



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 13, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: To the assembly of God's people, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; a welcome is extended today. In fellowship, may we come to know more clearly the patient, enduring love of God. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.
(Psalm 103:2)

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

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship (The Third Order, p. 13 – CMP Liturgy Book):

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made,

Congregation: *We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,

Congregation: *The Lord's name is to be praised.*

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;

Congregation: *In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we shall see light.*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength;

Congregation: *A very present help in trouble.*

Hymn 28 – “Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven”

The Third Order continued (p. 13 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Freely you have received, freely give” (Matt. 10:8, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn – “There Is A Name I Love To Hear”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Doxology – “Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15 – 21 – *Sis. Carmel Downes*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21 – 35 – *Sis. Cora Cumberbatch*

Choir Anthem – “I Will Praise Him”

Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 440 – “Ye That Know The Lord Is Gracious”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 28 –

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him,

Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.



The Third Order

All standing

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 the doubt and mistrust. Lift up our thoughts to you in heaven, and make us to know that all things are ours, 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, 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, may we 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: *“Freely you have received, freely give” (Matt. 10:8, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: *“There Is A Name I Love To Hear” –*

There is a name I love to hear;
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

*O how I love Jesus; O how I love Jesus;
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.

It tells me what my Father hath
In store for ev'ry day,
And tho' I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part,
That none can bear below.



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.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50: 15 – 21 – *Sis. Carmel Downes*

15. And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.
16. And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,
17. So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.
18. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.
19. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?
20. But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.
21. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.



New Testament Reading: Matthew 18: 21 – 35 – *Sis. Cora Cumberbatch*

21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.



Choir Anthem – *“I Will Praise Him”*



Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 440 –

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
Ye for whom a corner-stone
Stands, of God elect and precious,
Laid that ye may build thereon,
See that on that sure foundation
Ye a living temple raise,
Towers that may tell forth salvation,
Walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.



Prayer & Benediction



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Today: *Joan Morris*

Advanced: *Catherine Whittaker-Boxill & Jennifer Bowen (14th), Ayesha Ibrahim (15th), Lamario Springer & Diane Tull-Knight (16th), Gloria Bellamy & Janaiyah Payne (18th), Carmel Downes, Cora Cumberbatch, Richardene Cox & Kareem Herbert (19th)*



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.

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

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).

✠ Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. (*Topic – Walking In Our Blessing – A Study of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians*).

✠ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

✠ Saturday: Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony – 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Savannah Beach Club Hotel, Hastings Main Road, Christ Church.

✠ Next Sunday: SENIORS' SUNDAY

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Activities in the Month of September 2026:

- † Minister's Covenant Day – 16th
- † Faith Missionary – 20th at 8:00 a.m.
- † Sharon Senior's Sunday – 20th
- † Adventures in Worship "Giveback" – Sunday, 20th. Snowcones will be provided to the members of the congregation at the end of the service. A number of natural flavours will be available, including: Tamarind, Coconut, Peanut Punch, Ginger, and Bajan Lemonade.
- † Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 22nd at 9:30 a.m. Please register with Sis. Angelus Hurdle, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elders.
- † Sharon Men Cooking – Saturday, 26th at the D. C. Moore Centre, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets available at \$25.
- † Bethlehem Missionary – 27th at 10:00 a.m.
- † Moravian Church Barbados 260th Anniversary Closing Service – Sunday, 27th at Calvary at 4:00 p.m.



**TICKETS
ARE
AVAILABLE**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - 1.1. The annual Widows' Offering will be received on September 20 and 27, 2026. Please give generously as we honour the faithful service of the widows of our late ministers. We also invite you to remember these women in prayer: Sis. Lynda Prout, Sis. Deborah Challenger, Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs, Sis. Myrtle Miller, and Sis. Cleatus Jones. In 2025, approximately EC\$24,000 was received on their behalf.
 - 1.2. The Chairman will be out of office from September 4 to 23 to attend the biennial Unity Board meeting in Calgary, Canada, and then take leave. Please direct any urgent matters to Bro. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair.

