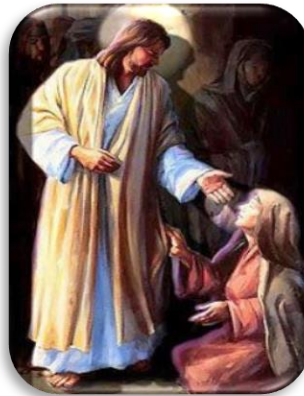


*The Lord is risen
indeed.* LUKE 24:34

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Sunday, April 5, 2026

Day of Resurrection

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With joy we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, praying that through worship, fellowship, and the comfort of his word, we may be strengthened in the inner person. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad.

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WATCHWORD: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *(Colossians 3:1)*

Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

ORDER OF SERVICE



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Consecration of the Bread

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Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 2 – *“Let Us Drink Wine Together”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 140 – *“Come, Let Us Sing The Song Of Songs”*

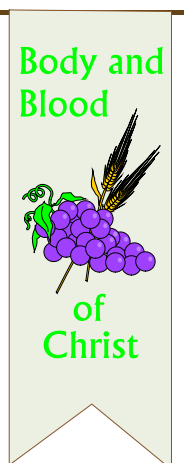
319 – *“Jesus, My Highest Treasure”*

284 – *“O Thou Who Camest From Above”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – *“We Bless Thee For Thy Peace”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 600 – *“We Now Return, Each To His Tent”*



**The Blessing
Organ Postlude**



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Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship



EASTER

At the early service parts 1 and 3 are used (part 3 either in the church or in the burial ground); at other services parts 1 and 2 may be used.

LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 1

All standing.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

TUNE: DIADEMATA

**Christians dismiss your fear;
Let hope and joy succeed;
The joyful news with gladness hear,
‘The Lord is risen indeed:’
The promise is fulfilled
In Christ, our only Head;
Justice with mercy’s reconciled;
He lives who once was dead.**

Anon. Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708)

Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. All who have faith in me shall live, even though they die. No one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die.’

‘I am the first and the last, and I am the living One; I was dead and now I am alive for evermore’.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be praised! In his great mercy by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, he gave us new birth into a living hope; the hope of an inheritance, reserved in heaven, which nothing can destroy or spoil or wither.

Christ was raised to life – the first fruits of the harvest of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be brought to life. As we have worn the likeness of the earthly, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly. He will transfigure our humble bodies, and give them a form like that of his own glorious body.

Sown a perishable thing,

It is raised imperishable.

Sown in humiliation,

It is raised in glory.

Sown in weakness,

It is raised in power.

Sown a physical body,

It is raised a spiritual body.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

To him be glory and dominion for ever! Amen.

TUNE: LUTHER'S HYMN

**In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay,
For our offences given;
But now the Lord is risen today,
And brings us life from heaven;
Come, let us therefore all rejoice
And praise our God with cheerful voice,
And sing loud hallelujahs.**

**It was a wondrous war, I trow,
When life and death contended;
But life hath triumphed o'er the foe,
The reign of death is ended;
It is indeed as Scripture saith,
That Christ in dying conquered death,
And from his realm ascended.**

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

All standing for the following Confession of Faith:

I believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He rescued us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. He has conferred on us in Christ every spiritual blessing and made us fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light.

This I most certainly believe.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. From him and through him and for him all things exist, and we through him. He became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man. He was tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. He spoke of what he knew, and testified to what he had seen. To all who put their trust in him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

This is my Lord who loves me and gave himself for me; purchased and redeemed me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; so that I may be his own, and live in his kingdom serving him eternally righteousness, innocence and happiness.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be our Comforter and be with us for ever. He comes to the aid of our weakness, affirming that we are God's children. He floods our hearts with God's love, and makes our bodies his holy temple. He works in us the will of God, giving to each one gifts as he chooses.

This I most certainly believe.

Glory to God in the Church of Jesus Christ, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times and for ever and ever.

Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

TUNE: WELLS

**Now, with angels round the throne,
Cherubim and Seraphim,
And the Church which still is one,
Let us swell the solemn hymn;
Glory to great I AM,**

Glory to the victim Lamb.

