



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136

# Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Acts 2:1



Sunday, May 24, 2026

**Day of Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Today we celebrate the gift of the Spirit which is given to all who believe. Welcome to this time of worship – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to the Principal, staff, students and parents of the Sharon Primary School as they begin activities to celebrate their 40th year. By faith may we experience the power of God’s Spirit today. Welcome.

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**WATCHWORD:** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

*(1 Corinthians 12:4,5)*

**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 66:1 – 2)

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

Congregation: *Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.*

Opening Hymn: 20 – *“Praise We God the Father’s Name”*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24 – 34

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Hymn 474 – *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, . . .” Romans 8:16 –17.*

Offertory Hymn: 453 – *“Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

Greetings & Celebrations

Greetings from the Sharon Primary School, celebrating 40 years.

Notices

Dance – Sharon Primary School

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

The Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1 – 21 – *Sis. Sheila Small*

Choir Anthem – *“I Will Sing With The Spirit”*

A Time to Testify

- † Testimony – Sis. Donna Greaves
- † Hymn 244 – *“Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It”*
- † Testimony – Anyone
- † Hymn 260 – *“O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice”*
- † Testimony – Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

Hymn 262 – *“I know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”*

Exhortation & Prayer – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Closing Hymn: 176 – *“O Let The Power Fall On Me”*

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!  
Acts 2.4

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**Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

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**Opening Hymn: 20 –**

Praise we God the Father's name  
For our world's creation;  
And his saving health proclaim  
Unto every nation;  
Till, his name by all confessed  
Every heart enthroned him,  
And from furthest east and west  
All his children own him.

Praise we God the only Son,  
Who in mercy sought us;  
Born to save a world undone  
Out of death he brought us;  
Here awhile he showed his love,  
Suffered uncomplaining.  
Now he pleads for us above,  
Risen, ascended, reigning!

Grant us, Holy Ghost, we pray,  
More and more to know him,  
More and more and everyday  
In our lives to show him;  
That with hearts by thee made brave,  
Strong and wise and tender,  
We, with all the powers we have,  
Service meet may render.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Help us to adore thee,  
Till, with all the angel host,  
Low we fall before thee;  
Till, throughout our earthly days,  
Guided, loved, forgiven,

We can blend our songs of praise  
With the song of heaven.



### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24 – 34**

24. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
25. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
26. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.
27. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.
28. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
29. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
30. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.
31. The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.
32. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
33. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.



### **Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving**



### **Hymn 474 –**

COME, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some celestial measure,  
Sung by ransomed hosts above;

O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thine help I'm come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above!



### **Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, . . .”* Romans 8:16 –17.

### **Offertory Hymn: 453 –**

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
Taught by thee, we covet most  
Of thy gifts at Pentecost  
Holy, heavenly love.

Faith that mountains could remove,  
Tongues of earth or heaven above,  
Knowledge, all things, empty prove  
Without heavenly Love.

Though I as a martyr bleed,  
Give my goods the poor to feed,  
All is vain if love I need;  
Therefore give me Love.

Love is kind, and suffers long  
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
Love than death itself more strong;  
Therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
Melting in the light of day;  
Love will ever with us stay;  
Therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see,  
Joining hand in hand agree;  
But the greatest of the three,  
And the best, is love.



### **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**



### **Greetings from the Sharon Primary School, celebrating 40 years.**



### **Notices**



### **Dance – Sharon Primary School**



## Adoration in Song & Choruses



### Ministry of the Word:

**Scripture Reading:**      **Acts 2: 1 – 21**      –      ***Sis. Sheila Small***

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13. Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
19. And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
20. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:
21. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.



### Choir Anthem – *“I Will Sing With The Spirit”*



### A Time to Testify

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| † Testimony | – | Sis. Donna Greaves                          |
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| † Testimony | – | Anyone                                      |
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### Hymn 262 –

I know not why God’s wondrous grace  
 To me He hath made known,  
 Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
 Redeemed me for His own.

