

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Mount Tabor'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.
 - † S.A.M. Lecture Discussion at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Mid-Day Lenten Devotions at 12:15 p.m.
 - † Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Thurs.:** Meeting of Board of Stewards & Fish Fry Volunteers 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.:** Palm Sunday & Theological Education Sunday
 - † Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Moramus Singers Concert at Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street at 5:00 p.m. Admission free; an offering will be received.


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.
- † S.A.M. Lecture Discussion – Tuesday, 20th at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Sis Lucette Trotman. Topic: *Inner and Outer Beauty*. Beauty products will be on sale.
- † **Moramus Singers Concert** — Sunday, 25th, 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street. Admission free; An offering will be received.
- † Palm Sunday – 25th
- † Theological Education Sunday – 25th

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

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



Today: Richard Prescod
Advanced: Rudolph Best & Sheila Foster-Clarke (19th), Marva Gibbons-Potts, Anita Williams & Malachi Williams (20th), Linda Holder (24th)

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

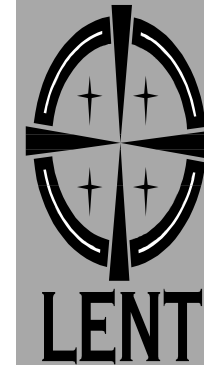
The heart of man is stained by sin,
From Adam's fall this has been true
Yet God in Christ can make a change –
Through faith in Him we are made new. — *Fitzhugh.* —

FOR A NEW START, ASK GOD FOR A NEW HEART.

Visit our Website at <http://sharon.moravians.net>
or <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)*

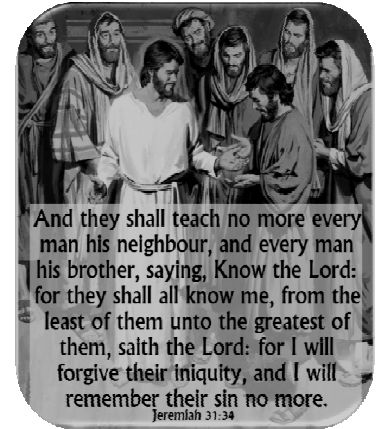
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**Sunday, March 18, 2018****Fifth Sunday in Lent****9:30 a.m.**

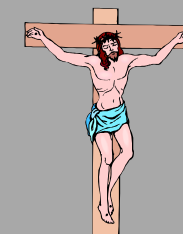
Welcome: It's another day the Lord has made. And what shall we do, but rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome to all as we join in the worship of the God who is worthy of our praise.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

(Psalm 51:10)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship: (Ps. 51:15, 17)

L: O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**C:** *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite Heart – These, O God, You will not despise.*

Hymn 463 – “King of glory, King of peace” (434)

Litany for Lent B (pg 117 Liturgy Book/on leaflet)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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

Choruses

Song of praise by the Youth Choir

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthean 9:6)

Offertory Hymn: 235 – “Take my life and let it be ...” (219)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Thanks, thanks I give you thanks”

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

Second Scripture Reading – John 12:20 – 33

Church Choir Anthem

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 244 – “Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it”

The Benediction**Organ Postlude****AVAILABLE:**

- † **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.

**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. Sunday March 25, 2018 is **Theological Education Sunday**. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our ministers in training. Currently, **Bro. David Ince** of Bethlehem, Barbados is 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 25, 2018 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers in Training.**
3. If you intend to claim on **donations made to the Moravian Church** when filing for your 2017 income tax return, please request via the Church Office that a statement be made to the Barbados Revenue Authority on your behalf. You will need to provide your National ID Number.
4. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the **Unity Prayer Watch** from Midnight April 03 – Midnight April 17, 2018. **Sharon and Dunscombe** have been given responsibility for part of **Sunday, April 8** and **Monday, April 9th**. A form has been placed on the Notice Board and you are asked to sign-up to keep the watch going. This watch has been a Moravian practice since August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience.
5. 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.
6. **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.
7. 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).

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8. **Bus Fund** – Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
9. 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.
10. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
11. **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).

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Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
 Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy,
 His child, and forever I am.

Refrain:

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
 No language my rapture can tell;
 I know that the light of His presence
 With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
 I think of Him all the day long;
 I sing, for I cannot be silent;
 His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty
 The King in whose law I delight;
 Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps
 And giveth me songs in the night.