

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**

- † **Today:** Clifton Hill's Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m. The Bus leaves at 3:00 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.:** Meeting of the Board of Elders at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
  - † Church Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Church Leaders Retreat at Sharon at 10:00 a.m.
- † **Sun.:** **UNITY SUNDAY**
  - † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.
  - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Annual March of Witness & Rally at Mount Tabor at 3:30 p.m. (Marching from Venture, St. John)

**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.

**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.

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



**The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: The Babb family and the entire Williams family of Downes Gap, Arthur Seat on the passing of Sis. Esther Babb.

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Flowers today were donated by Bro. Clarence Cummings, Sis. Claudette Jones & Sis. Frances Barker in celebration of their birthdays.



**Advanced:** Norma Meek (26<sup>th</sup>), Frances Barker, Clarence Cummings & Claudette Jones (28<sup>th</sup>), Cynthia Odle (March 2<sup>nd</sup>), Brenda Herbert (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**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

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing. — Luther —

**GOD'S UNCHANGING NATURE IS OUR SECURITY DURING SEASONS OF CHANGE.**

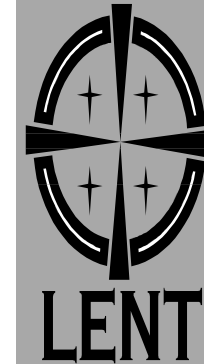
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<http://sharonmoravian.info>

**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***(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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**Sunday, February 25, 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** Blessings abound wherever He reigns . . . The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed. To all our visitors and friends, welcome, as we celebrate the goodness of God.

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Movelle Kellman

**Organist:**  
Bro. Carl Ifill



**WATCHWORD:** God says, "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations."

*(Genesis 17:7)*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP****Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 22: 23 – 25)

**L:** You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**C:** *For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.*

Hymn 28 – “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven” (31)

Litany – Lent B (Liturgy Book, p. 117/Projected/Leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations &amp; Notices

Greeting Song: 594 – “Let Us Share True Peace” (x4)

Choruses

Song of praise by the Youth Choir

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence:** *As you abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.* (2 Cor. 8:7)

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 17:1 – 7, 15 – 16

Second Scripture Reading – Romans 4:13 – 25

Church Choir Anthem

**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment &amp; Intercession

Hymn 272 – “My faith has found a resting place”

**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.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. 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.
2. 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 Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a match between Sharon and Calvary. The teams competing this year are Calvary/Grace Hill Combined, Bethlehem/Clifton Hill/Centenary/St Philip/Fulnec Combined, Dunscombe, Mt. Tabor/Penuel Combined, Sharon, and Cox Road New Testament. The Conference is invited to attend the matches as announced and be a part of the fellowship.
3. 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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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.
  - ✦ 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 p.m. 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.
4. 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.
5. **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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6. 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).
7. **Bus Fund** – Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
8. 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.
9. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
10. **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).

**In the Month of March 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.
- ✦ World Day of Prayer — Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ✦ Church Leaders Retreat — Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sharon
- ✦ Unity Sunday, March of Witness — 4<sup>th</sup> at Mount Tabor
- ✦ Fulnec Week of Revival/Renewal Services — 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Sunday School Quiz & Spelling Bee — Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Harvest Festival at Gracehill — Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Meeting of Island Conference — Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- ✦ Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor — Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Palm Sunday — 25<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Theological Education Sunday — 25<sup>th</sup>

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My faith has found a resting place, Not in device or creed:  
I trust the ever-living One – His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him, He’ll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word, The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior’s Name, Salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick, The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.