

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **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. & Tues:** Public Holiday.
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. *The Leadership of the Church.*
- † **Thurs.:** Meeting of Board of Elders at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
  - † **Sinspiration** at the Gracehill Moravian Church on Spooners Hill at 4.00 p.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
  - † Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

### In the Month of August 2016:

- † Provincial Staff Retreat — July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- † Vacation Bible School ends on August 19, 2016: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- † Choirs on Break
- † New Generation Ministries on Break
- † West Central Region of the Diabetics Association in attendance — Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>
- † Rev. Parris on Leave — 8<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>
- † Women's Fellowship Concert — Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- † Women's Fellowship Ladies Night Out — Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>
- † Sharon Men's Fellowship Picnic — Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>
- † VBS Tour and Picnic — Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>
- † Children's Day Presentation & VBS Exhibition Sunday — Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>
- † New Generation Ministries Cake Sale — Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>

**AVAILABLE: Offering Envelopes for 2016** — 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; 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.

### 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.

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



**Today:** Mencha Collymore

**Advanced:** Barbara Murphy-Rock (4<sup>th</sup>), Lelia Gibbs (6<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.

### GREETING SONG — Come Into His Presence

*Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
And give him praise . . . and give him praise;  
Come into his presence with thanksgiving in your heart,  
Our voices raise . . . our voices raise.  
Give glory and honour and praise unto his name,  
Jesus, the name above all names.*

### Thought for the Day

**Eternal with the Father, One, Is Jesus Christ, His own dear Son;  
In Him God's fullness we can see,  
For Jesus Christ is Deity. — D. DeHaan —**

**CHRIST THE LIVING BREAD SATISFIES OUR SPIRITUAL HUNGER  
THROUGH THE LIVING WORD.**



### PROVINCIAL THEME 2016:

***Fulfilling the Mandate – "Advance the Kingdom"***



**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, July 31, 2016**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity." Welcome to this service of praise and thanksgiving. We extend special welcome to Bro. Brian MacLachlan of the Calvary congregation as he leads in worship this Fifth Sunday, as our pastors attend Minister's Retreat.

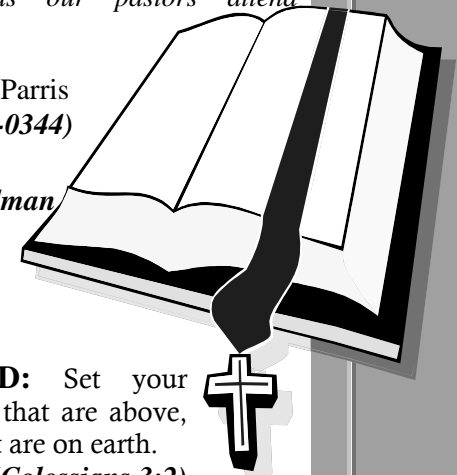
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris  
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Associate Pastor:  
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:  
Bro. Carl Ifill

**WATCHWORD:** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

(Colossians 3:2)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 108:3 – 5):

**L:** I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.

**C:** *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;*

Hymn 26 – “Give to our God Immortal praise”

Litany – Canticle of Praise (*on leaflet*)

Welcome &amp; Celebrations

Greeting Song – “Come into his presence” (x4)

Notices &amp; Concerns

Choruses

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence:** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”  
(James 1:17)

Offertory Hymn – “I’m pressing on the upward way”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “Give Thanks”

Ministry in Song by the Youth Choir

**Ministry of the Word:**

First Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 2: 18 – 23

Second Scripture Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 11

Church Choir Anthem – “Eternal God”

**Sermon – – Bro. Brian MacLachlan**

Prayer of Commitment &amp; Intercession

Closing Hymn: 248 – “All the way my Saviour leads me”

**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The Laymen’s League is inviting our pastorate of Sharon-Dunscombe to a ‘Singspiration’ on August 06, 2016 at 4.00 pm, at the Gracehill Moravian Church on Spooners Hill. All who sing, Choirs, Chorales, soloists, duets are invited to sing songs they already know. All congregations are invited to the event and are asked to bring a love offering which will go to the building funds of the St. Philip Fellowship and the Gracehill Church.
2. Our new **Hymnal, Caribbean Moravian Praise** is due to arrive on the island shortly and those who ordered are asked to submit payment of \$70.00 per copy to your congregation, so that payment can be made to the printers.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS****3. The PEC makes the following announcements:**

- † The Rev. Algernon Lewis, upon the completion of his **Furlough** on December 14, will proceed on **Study Leave** from December 15, 2016 to June 30, 2018.
  - † Bishop Kingsley Lewis has accepted a **Call to serve as Interim Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Newfield Moravian Congregations in Antigua** from August 15 to December 14, 2016. Bishop Lewis will be assisted by the Rev. Jeremy Francis and the Rev. Ulric Smith. Future updates on this Pastorate will be provided.
  - † The Rev. Bonnie E. B.W Smith has accepted a Call to serve as **Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference** from August 15, 2016 to February 14, 2017.
  - † The first **Provincial Staff and Spouse Retreat** will convene from July 29 – August 02, 2016 on the island of St. Maarten. All Moravians are asked to keep this gathering in prayer.
  - † The PEC has declared a **day of Prayer and Fasting** on August 13, 2016, as we focus on the 43rd Unity Synod being held in Jamaica from August 12-19, 2016. All Moravians in the EWIP are asked to engage in this time of Prayer and Fasting for Wisdom from on High to guide our Church into truth and righteousness.
  - † The **delegates of the EWIP to Unity Synod** are: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Rev. Adrian Smith and Sister Jeaneta Waithe from Barbados. The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, Vice Chairman of the EWIP Provincial Elders Conference and pastor of Nisky Congregation in St. Thomas will serve as Chairman of the 43rd Unity Synod. In addition, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will represent the Bishops of the Unity.
4. 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.
  5. **Church Membership/Confirmation Class for adults** will be started in September. Interested persons and invited to register. Registration forms are available from the pastor.
  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 2016:** *Fulfilling the Mandate—Advance the Kingdom!* The theme emphasizes the mandate of Developing God’s Church – Teaching, Reprimanding and Empowering God’s people. The foundation texts are Acts 1:8, Matthew 28: 16-20 Romans 15:20; 2 Timothy 4:2.

**I’m Pressing On the Upward Way**

I’m pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I’m gaining every day;  
Still praying as I’m onward bound,  
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

**Chorus**

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand  
By faith on heaven’s table land  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound,  
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan’s darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height,  
And catch a gleam of glory bright,  
But still I’ll pray till heaven I’ve found,  
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

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