*But 'I know whom I have believèd,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.'*

I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart;  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing men of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill  
May be reserved for me,  
Of weary ways or golden days,  
Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noontide fair,  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
Or meet Him in the air.



**Exhortation & Prayer – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris***



**Closing Hymn: 176 –**

O let the power fall on me, my Lord  
Let the power fall on me;  
O let the power from heaven fall on me  
Let the power fall on me.

For we want power to live as one, yes Lord,  
We want power to live as one;  
So as we pray and intercede for some,  
May the Spirit make us one.

Send us the promised Comforter, O Christ  
Send us the promised Comforter;

And let our hearts be filled with love O Christ,  
When the Spirit come like Dove.

Give us the power here and now, O Christ,  
Please for the power here and now;  
Send us the power of grace and peace and love,  
Send us the power of peace and love.



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



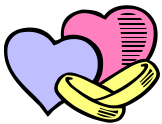
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*Belated: Keenan Bovell (22<sup>nd</sup>)*

*Today: Dwight Waithe*

*Advanced: Amaiya Greenidge, Anson Skeete, Carlo Smith-Tull & Mechelle Lewis-Downer (25<sup>th</sup>), Tricia Babb, Heather Barker & Deighton Davis (27<sup>th</sup>), Shania Goddard (29<sup>th</sup>), Shonda Forde & Macario Maynard (30<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Steven & Sis. Sonia King who will celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 25, 2026; Congratulations to Rev. David & Sis. Cherryann Ince who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on May 26, 2026.*



## 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: **DAY OF PENTECOST**
- † Divine Worship (Testimony Service) at 9:30 a.m. Sharon Primary School in attendance as they commence a Week of Activities to mark their 40<sup>th</sup> year.
  - † 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).
- † 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 Philippians) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: **TRINITY SUNDAY**
  - † Divine Worship (**Green Sunday**) at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### Activities in the Month of May 2026:

- † Pentecost / Whit Sunday & Testimony Service – 24th
- † Annual Choir Retreat – 25th
- † Trinity Sunday / Green Sunday (near World Environment Day) – 31st. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building, we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
  - 1.1. You are invited to a Service of Appreciation to mark the retirement of Rev. Vera Waithe from the active pastoral ministry of the Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province. Rev. Vera Waithe proceeded to official retirement on April 30, 2026 after more than forty-five years

of faithful service to the Province; first as a Minister of Christian Education in the Antigua and Barbados Conferences, and then as Pastor in the Barbados Conference, primarily of the Clifton Hill and Centenary Moravian Churches. The service will be held on June 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sharon Moravian Church, Sharon, St. Thomas, Barbados (rather than at Clifton Hill as previously announced). Please invite relatives and friends and all who might have received her ministry, or shared in ministry with her, to join us as we celebrate with Rev. Vera.

1.2. Sis. Petra Eligon has been appointed Treasurer of the Trinidad Conference of the Moravian Church. This appointment took effective from April 1, 2026. Sis. Trixie King has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Trinidad Conference of the Moravian Church. This appointment took place from April 1, 2026. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Sis. Beverly Job for serving as Treasurer of the Trinidad Conference for more than twenty years.

1.3. We regret to advise that due to unforeseen circumstances, Provincial Youth Camp (PYC) 2026 has had to be postponed. Our sincerest apologies are extended for any inconvenience or disappointment this may have caused.

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 <sup>st</sup> 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. 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.**



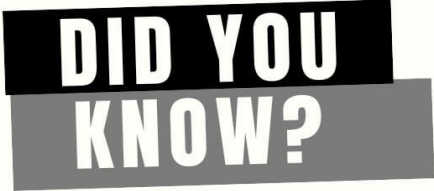
**MORAVIAN HISTORY (CUSTOMS)**



**Moravian Music- Hymns Part 1**

For the Moravians, music has always been considered as a necessity of life. Moravians are famous for strong, full-voiced hymn singing. Many Moravian clergy and lay people in the eighteenth century were trained in music by the same composers who influenced Mozart and Haydn; thus they came to the New World fully conversant with the taste and practice of European classicism. One of the traditions of the Moravian Church is the singing of the Hosanna Anthem. The word Hosanna means, "SAVE", but when it is sung in the context as is recorded in the Bible, we are looking forward to a deliverer who would not only save us, but who would "save us now". This song therefore shows an urgency in the coming of the Messiah to rescue and to save.

