



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 9, 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Our God is an awesome God and to him we give all honour and praise. We welcome you to this service of worship today – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. The biblical promise is that whenever we meet in the name of Jesus, God is with us. May he bless our hearts today. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
(Matthew 14:27)

Provincial Theme 2026:

***"Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power –
Moving as One!"***

Now faith is the
assurance of things
hoped for, the
conviction of things
not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 85

Leader: ⁸ I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Congregation: ⁹ *Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.*

Leader: ¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Congregation: ¹¹ *Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

Opening Hymn: 236 – “*Lift Up Your Hearts*”

Liturgy: The Third Order (Pages 13 – 17 – CMP Liturgy Book)

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Offertory Sentence: “...*for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*” (2 Corinthians 9:7b – 8)

Offertory Hymn: 263 – “*I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “*Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*”

Greetings, Celebrations and Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses – “*The Goodness of God*”

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:9 – 18 – *Sis. Yvonne Burrell*

New Testament Reading: Matthew 14:22 – 33 – *Sis. Donna Lewis-Greaves*

Hymn of Preparation: 237 – “*Make Me A Captive, Lord*”

Sermon – *Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Closing Hymn: 138 – “*At the Name of Jesus*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 236 –

‘Lift up your hearts!’ we lift them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet none other may we see:
‘Lift up your hearts!’ E’en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love’s decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
‘Lift up your hearts!’ rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
‘We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!’



THE THIRD ORDER

All standing, one or more of the following may be used:

This is the day the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;
In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we shall see light.

God is our refuge and strength;
A very present help in trouble.

God is light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us pray:

Lord, Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies.

Loving God, we have sinned against heaven and before you, and are no more worthy to be called your children. Enter not into judgement with your servants, O Lord, for in your sight shall no one living be justified. We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Lord, for your tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that we may walk with a perfect heart before you now and evermore.

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon you, says the Lord your Redeemer, and I will not remember your sins.

Glory be to you, O Lord, most High.

All standing.

Lift up your hearts,
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us rejoice before the Lord our God

Let us give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 121:

1 I will lift up my eyes |unto • the | hills:

From | whence |comes • my | help?

2 My help comes | from the | Lord:

Who | made | heaven and | earth.

3 He will not suffer your |foot • to be | moved:

He who | keeps • you | will not | slumber.

4 Behold, he who | keeps | Israel:

Shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.

5 The | Lord • is your | keeper:

The Lord is your shade up- | on your | right| hand.

6 The sun shall not | smite you • by | day:

Nei- | ther the | moon by | night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from | all | evil:

Yes it is even | he • who shall | keep your | soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and your | coming | in:

From this time forth and | even • for | ever- | more.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be: World without | end. A- | - | men.

Let us pray:

Jesus said, learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart:

Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Let us pray for trust in God.

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may ever behold your loving presence about us. Draw our hearts to you by the power of your love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what you have given us to do, help us to leave the issue to your wisdom. Take from us doubt and mistrust. Lift up our thoughts to you in heaven, and make us to know that all things are yours, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for a reverent spirit.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you are worthy to receive all honour and glory and blessing. Help us to hallow your name by honouring all that reveals your nature and mind, whether in the life and laws of the world about us, or in your Word, given

through your prophets and your Church, or through your Spirit in the human mind and conscience.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Hallowed be your name.

Let us pray for the family of God.

Eternal God, source and type of all true parenthood in heaven and earth, who sent your Son to seek and save the lost; we pray, trusting in your mercy, for all souls that they may be gathered home to you as one family, the lost found and the rebellious reconciled in your eternal kingdom.

Our father, hear our prayer,

Your kingdom come.

Let us pray for God's sovereignty in the world.

O wisest God, whose service is perfect freedom, help us, by continual surrender to you, to walk in the way you have prepared for us; so that, in doing your will, we may find our full life; and you may be known and adored throughout the earth.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Your will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.

Let us pray for daily blessings.

O bountiful God, who has blessed this earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth abundantly what is needed for life; take from us the spirit of covetousness and give us the spirit of service, that all may share your bounty according to their needs.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Give us this day our daily bread.

Let us pray for forgiveness.

Gracious God, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, renew us day by day after your own image; let all bitterness and anger be put away from us, with all malice. May we be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as you also in Christ forgive us.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Let us pray for strength from above.