**Blessing, honour, glory, might
And dominion infinite,
To the Father of our Lord,
To the Spirit, and the Word;
As it was all worlds before,
Is and shall be evermore.**

Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855)



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: John 20:1 – 18

1. The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
2. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
3. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
4. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.
5. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
9. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
10. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
11. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him.
14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
15. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
17. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.
18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.



Hymn 131 –

We sing His love, who once was slain,
 Who soon o'er death revived again,
 That all His saints through Him might have
 Eternal conquest o'er the grave.

*Soon shall the trumpet sound, Soon shall the trumpet sound,
 Soon shall the trumpet sound,
 And we shall rise
 Shall rise, shall rise shall rise to immortality,
 Shall rise to immortality.*

The saints who now with Jesus sleep,
 His own almighty power shall keep,
 Till dawns the bright illustrious day
 When death itself shall die away.

How loud shall our glad voices sing,

When Christ His risen saints shall bring,
From beds of dust and silent clay,
To realms of everlasting day!

When Jesus we in glory meet,
Our utmost joys shall be complete;
When landed on that heavenly shore,
Death and the curse will be no more.

Hasten, dear Lord, the glorious day,
And this delightful scene display;
When all Thy saints from death shall rise,
Raptured in bliss beyond the skies.



LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 3

The following is used in the burial ground or in the church:

TUNE: St. MAGNUS

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right;
The king of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light.**

Thomas Kelly (1769 – 1854)

Jesus said, 'Set your troubled hearts to rest. Trust in God always; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you; I am going to prepare a place for you'.

We know that when our earthly frame is destroyed, we possess a building provided by God, eternal and in heaven.

This hope we have as a foundation for our lives, safe and secure.

Our outward humanity is in decay,

Yet day by day we are inwardly renewed.

Our troubles may be slight and short-lived,

Yet their outcome is an eternal glory which far outweighs them, provided our eyes are fixed, not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen.

What is seen is transient,

What is unseen is eternal.

Therefore, now that we have been justified through faith, we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ,

We rejoice in the hope of sharing the divine glory.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, by your resurrection you have opened for us the way to eternal life. Raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, in the communion of your Church here on earth. Confirm in us the faith that we shall live even though we die. Teach us to seek and strive for the things of your kingdom, where you are seated on the right hand of God the Father. Keep us in unbroken fellowship with the whole Church triumphant and all our Christian brothers and sisters, who in the past year have been called home and entered into your joy:

(Those who fell asleep and were laid in the grave since last Easter {2025 – 2026})

Interred at Sharon:

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| 1. James Theophilis Hinds | Spooners Hill, St. Michael |
| 2. Justina Clovine Lowe | Edghill, St. Thomas |
| 3. Valdemere Anderson Bradshaw | Leadvale, Christ Church |
| 4. Edna Ianthee Taylor | Edgehill Development, St. Thomas |
| 5. Ianthe Delcina Bradshaw | Jackson, St. Michael |
| 6. Carmen Harper | Farmer's, St. Thomas |
| 7. Joyce Eudine Moore | Jackson, St. Michael |
| 8. Maxine Yvonne Martindale | Cane Garden Park, St. Thomas |
| 9. Lavadne Ventyne Edwards | Duncombe, St. Thomas |
| 10. David Ewart King | Jackson, St. Michael |
| 11. Lelia Eleanor Gibbs | Melrose, St. Thomas |
| 12. Oliver Hyvestra Clarke | Arthur Seat, St. Thomas |

Interred Elsewhere:

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| 13. Josiah Joshua Carmichael | Jackson, St. Michael |
| 14. Leonard Foster | Workmans, St. George |
| 15. Louis Gerald Linton | Bakers Woods, St. Peter |

....., that we may rejoice together in your presence now and for ever.

Amen.

Ye who Christ's disciples are,
Let your hearts be tending
Thither where you wish to share
Bliss that's never ending:
O may we
Constantly,
Weaned from things terrestrial,
Lord for joys celestial.

There the Lamb is glorified
Who for us was given;
There the souls for whom he died
Praise him now in heaven.
Here, by faith
In his death,
We find consolation
And complete salvation.

1789. J. Miller

Grace be to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the King of the rulers of the earth.

To him who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood and who made us to be a kingdom, to be priests serving his God and Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.
Amen.



