGHT.

**PROVINCIAL THEME 2018:**

Advance the Kingdom – Live As Kingdom Citizens.



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, February 18, 2018**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** A warm welcome is extended to all as we worship. We rejoice in worship over the salvation and power Jesus Christ brings to our lives. To all our visitors and friends, welcome!

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**  
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

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

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

**WATCHWORD:** Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

(Psalm 25:8)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 29: 1 – 2

**L:** Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

**C:** Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness

Litany – Lent A (*Liturgy Book, p. 112/Projected/Leaflet*)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Choruses

Song of praise by the Youth Choir

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence:** “*The earth’s is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all who live in it.*” (Psalm 24:1)

Offertory Hymn: 671 – “*We come this day to give you thanks*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*”

### Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Genesis 9:8 – 17

Second Scripture Reading – Mark 1:9 – 15

Church Choir Anthem – “*Give Me Jesus*”

**Sermon** – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 302 – “*Be thou my vision ...*” (275)

**The Benediction & Organ Postlude**

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We come this day to give you thanks: We bring our loudest praise,  
Our talents, skills; our hearts and hands In gratitude we raise.

We come and bow before your throne To pledge ourselves anew.  
The ones we teach at school or home We consecrate to You.

We now rededicate ourselves To do what we can do.  
Spirit of Truth we need your grace For we get weary too.

Help us to teach only what’s right And keep our conscience clear.  
Give us the strength to daily fight Against the devil’s snare.

### OFFERTORY CHORAL RESPONSE

(*Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*)

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks For all you've done.

I am so blessed, my soul is at rest; O Lord, I give you thanks.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- The **Board of Stewards** met last Tuesday and elected its **Executive** as follows: Chairman – Bro. Anthony Ifill, Vice-Chairman – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle, Secretary – Sis. Evelina Harper, Treasurer – Sis. Kimoi Jones, Assistant Secretary – Sis. Sheila Browne, Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Jennifer Clarke
- Our annual fund-raising **Easter Monday Fish-Fry & Bonnet Parade** will be held on April 2, 2018. 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 Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle, Sis Sheila Browne or members of the Board of Stewards.
- The Executive Board has accepted the **resignation** of Sis. Juliette Smith from the position of Conference Treasurer effective December 24, 2017. We express appreciation to Sis. Smith for the time and effort she put in to manage and keep account of our finances, since March 2012. We pray God’s blessings upon her as she continues to serve in other areas.
- Sis. Flo Jean-Marie of the Sharon congregation has agreed to serve as **Interim Conference Treasurer**, effective February 1, 2018. We thank Sis. Jean-Marie for making herself available to serve in this capacity.
- The PEC, at its meeting held in Antigua from January 25 to 28, 2018 granted Congregational Status to the St. Philip Fellowship, the Fellowship having attained the required 30 Communicant members. The St. Philip Fellowship therefore became the newest Congregation in the Eastern West Indies Province and is now **FAITH MORAVIAN CHURCH**, as resolved by the 31<sup>st</sup> Provincial Synod. The official date for the Faith Moravian Church is February 1, 2018.
- The Moravian Church Barbados Conference 20/20 Cricket Tournament, “**The Rev Holder Memorial Shield**,” will be held this year at the Passage Road grounds, St Michael, beginning Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The teams competing this year are Calvary/Grace Hill Combined, Bethlehem/Clifton Hill/Centenary/St Philip/Fulnec Combined, Dunscombe, Mt. Tabor/Penuel Combined, Sharon, Cox Road New Testament and Dunamis Ministries. The Conference is invited to attend the matches as announced and be a part of the fellowship.
- In celebration of the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457):
  - † The Moravian Church – Barbados Conference will hold a **Church Leaders Retreat** on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Sharon Moravian Church, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Members of the boards and persons in any leadership position in our groups and organisations are called upon to attend. Registration forms are available and these should be returned by February 25th, that adequate preparations could be made, particularly for lunch.
  - † The Moravian Church worldwide will observe **Unity Sunday** on Sunday, March 4, 2018. It is a Day of Prayer for the work and witness of our church. A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide, to support the witness of the Moravian Church in Peru; one of the newest mission areas in the worldwide Unity.



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- † Our Annual Unity Sunday **March of Witness** will be hosted by the Mount Tabor congregation, with the March beginning at Venture, St. John at 3:30 pm. Participants are requested to wear their congregation’s colour and bring along their banners, musical instruments etc. At Mount Tabor our pastorates will “rally” as we celebrate this year, 250 years since the first baptism of a convert by Moravians in Barbados. Pastorates will present the highlights and peculiar character of their congregations.
- 8. The Conference is informed that the PEC concluded the probation of Rev. Delroy Burley, Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian Church, Maxwell, Christ Church on November 30, 2017. We pray every blessing on Bro. Burley as he continues in ministry.
- 9. The **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** will be held July 5 to 11, 2019. We invite members and friends of the Moravian Church to make weekly contributions of at least \$1.00 towards those costs for which this Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on the First Sunday of each month. Envelopes are available.
- 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.
- 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 2018:** “*Advance the Kingdom: Live As Kingdom Citizens*” 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** (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).