



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 30, 2026

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome: From the rising of the sun to its going down; The LORD's name is to be praised (Ps. 113:3). We welcome you to worship today, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to Rev. Delroy Burley as he leads us for this exchange of pulpit. Welcome to all.*

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**WATCHWORD:** Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."  
*(Matthew 16:24)*

**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:

**Leader:** Friends in Christ, we gather today at the crossroads of faith and life, where following Jesus calls us beyond what is comfortable.

**People:** *We come with willing hearts, ready to follow Christ.*

**Leader:** There are times when faith will ask us to forgive when we would rather hold on, to serve when we would rather be served, and to stand for what is right when it would be easier to remain silent.

**People:** *Lord, give us courage to choose Your way.*

**Leader:** We come carrying our victories, our disappointments, our questions, and the burdens of the week.

**All:** *We bring them all before God, trusting Him with our lives.*

Opening Hymn: 478 – “Stand Up And Bless The Lord”

Prayer

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over”* Luke 6: 38

Offertory Hymn: “Count Your Blessings”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings – Luka Cumberbatch

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Video Presentation of “Summer Sundays”

Presentation of Back-to-School Packages

Prayer & Blessing of Youth for the New School Year

Adoration in Song

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 105: 1 – 6 – Sekani Harewood

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 21 – 28 – Rhys Hoyte

Hymn of Preparation: “As the Deer Panteth for the Waters”

Sermon – Rev. Delroy Burley

Hymn of Response – “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 290 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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### Opening Hymn: 478 –

Stand up and bless the Lord,  
Ye people of his choice:  
Stand up and bless the Lord your God  
With heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,  
Above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear his holy name,  
And laud and magnify?

O for a living flame  
From his own altar brought,  
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
And wing to heaven our thought!

There with benign regard  
Our hymns he deigns to hear;  
Though unrevealed to mortal sense,  
The spirit feels him near.

God is our strength and song,  
And his salvation ours;  
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord,  
The Lord your God adore;

Stand up and bless his glorious name,  
Henceforth for evermore.



## Prayer



## Worship in Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over” Luke 6: 38*

**Offertory Hymn:** *“Count Your Blessings” –*

When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings; wealth can never buy,  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey’s end.



## Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – Luka Cumberbatch



## 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



## Video Presentation of “Summer Sundays”



## Presentation of Back-to-School Packages



## Prayer & Blessing of Youth for the New School Year



## Adoration in Song –



## Ministry of the Word:

### Old Testament Reading: Psalm 105: 1 – 6 – Sekani Harewood

1. O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.
2. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.
3. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
4. Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.
5. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
6. O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.



## New Testament Reading: Matthew 16: 21 – 28 – Rhys Hoyte

21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
28. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.



## Hymn of Preparation: “As the Deer Panteth for the waters” –

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone doth my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are my King  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than any thing.



**Sermon – *Rev. Delroy Burley***



**Hymn of Response: *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* –**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back; no turning back.

If no one joins me, still I will follow;  
If no one joins me, still I will follow;  
If no one joins me, still I will follow;  
No turning back; no turning back.

The cross before me, the world behind me;  
The cross before me, the world behind me;  
The cross before me, the world behind me;  
No turning back, no turning back.



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Closing Hymn: 290 –**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in Thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in Heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my friend.



## Prayer & Benediction



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*Advanced: Cheryl Cadogan-McClean (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>), Cianna Downes (3<sup>rd</sup>)*



## 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: Exchange of Pulpit

- ✝ Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. Summer Sundays Closing Ceremony
- ✝ Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore
- ✝ The men who are participating in Sharon Men Cooking, and the men who are interested in participating, are asked to remain after service for a brief meeting.

## 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. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Adventures In Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore



## Activities in the Month of September 2026:

- ✝ Provincial Day of Prayer – Tuesday, 1<sup>ST</sup> at 5:00 a.m. Led by the Tobago Conference.
- ✝ Women's Fellowship Day – Saturday, 5<sup>TH</sup>
- ✝ Minister's Covenant Day – 16<sup>TH</sup>
- ✝ Faith Missionary – 20<sup>TH</sup>
- ✝ Sharon Senior's Sunday – 20<sup>TH</sup>
- ✝ Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 22<sup>ND</sup>
- ✝ Sharon Men Cooking – Saturday, 26<sup>TH</sup> at the D. C. Moore Centre, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets available at \$25.
- ✝ Bethlehem Missionary – 27<sup>Th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Moravian Church Barbados 260th Anniversary Closing Service – Sunday, 27<sup>TH</sup>





We pray for and encourage all our youth who will be moving to another stage in their educational journey; especially we congratulate Bro. Rhys Hoyte on his recent success in the Common Entrance Examination.



