

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**


- † **Today:** St. Philip Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem, Maxwell, Christ Church. 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.:** 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.:** Men's Fellowship at 7:30 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.  
† Adult Baptism at 8:00 a.m. at Batts Rock.
- † **Sun.:** **PALM SUNDAY**  
† Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.  
† Divine Worship & Confirmation at 9:30 a.m.  
† Palm Sunday Presentation by the Moramus Singers at Calvary at 5:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$25.00.

**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: 13-17 yrs) — Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> to 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: 7-12 yrs) — Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>
- † **Conference at Prayer (Duncombe)** — Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 a.m.
- † **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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or <http://sharonmoravian.info>


**Prayer Needs:**


 **Our Shut-ins:** Eunice Applewhaite, Aileen Bowen, Claudia Boyce, Genetha Bryan, 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: The family of Sis Iris Eugene Clarke on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, April 6, 2017 commencing at 3:00 p.m.; Sis Grace Lashley and family on the passing of her son Richard. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, April 7, 2017 commencing at 1:30 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:** Keiana Maynard  
**Advanced:** Brenda Mascoll (4<sup>th</sup>), Geneatha Bryan (shut-in), Aneata Alleyne, Esther Babb & Nathaneal Deane (5<sup>th</sup>), James T. Hinds & Akeem Maynard (6<sup>th</sup>), Resa Layne (7<sup>th</sup>), Shaquon Bryan & Esmay Walrond (8<sup>th</sup>)

 Congratulations to Bro. Arthur & Sis. Valerie Ramsay who will celebrate their 14<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 5, 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**

Jesus came our debt to pay, Saved our souls in grace one day;  
So in love we all should live,  
Ready always to forgive. — Bosch —

REVENGE IMPRISONS US; FORGIVENESS SETS US FREE.

**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)

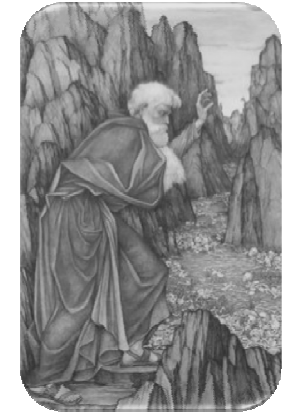
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**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Welcome to all as we lift high the name of Christ our Saviour.

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

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

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

**WATCHWORD:** "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope."  
(Psalm 130:5)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 96: 1 – 3, 7 – 9)

**L:** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

**C:** *Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

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

Litany for the Season of Lent (A) (on leaflet)

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:** “If you are eager to give, God will accept your gifts on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don’t have.”  
(2 Cor. 8:12 TEV)

Offertory Hymn: 248 – “Redeemed by the Precious blood of the Lamb”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

### Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

Second Scripture Reading – John 11: 32 – 45

Church Choir Anthem

**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

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

Musical Interlude/Prayer of Preparation (page 49 – front of hymnal)

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Reception – Sis. Mavis Adams (p. 18, Front of CMP)

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of Bread:

Hymns of Distribution: 347 (327), 350 (330), 225 (213), 140 (124)

Consecration of Wine:

Hymns of Distribution: 557 (516), 569 (526), 263 (241), 575 (533)

Thanksgiving Hymn: 80 (73)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn – 596 (552)

**The Benediction & Organ Postlude**



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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.
2. 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 Cox Road N.T. Church.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. **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.
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 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 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).

### 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.