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn –

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

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.



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43

34. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
36. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
37. That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.
43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.



Choir Anthem – *“Rejoice! It’s Easter Day!”*



Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 2

Son of God, Saviour of the world,

Be gracious unto us.

By your agony and passion,

By your dying words,

By your cross and reconciling death,

By your rest in the grave,

Bless and comfort us, good Lord.

By your triumphant resurrection,

By your appearing to the disciples,

By your glorious ascension,

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

By your word and sacraments,

By your abiding presence,

By your coming again in glory,

Bless and comfort us, good Lord.

Eternal God and Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead; with the whole company of your people in heaven and on earth we rejoice and give thanks, that he who was dead is alive again and lives for evermore; that he is with us now and always, and that nothing can part us from your love in him; that he has opened the way to your kingdom and brought us the gift of eternal life.

All glory, praise and thanksgiving, all worship, honour and love, be yours, almighty and everlasting God, in time and for all eternity. Amen.

TUNE: DARWALL

**The stone is rolled away;
The Lord is ris'n indeed!
At God's right hand today
He sits, He intercedes.
The keys of death, hell and the grave
He took; mankind He came to save.**

2014 Ian C. Hughes a.

Prayers of intercession are offered:

Prayer for the Church.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence, carry out the

work of humanity's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that those things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things shall attain to perfection, through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for those in trouble.

God, you are the source of all comfort and consolation. We pray today for those who are sick and suffering; for the widow and widower, the motherless and the fatherless; for the sad and despairing. Reveal yourself to each one and teach them to find in you the strength in all trouble, and the refuge in every time of anxiety. *Amen.*

Prayer for the aged and the dying.

O God, though all else should fail, you remain true; and though all things die, you live. We pray for those who are near the end of their earthly pilgrimage, that they may spend their remaining days in your presence, and meeting death with the strength of your grace, may pass into the nearer light of your knowledge and love. *Amen.*

God of peace, whose Son our Lord Jesus was brought back from the dead to become the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant, equip us to do your will in everything that is good, that our lives may always be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Hymn 121 –

I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks to me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair
I know that he is leading,
Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian!
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our

fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 560 –

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransom from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,

Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



Hymn 211 –

Just as I am – without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am – of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.



Hymn 237 –

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move
Till Thou has wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.

It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;***

*Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*’

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 140 –

Come, let us sing the song of songs,
With hearts and voices swell the strain,
The homage which to Christ belongs;
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

Slain to redeem us by his blood,
To cleanse from every sinful stain,
And make us kings and priests to God;
“Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain!”

To him who suffered on the tree,
Our souls, at his soul’s price, to gain,
Blessing, and praise, and glory be:
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

To him, enthroned by filial right,
All powers in heaven and earth pertain,
Honour, and majesty, and might;
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

Long as we live, and when we die,
And while in heaven with him we reign,
This song our song of songs shall be;
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”



Hymn 319 –

Jesus, my highest treasure,
In thy communion blest
I find unfailing pleasure,
True happiness and rest:
Myself a willing offering
I give to thee alone,
Because by death and suffering
Thou didst for me atone.

O joy, all joys excelling,
The bread of life thou art,
Thou cam'st to make thy dwelling
In my unworthy heart.
My spirit's hungry craving
Thou canst for ever still;
From deepest anguish saving,
With bliss my cup canst fill.

O let my eyes be lightened
By sight of thy dear face;
My life below be brightened
By tasting of thy grace;
Without thee, mighty Saviour,
To live is nought but pain;
To have thy love and favour
Is happiness and gain.

Earth's glory to inherit
Is not what I desire;
To heaven aspires my spirit,
Glowing with nobler fire;
Where Christ himself appeareth
In brightest majesty,
For me a place prepareth,
There, there I long to be.



Hymn 284 –

O Thou, who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me;

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:



Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea,
Which falls like sunshine on the road
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward rest,
If we may have through all life's woes
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trial way too long,
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure keep –
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall cease,
And we go home to thee.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially

those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn: 600 –

We now return each to his tent,
Joyful and glad of heart
And from our solemn covenant
Through grace will ne'er depart:
Once more we pledge both heart and hand,
As in God's presence here we stand,
To live to him, and him alone,
Till we surround his throne.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



The Blessing



Organ Postlude



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices ...