Time was when persons from all walks of life would appear in the Moravian Church, to participate in the singing of this wonderful Anthem. Without the singing of this Anthem for some persons, there is no Advent, nor Palm Sunday. The Hosanna Anthem is a traditional Moravian Anthem written by Christian Gregor, a Moravian Bishop in 1765. It is sung Antiphonally or Alternately, and is, "a call and response song". Traditionally, it was sung between boys and girls, or the entire congregation between men and women, where the men would call and the women would respond. For example, the men would call: 'Hosanna, Blessed is He that comes'. The women would respond 'Hosanna, blessed is He that comes'.



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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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.
- † MORAVIAN FEST 260 Cards (My Special Anniversary Gift) – You are invited to set aside and / or invite others to join you raising \$260 to support the work of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference, as we celebrate the 260<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commencement of Moravian work on the island.
- † 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:
  - a. *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes, Sis. Violet Ellis.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for:*
  - † *The Layne family on the passing of Sis. Marjorie Layne. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life is being planned for May 27th at 9:30 a.m. here at Sharon.*
  - † *Bro. Olson Stewart and family on the passing of his wife Patricia Stewart.*
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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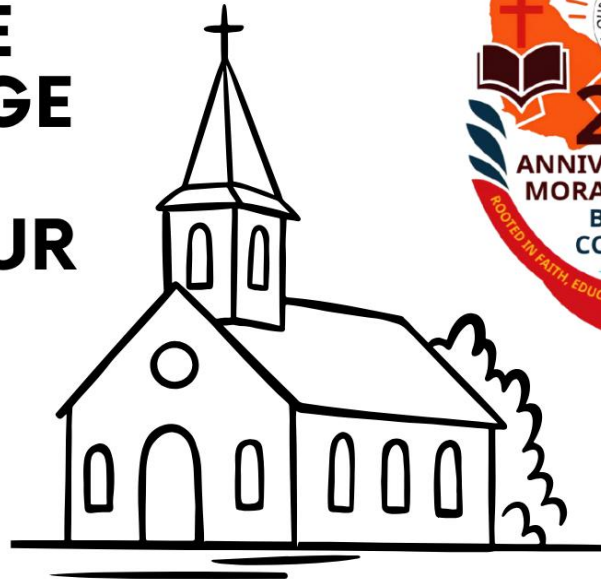
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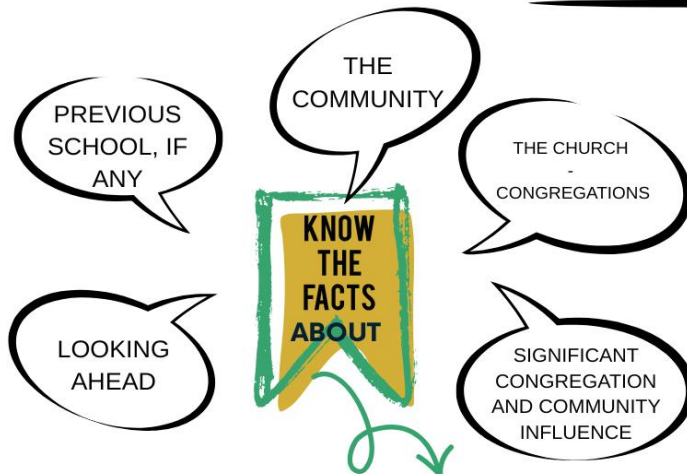
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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



**MONTH OF OCTOBER**



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
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- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

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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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