



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 20, 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all, as we celebrate God's mercy and grace. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. A special welcome to the seniors among us, particularly those who we honour today. May God bless us richly.

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WATCHWORD: For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.
(*Philippians 1:21*)

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 (Psalm 150:1 – 2):

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Congregation: *Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Litany – Cantic of Praise (p. 234, CMP Liturgy Book or Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings (**Including Offering for Surviving Spouses**):

Offertory Sentence: *Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. Deut. 15:10*

Offertory Hymn: 238 – *“I was sinking Deep In Sin”*

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: Matthew 20:1 – 16 – *Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts*

Second Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11 – *Sis. Sheila Small*

Choir Anthem – *“O Love Of God”*

Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 233 – *“Jesus Master, Whose I Am”*

Presentation of Tokens

Hymn 236 – *“Lift Up Your Hearts!”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

Osler (1798 – 1863)

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

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever.

Praise ye the Lord.

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

Praise, O praise our God and King;

Hymns of adoration sing;

For his mercies still endure,

Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun

Day by day his course to run;

For his mercies still endure,

Ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King;

Glory let creation sing;

Glory to the father, Son

And blest Spirit, Three in One.

H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of this life:

Glory be to the Father.

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

Glory be to the Son.

For the divine presence ever with us:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TUNE: BISHOP THORPE

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts



Worship in Tithes & Offerings (Including Offering for Surviving Spouses)

Offertory Sentence: *Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. Deut. 15:10*

Offertory Hymn: 238 –

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.

*Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.*

All my heart to Him I give
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too,

To Him belongs.

Souls in danger look above
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea
Billows His will obey,
He your Saviour wants to be –
Be saved today.



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:

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 20: 1 – 16 – *Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts*

1. For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.
2. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
3. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
4. And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.
6. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
7. They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.
8. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
9. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
10. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
11. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,
12. Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
13. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
14. Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
16. So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.



Second Scripture Reading: Jonah 3: 10 – 4:11 – Sis. Sheila Small

10. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Jonah 4

1. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.
2. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.
4. Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?
5. So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.
6. And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.
7. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.
8. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.
9. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.
10. Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:
11. And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?



Choir Anthem – “O Love Of God”



Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 233 –

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased thine alone to be,
By thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all thine own,
Let me live to thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway;
Now thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in heaven but thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master, I am thine;
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer:
Jesus, at thy feet I fall,
O be thou my all in all!



Presentation of Tokens



Closing 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!'



Prayer & Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Danyael Cordle, Flo Jean-Marie, Natalie Maynard, Melanie Stevenson

Advanced: Shernelle Knight (21st), Keesha Franklin, Leslie Moaze, Brenda Myles & Adara Nicholls (22nd), Shaquille Bryan, Dwayne Ellis, Sonia King & Aaliyah Payne (23rd), Cherise Clarke & Arianna Layne (24th), Ryan Ellis, Hetta Gill, Gabriel Leacock & Myrna Walkes (25th), Makayla Codrington (26th)



Congratulations to Bro. Naphtali & Sis. Yvonne Burrell who will celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 2026.



Flowers today were donated by Bro. Naphtali & Sis. Yvonne Burrell in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.



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: SENIORS' SUNDAY

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures In Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore.
“Give Back” after worship.

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: Seniors' Picnic – The Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.

† 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 – 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: Sharon Men Cooking – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.

† Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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

† Moravian Church Barbados 260th Anniversary Closing Service – at Calvary at 4:00 p.m.



Activities in the Month of September 2026:

† 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 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:

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. 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.

- 2.6. 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?

- 2.7. **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.
- 2.8. **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

- 2.9. **Course Details & Registration:** Visit www.themoravianinstitute.com to view full program structures, available course descriptions, and application forms.
- 2.10. **Financial Options:** Flexible payment plans are available to assist students with tuition costs.
- 2.11. **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!

3. 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.
4. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 4.1. 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.
 - 4.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 4.3. 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.

5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

5.1. 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.

5.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

5.3. 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>).

5.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



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, Bro. Alvin Maynard.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for: Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall and family on the passing of her brother, Henderson Brathwaite in the USA.*
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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at the



D.C. Moore
CENTRE
SHARON, ST. THOMAS



1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.



*Refreshments
on sale!*

APPEARANCE BY A

**Celebrity
Chef**



Come and see
**THE BISHOP
COOKING!**

✓ **DUNSCOMBE
MEN COOKING!**

✓ **THE MEN
AIN'T MAKING
SPORT!**

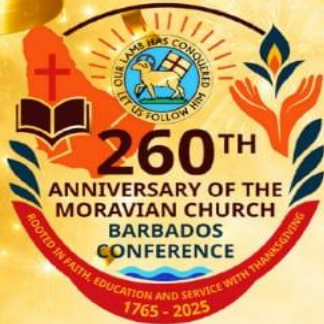
✓ **AND....
the women
running
the bar!!**

Good Food! Great Company! A Great Cause!

COME OUT AND SUPPORT!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

FAITH. EDUCATION. SERVICE. THANKSGIVING.



Join us as we give thanks to God for His faithfulness, guidance and blessings on the Moravian churches in Barbados.

Thanksgiving Service

CELEBRATING A LEGACY
ROOTED IN *Faith, Education*
AND *Service* WITH
Thanksgiving.



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27



4:00 P.M.



CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH
Roebuck Street, Bridgetown



260 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE.

His Legacy. Our Future.

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." – Psalm 145:3

**Grace Hill Moravian Preschool
presents**

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

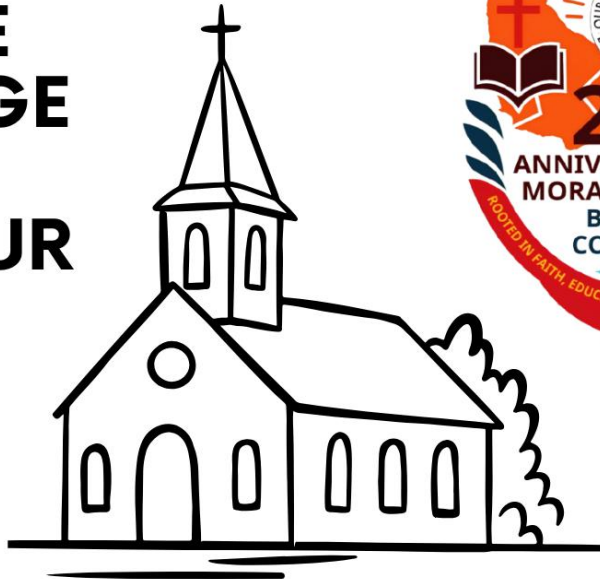


TICKETS: \$50

**Grace Hill Moravian Church Grounds
Spooner's Hill, St. Michael**

October 31st, 2026 | 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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

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| ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
| ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) |
| ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) | ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834) |
| ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
| ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) | |

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