With joy we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, praying that through worship, fellowship, and the comfort of his word, we may be strengthened in the inner person. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad.



Today: Nathaneal Joseph

Advanced: Akeem Maynard (6th), Resa Layne (7th), Shaquon Bryan & Esmay Waldron (8th), Shamaria Brewster (9th), Una Campbell, Michelle Collymore & Kaleb Blackman-Gibbons (10th), T'Shura Hinds (11th)



Congratulations to Bro. Kareem & Sis. Jordonna Herbert, who will celebrate their 7th Wedding Anniversary on April 6, 2026.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Mechelle Lewis-Downer in memory of the late Bro. Michael Lewis and the late Sis. Shirley Nicholls.



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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† Today: RESURRECTION DAY

† Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

THIS WEEK

† Office Hours – Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study (Forgiveness) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Harvest Festival at Faith at 3:30 p.m.



Activities in the Month of April 2026:

- † Resurrection (Easter) Sunday – 5th
- † Annual Fish Fry – Easter Monday, 6th, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Annual Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday, 11th, 10:00 AM at Briar Hall Sporting Complex, Christ Church
- † Unity Prayer Watch – Sharon & Dunscombe – Saturday April 11, 12.01 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight.
- † Harvest Festival at Faith – 12th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 25th, online via Zoom.
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 26th, 10:00 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 6th and we look forward to the support of the congregation that the venture could be a success. **Tickets are available, and we will ask each member and friend to sell at least two tickets. Donation Forms are available.**
2. The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Barbados Conference of the Moravian Church will participate in this Prayer Watch from 12:00p.m. April 9 to 11:59 p.m. April 11, 2026. Sharon & Dunscombe will be responsible for Saturday April 11, 12.01 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight. Conferences and congregations are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in this unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, the world and ourselves.

3. Our Joint Board and Delegates to Island conference are as follows:

Elders

**Sis. Hazel Carter
Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
Sis. Merville Franklyn
Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
Sis. Waveney Hinds
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Bro. Victor Hurdle
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
Bro. Anthony Ifill
Bro. Steven King
Bro. Edwin Sandiford
Sis. Grace Sandiford
Sis. Ismay Straker**

Stewards

**Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Joy Best
Bro. Patrick Cadogan
Sis. Jennifer Clarke
Sis. Sian Cumberbatch
Bro. Darwin Dottin
Sis Charlene Ellis
Sis. Evelyn Greenidge
Sis. Sonia King
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Brenda Mascoll
Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard**

Delegates To Island Conference

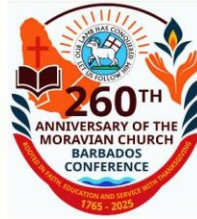
**Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Margaret Best
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall (Alternate)**

- 3.1. At its meeting held on February 26, 2026, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Angelus Hurdle as Vice-Chairman, Bro. Victor Hurdle as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary.**
- 3.2. At its meeting held on March 10, 2026, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis. Evelina King-Harper; Vice-Chairman – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis. Sian Cumberbatch; Treasurer – Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis. Joy Best; Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Jennifer Clarke.**

4. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



MORAVIAN HISTORY DUNSCOMBE



Dunscombe Moravian Church Part 1

The Moravians, even with the declaration of the 1834 end of slavery, continued their mission, started in 1765, of bringing religion and education to the people of Barbados.

Dunscombe Moravian Church, located in the rural community of Dunscombe in St Thomas, was established in 1860 as part of this missionary outreach. The land for the building of the church was initially leased from the Dunscombe Sugar Estate. Eventually the estate gave the land over to the Church.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



MORAVIAN HISTORY DUNSCOMBE



Dunscombe Moravian Church Part 2

Like many of the earlier Moravian congregations, Dunscombe, began in a little wooden structure built as a place of worship, schooling, and community support. Education was considered to be a vehicle for social empowerment and development of the former slaves. However, the school was closed in the early part of the 20th century. The church though, has gone from strength to strength, overcoming numerous challenges along the way.