Merciful God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand firm, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us at all times and carry us through all temptations.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Additional prayer may be offered, closing with:

O Lord our God, who has bidden the light to shine out of darkness, and has again wakened us to praise your goodness and to ask for your grace, accept now in your mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Mercifully incline your ear, O Lord, to these our prayers, and fill our hearts with your grace; that loving you with an unfeigned love, we may evermore be defended under your most gracious protection, and be accepted in all our prayers and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Now may the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us strong, firm and steadfast; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. ***Amen.***



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“...for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:7b-8)*

Offertory Hymn: 263 –

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank

Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done.



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 Songs & Choruses

The Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good*

*With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Bridge

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.*

Repeat Chorus



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9 – 18 – Sis. Yvonne Burrell

9. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?
10. And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
11. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:
12. And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.
13. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14. And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
15. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:
16. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.
17. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.
18. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22 – 33 – *Sis. Donna Lewis-Greaves*

31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:
32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.
47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
48. Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
51. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.
52. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.



Hymn of Preparation: 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.



Sermon – *Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 138 –

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
Crown him as your captain
In temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome & Celebrations...

Our God is an awesome God and to him we give all honour and praise. We welcome you to this service of worship today – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad.

In attendance today are members of the Herbert family, children and grandchildren of the late Sis. Grace Herbert, who would have celebrated her 90th Birthday on August 8, 2026. The floral arrangements today are provided in her memory.

The biblical promise is that whenever we meet in the name of Jesus, God is with us. May he bless our hearts today. Welcome.



Today: Anmari Cumberbatch

Advanced: Loretta Parris-Husbands (10th), Clifton Clarke & Steve White (11th), David Chandler (12th), Christon Davis & Etwin Parris (13th), Alyssa Ifill (14th), Sian Cumberbatch, Nairee Maynard & Kevin King (15th)



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: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore

† Moravian Church 260 FEST Theatrical Production – 6:00 p.m. at the Frank Collymore Hall. The Bus leaves at 4:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK

- ✠ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 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 (Letter to the Colossians) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✠ Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - ✠ Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore



Activities in the Month of August 2026:

- ✠ Rev. Parris on vacation – August 4th – 27th
- ✠ Church Choir on vacation.
- ✠ Moravian Church 260 FEST Theatrical Production – Sunday, 9th, 6:00 p.m. at the Frank Collymore Hall. Tickets – \$75.
- ✠ Missionary Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 16th at 4:00 p.m.
- ✠ Missionary Rally at Mount Tabor – Sunday, 16th at 4:00 p.m.
- ✠ Missionary Service at Mount Tabor – Tuesday, 18th, at 7:00 p.m.
- ✠ Sharon Summer Sundays Closing Ceremony – Sunday, 30th



**TICKETS
ARE
AVAILABLE**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- 1.1. Lay Pastor Isilin Lewis who serves as Lay Pastor at the Ebenezer Moravian Church, St. Kitts Conference, proceeds to official retirement on August 14, 2026, Lay Pastor Lewis served the St. Kitts

Conference and Eastern West Indies Province for almost eleven years serving the Bethesda and Ebenezer congregations. The Provincial Board expresses sincere thanks to Lay Pastor Lewis for her service to God and the Eastern West Indies Province.

- 1.2. The Rev. Daniel Mark who currently serves as Pastor of the Bon Accord and Black Rock congregations in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Grenada Mission. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.3. Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel who currently serves as Pastor of the Buccoo congregation in the Tobago Conference, has accepted the additional responsibility to serve as Pastor of the Black Rock congregation in the Tobago Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.4. Rev. Liselle Roberts who currently serves as Pastor of the Moriah congregation and Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference, has accepted the additional responsibility to serve as Pastor of the Bon Accord congregation in the Tobago Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.5. Please pray for Bro. Daniel Mark, Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Sis. Liselle Roberts, and the respective congregations as they embrace these transitions.
 - 1.6. The Provincial Family extends congratulations to Rev. Nasel Ephraim on her election as a Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum, Bishop serving in the Moravian Church in North America, Northern Province. Bishop Elect Ephraim is the first black female to be so elected in the Moravian Church in North America. The election took place at the recently held Synod of the Northern Province.
 - 1.7. Bishop Elect Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher will be consecrated Bishop on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Moravian Church in Miami, Florida.
2. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 30, 2026, the Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.	Bro. Victor Hurdle

