

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**



- † **Today:** Unity Sunday.
- † March of Witness & Rally at Mount Tabor at 3:30 p.m. The procession will move from Venture to the Church. Our Bus leaves at 2:50 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.
- † **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.
- † Sunday School Quiz & Spelling Bee at 10:00 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 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.
- † **Fulneec 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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or <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
-  **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. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, March 9, 2018 commencing at 3:00 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:** Shirley Hall

 **Advanced:** Heather Beckles (5<sup>th</sup>), Carlos Knight (6<sup>th</sup>), Melik Carmichael, Cowyn Franklyn & Jenyre Maynard (8<sup>th</sup>), David Greenidge, Ida Jemmott, Earlyne Walrond & Shirnelle Yorke (9<sup>th</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**

Make us one, Lord, make us one;  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let Your love flow so the world will know  
We are one in You. — *Cymbala.* —

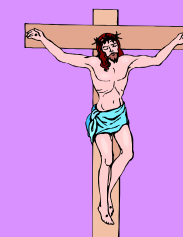
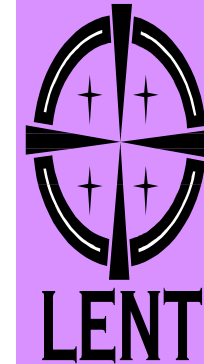
GOD CALLS HIS CHILDREN TO UNITY.

**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)

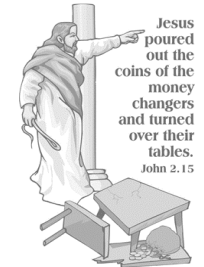
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Jesus poured out the coins of the money changers and turned over their tables. John 2:15

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Unity Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Welcome is extended today, Unity Sunday, as we observe the 561 anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457). We worship God and give thanks for inspiring those who have left us a legacy of faith and service, and we commit ourselves to God today that we may do the same. We are glad you have joined us.

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

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

**Organist: Bro. Carl Ifill**

**WATCHWORD:** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:18)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 68: 3 – 4)

**L:** Let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God;  
Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

**C:** *Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides  
on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.*

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

Litany for Unity Sunday (Moravian Festivals) (pg 194/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:** “It is required of stewards that they be found  
trustworthy” (1 Cor. 4:2)

Offertory Hymn: 615 – “With joyfulness and longing” (573)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

### Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 19

Second Scripture Reading – John 2:13 – 22

Church Choir Anthem

**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

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

Musical Interlude/Prayer of Preparation (page 9 – front of hymnal)

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Institution of Bread

Hymns of Distribution: 608 (565), 582 (541), 560 (518), 568 (525)

Institution of Wine

Hymns of Distribution: 166 (153), 158 (145), 190 (177), 580 (539)

Thanksgiving Hymn: 588 (547)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn – 599 (555)

**The Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 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.
- In celebration of the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457):
  - ✦ 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 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 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).

### 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.