The mission at Dunscombe did not stop when the missionaries left. Over the years, Dunscombe became a steady spiritual home for families in the area.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

5. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
6. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 6.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - 6.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 6.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 7.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - 7.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 7.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - 7.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:
 - a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes.*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences and pray for the family of Sis. Carmen Elfreda Gill on her passing.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Missionary Collection Boxes 2026 – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2026 – 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.
- ✚ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✚ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✚ Books:
 - ▣ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- ✚ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. Nehemiah 13:2*

Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God’s purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. Community Engagement

Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. Sustainability

Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. Asset Utilization

Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

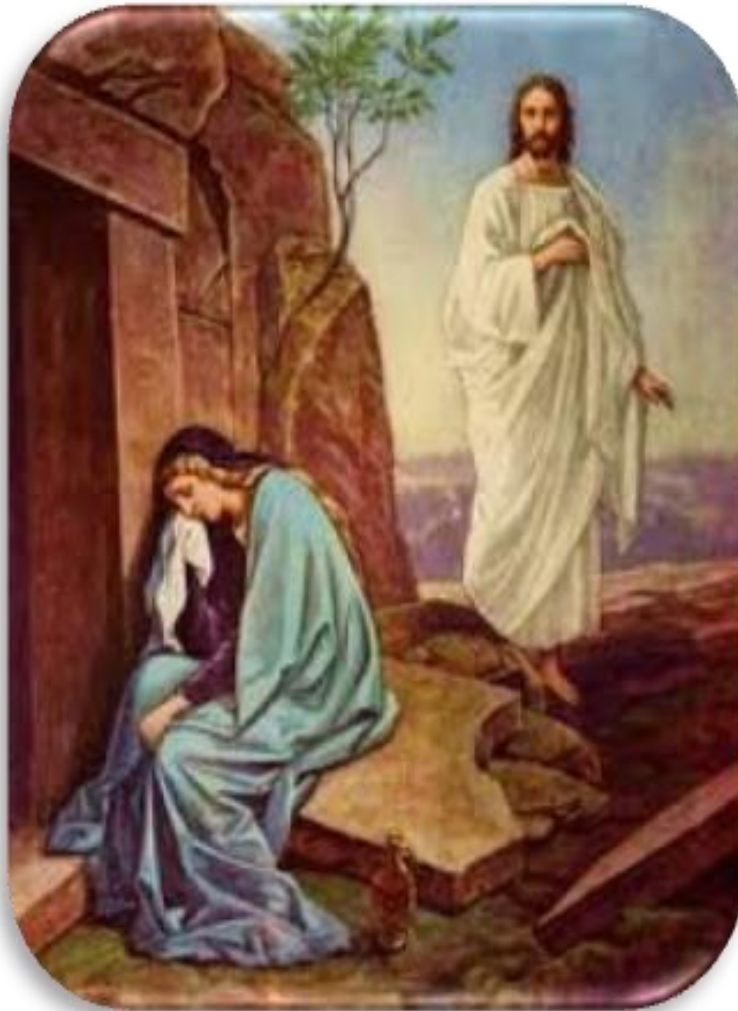
Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



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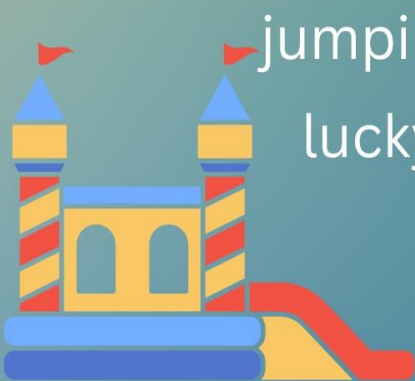
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6TH APRIL
1:00PM - 6:00PM



TICKETS
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BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD & FUN



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Baked Chicken
Grilled/Fried Fish
Chicken/Fish&Chips
Cou Cou & Saltfish
Steamed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Potato Salad**

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Moravian Church Barbados Conference

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Sports & Fellowship Day

Saturday April 11th, 2026

Start time: 10:00 a.m.

Briar Hall Resource Centre, Briar Hall Christ Church

Fun, Food, Fellowship and Friendly Competition



Food and Drinks on Sale!

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Young people, this is YOUR moment. Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with:

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**KIDS
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**SUNDAY
APRIL 26**

**VENUE: KING GEORGE V
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CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER

- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834) ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)
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