- 1.3. The Provincial Board announces the acceptance of Mrs. Shelé Johnson Edwards as a candidate for the Supplementary Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. Sis. Johnson-Edwards is a member of the Buccoo congregation in the Tobago Conference. She will begin her online studies at the United Theological College of the West Indies in the 2026-2027 academic year. Please pray for Sis. Johnson-Edwards and family as she answers the call of God in this season.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:
 - 2.1. 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.
3. From the Moravian Institute:

The Moravian Institute is pleased to announce that registration is officially open for the 2026/2027 academic year! As you seek to fulfill God's call on your life, we are excited to offer 5 distinct academic programs designed to equip and empower you for ministry:

 - 3.1. Lay Pastor's Certificate: This program provides foundational training in pastoral care, church administration, and basic theology for individuals called to assist or lead local congregations. Graduates can use this qualification to serve as assistant pastors, oversee church campuses, or step into congregational leadership roles where ordained clergy are unavailable.

- 3.2. **Lay Preacher's Certificate:** Focused on biblical interpretation and homiletics, this course equips individuals to study, construct, and deliver faithful, compelling sermons. It is designed to prepare ministers to reliably fill the pulpit, lead mid-week services, or preach during outreach events and church missions.
- 3.3. **Certificate in Mission & Evangelism:** This track equips students with effective strategies and theological grounding to share the Gospel and engage in practical community outreach. Leaders can utilize this training to direct local community programs, lead short-term mission trips, or mobilize congregations to fulfill the Great Commission.
- 3.4. **Certificate in Counselling:** Providing a Christ-centred framework alongside basic pastoral counselling skills, this program prepares individuals to offer empathetic, biblical guidance to those facing life challenges. It empowers believers to establish or support church counselling ministries, offer grief and family support, or provide care during crises.
- 3.5. **Certificate in Christian Education:** This course equips students with teaching methodologies and curriculum planning tools tailored for spiritual formation across all age groups. Graduates can apply these skills to oversee Sunday schools, develop adult discipleship classes, or design educational programs for youth and Bible study ministries.
- 3.6. These programs are specifically structured to help you grow spiritually and align with our Provincial Vision: to remain Grounded in Faith while actively fulfilling the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).

Why Choose The Moravian Institute?

- 3.7. **Experienced Leadership:** Learn directly from our team of highly qualified Pastors and seasoned church leaders who bring deep spiritual wisdom and practical ministry experience to the classroom.
- 3.8. **Equipped for the Modern World:** We are ready to help our people grow and be trained in vital skills like technology and business, ensuring our leaders are fully prepared to make a meaningful impact on the world today.

Key Details & Next Steps

- 3.9. **Course Details & Registration:** Visit www.themoravianinstitute.com to view full program structures, available course descriptions, and application forms.
- 3.10. **Financial Options:** Flexible payment plans are available to assist students with tuition costs.

3.11. Enrolment: Registration is open today – secure your spot early to prepare for the upcoming academic year.

Join us today as we learn, grow, and serve together!

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:



Our 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, 1st 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



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 and pray for: The family of Bro. Victor Bedford on his passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, September 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.*
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.

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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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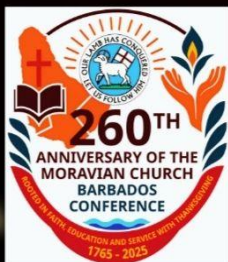
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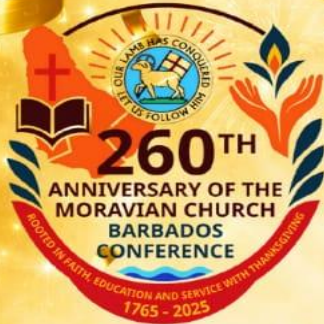
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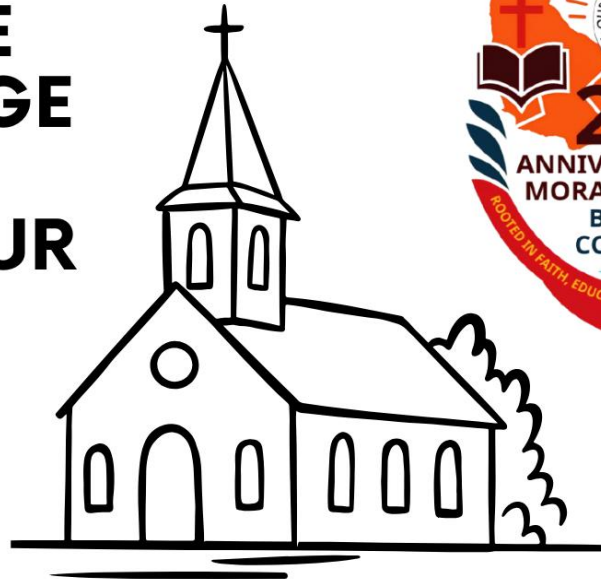


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