**TICKETS  
ARE  
AVAILABLE**



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

### 1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- 1.1. Provincial Day of Prayer will take place on September 1, 2026 at 5:00 a.m., led by members from the Tobago Conference. Let us seek the face of the Lord together. The Zoom link for this prayer meeting will be shared in due course. The Zoom link remains the same from previous 2026 prayer meetings.
- 1.2. Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Pastor of the Calvary, Gracehill, and Fulnec pastorate in the Barbados Conference and Vice Chair of the Provincial Board, has been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, effective September 1, 2026. The Provincial Board expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation to Bishop Ezra Parris for the dedication and commitment he demonstrated during his tenure as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference. We continue to pray that the enabling power and sustaining grace of God will be with him as he serves as a Bishop of the Unity.
- 1.3. Rev. Vera Waithe who recently retired, has been asked to assume pastoral oversight of the Fulnec congregation in the Barbados Conference. This assignment is effective September 1, 2026. Please pray for Bro. Smith and Sis. Waithe and their families in this time of transition.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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.
  - 1.6. Pastor Wycliffe Morton who recently graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor in the St. Kitts Conference. Pastor Morton will serve as a Supplementary Minister. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026. Please pray for Bro. Morton and family as he answers this call.
  - 1.7. 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.
  - 1.8. 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.
  - 1.9. 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.
    - 1.9.1. Please pray for Bro. Daniel Mark, Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Sis. Liselle Roberts, and the respective congregations as they embrace these transitions.
  - 1.10. 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.**

**1.11. 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. A payment plan is available for May 15 – Aug 15, 2026.**



## **MORAVIAN HISTORY MOUNT TABOR**

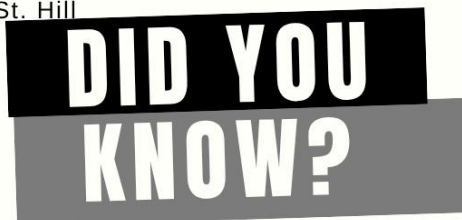


### **Part 5**

Following Zippel, a line of ministers advanced the church's mission and education work: James Young Edgehill, Barbados's first ordained minister, served 1860–1864 championed education for the poor despite personal hardship; Henry Moore the second Barbadian ordained, served 1871–1878 broke racial barriers in the ministry; and Alexander Pilgrim, educated at Mount Tabor itself, returned in 1885 to serve nearly 30 years there, becoming the only local minister buried on the grounds until Alexander Graham laid to rest there.

Joseph Carrington and Cuthbert Pilgrim, Alexander's son, carried the church into the 20th century, with Cuthbert serving from 1912–1964. He then helped with establishing the Bethlehem Church. The Rev. Dufferin Culpepper returned to pastor the congregation in 1980. He served for seven. Rev. Rudolph Holder arriving in 1993 to lead the church through its 170th anniversary and restoration. Today the congregation is led by the Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford who was the first woman to be ordained by the Moravian Church in the Caribbean.

Ministers from Mount Tabor— Cuthbert Pilgrim, Dufferin Culpepper, Vincent Miller, Tyrone Lewis, Alexander Graham, Alban St. Hill and Kevin St. Hill—continued the congregation's legacy through the 21st century.



### **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-centered 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](http://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](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)



**Our Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>DISTRICT</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>ELDERS</b>                   |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>   | <b>Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>Sis. Ismay Straker</b>       |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.</b>                                                     | <b>Bro. Anthony Ifill</b>       |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>Lower Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).</b>                                           | <b>Bro. Edwin Sandiford</b>     |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.</b>                                                               | <b>Bro. Victor Hurdle</b>       |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.</b>                                                                                                 | <b>Sis. Merville Franklyn</b>   |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.</b>                                                                                               | <b>Sis. Waveney Hinds</b>       |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim</b>      |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.</b>                                                                                                  | <b>Sis. Grace Sandiford</b>     |
| <b>9</b>   | <b>Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.</b>                                               | <b>Sis. Angelus Hurdle</b>      |
| <b>10</b>  | <b>Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.</b>                                        | <b>Bro. Steven King</b>         |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.</b>                                                          | <b>Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts</b> |
| <b>12</b>  | <b>Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights &amp; Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.</b> | <b>Sis. Cora Cumberbatch</b>    |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.</b>                                                               | <b>Sis. Hazel Carter</b>        |



## **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. World Peace



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## **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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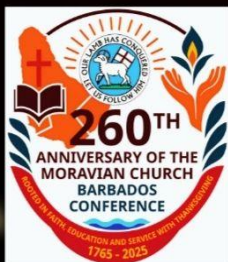
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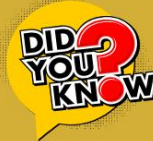
# CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



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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