

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Unity Sunday.
 † March of Witness & Rally at Clifton Hill at 3:00 p.m. Sharon & Dunscombe will march from the Christian Mission Church, Sugar Hill. Our Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.
- † **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.
 † Meeting of S.A.M. at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Mid-Day Lenten Devotions at 12:15 p.m.
 † Church Membership Class at 5:30 p.m.
 † Prayer Service 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.
 † Sunday School Quiz & Spelling Bee at 9:30 a.m. at Sharon
- † **Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m.; Youth – 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 † Gracehill Harvest Festival at 3:30 p.m.

In the Month of March 2017:

- † **Lay Academy** — Mondays, 6:00 pm at Calvary. Introduction of the Old Testament.
- † **Mid-Day Lenten Meditations** — Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- † **Meeting of Island Conference** — Saturday, 18th at 10:00 a.m.
- † **Harvest Festival** at Mount Tabor — Sunday, 19th
- † **Centenary Anniversary Concert** — Saturday, 25th at Sharon, 6:00 p.m.
- † **Theological Education Sunday** — 26th
- † **Harvest Festival** at Penuel — Sunday

Visit our Website at <http://sharon.moravians.net>
 or <http://sharonmoravian.info>

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: Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott

The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: Sis. Veronica Leacock and family on the passing of her son, Andrew King. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 commencing at 1:30 pm, with interment at Coral Ridge.



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

Today: Heather Beckles



Advanced: Carlos Knight (6th), Melik Carmichael, Cowyn Franklyn & Jenyre Maynard (8th), David Greenidge, Ida Jemmott, Earlyne Walrond & Shirnelle Yorke (9th), Steve Garnes & Kailani Armstrong (10th)

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

Search me, O God, my heart discern;
 Try me, my inmost thoughts to learn,
 Help me to keep from sin, I pray,
 Guarding my mind throughout this day. — Anon —

SELF-EXAMINATION IS ONE TEST FROM WHICH NO CHRISTIAN IS EXCUSED.



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**

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Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

Unity Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all as we celebrate 560 years since the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457). We give thanks to God for the call to faith and service, and the mission of which we are a part today. We are glad you have joined us. Welcome.

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

Associate Pastor:
 Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
 Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
 (Psalm 32:11)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 103: 1 – 2)

L: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

C: *For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

Hymn 20 – “Praise we God the Father’s Name” (17)

Litany for Unity Sunday (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 – Including Unity Offering:

Offertory Sentence: “Bear ye one another’s burdens’ and so fulfil the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2).

Offertory Hymn: 399 – “Thy hand O God has guided” (372)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3: 1 – 7

Second Scripture Reading – Matthew 4: 1 – 11

Church Choir Anthem – “We Will Remember You”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 397 – “The Church’s one foundation” (369)

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of Bread – Hymns of Distribution: 560, 576, 158, 165

Consecration of Wine – Hymns of Distribution: 166, 568, 190, 202

Thanksgiving Hymn: 266

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn – 447

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- In celebration of its founding on March 1, 1457, the Moravian Church worldwide is celebrating today as “**Unity Sunday.**” We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church. A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide which will go towards supporting the Unity Mission Conference which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from November 15-20, 2017.
- ✦ As we celebrating in this Conference, our Annual **March of Witness** will be hosted by the Clifton Hill congregation and begins at 3:00 pm. **Group 1** will march from St. Bernard’s Primary School, Lammings, St. Joseph to Mayers Corner. **Group 2** will march from the Christian Mission Church, Sugar Hill, St. Joseph to Mayers Corner. Both groups will then march to Clifton Hill for a Rally in the Church. Persons are requested to wear your congregation’s colour and bring along your banners, musical instruments etc. Group 1 - Mt. Tabor, Penuel, Calvary, Grace Hill, Centenary, Clifton Hill (Lammings); Group 2 - Sharon, Dunscombe, Bethlehem, St. Philip, Fulnec, Clifton Hill (Sugar Hill)
- 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.
- 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 **Calvary** Moravian Church is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the role of **Church Secretary**. Individuals are invited to submit curriculum vitae and two references. Kindly address a letter of application to Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Pastor and submit no later than 20th March 2017.
- 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.



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- 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 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.