5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Waveney Hinds
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Grace Sandiford
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Angelus Hurdle
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

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

3.1. On August 9, 2026 our Moravian Church will present a Theatrical Production “Moravians Got Talent” at the Frank Collymore Hall at 6:00 p.m. This production marks the 260 years of Moravian Ministry here in Barbados and will portray the Moravian Church in Barbados from then until now, in spoken word, creative dance, drama and music; showcasing talent from across our 11 churches. The producers are the renowned Sis. Cecily Spencer-Cross (Executive Producer), Bro. Ishiaka McNeil, Sis. Janelle Hall and Sis. Desma Linton. Tickets are available at \$75 from our Church Office, the Moravian Conference Office here at Sharon, the Calvary Moravian Church Office on Roebuck Street and the Brittons Hill Dispensary. This is production you cannot miss.

3.2. As we approach the culmination of our 260th Anniversary Celebrations, MORAVIAN FEST 260, the Moravian Church Barbados Conference will be holding a Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony on September 19, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Savannah Beach Club Hotel, Hastings Main Road, Christ Church. You are invited to join us for an unforgettable evening as we honour individuals and team who have gone above and beyond in the service of Christ and the church. The Dinner and Awards Ceremony is BD \$200. A payment plan is available for May 15 – Aug 15, 2026.



MORAVIAN HISTORY MOUNT TABOR



Part 2

Rev. John Taylor arrived with his family in May 1826, lodging at Belmont with the Haynes family while the mission house was repaired. He held his first service on May 21st to about 50 adults, baptized the first Black child and adult convert that August, and expanded the mission's landholdings. Mrs. Haynes had already started a day school in 1824, feeding and teaching dozens of children before bringing them to church.

On October 29, 1826, Taylor announced the mission's renaming from Mount Chance to Mount Tabor, drawing on the biblical Mount of the Transfiguration. Evening schools followed for enslaved workers who laboured during the day, and by 1827 demand for the missionaries' services was spreading to other plantations, along with an episcopal visit that approved renovations to the church and house.

DID YOU KNOW?

4. 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.
5. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 5.1. 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.
 - 5.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 5.3. 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.

6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 6.1. 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.
 - 6.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 6.3. 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>).
 - 6.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ BUILDING FUND Envelopes – We have commenced work on our Bell Tower Roof and it is proving to be challenging. We are in need of financial assistance, particularly to cover equipment costs. Envelopes have been prepared and are available at the main entry.
- ✚ 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.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to Sis. Marion Stanford and family, and Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim and family on the passing of their brother, Sis. Stanford's twin brother, Anthony Arthur.*
4. World Peace



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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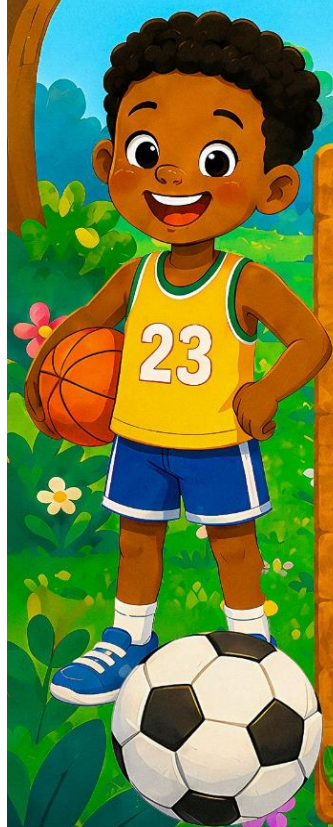
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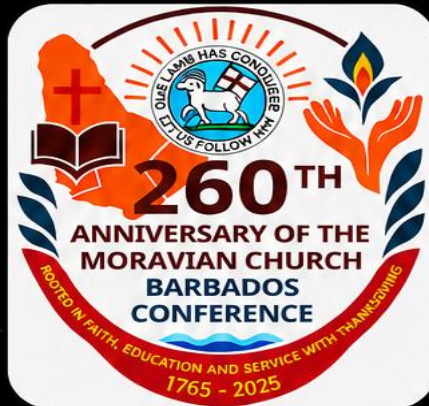
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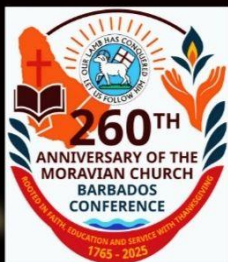
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