

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

HEBREWS 11:1

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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One of the two who
heard John speak and
followed Jesus was
Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother. He first found
his own brother Simon
and said to him, "We
have found the Messiah"
(which means Christ).

John 1:40-41

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all as we respond to the invitation to worship and fellowship – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to the Sharon Blossoms of the Sharon Primary School. We pray that the light of God would brighten our lives as we worship. To Jehovah be all honour and glory and praise.

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WATCHWORD: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:9)

Provincial Theme 2026:
“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: 38 – *“Immortal, Invisible”*

Liturgy: The Second Order (Page 7 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Worship in tithes and offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* 1 Peter 4:16

Offertory Hymn: 476 – *“Lord I Would Own Thy Tender Care”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Give Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations and Notices

(a) Special Welcome – Blossoms

(b) Short Address – Blossoms Advisor Ms. Tricia McConney

(c) Other Notices

Adoration in Song

† *“This Little Light of Mine”*

† *“Jesus loves the Little Children”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 3:8 – 25

Choir Anthem – *“Eternal God”*

New Testament Reading: John 1:29 – 41 – Ms. Lorna Jordan

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

The Sermon – *Bro. Victor Hurdle*

Hymn of Reflection: 686 – *“God Make My Life A Shining Light”*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Closing Hymn: 460 – *“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Prelude
Introit – Choir
Call to Worship



Opening Hymn: 38 –

Immortal, invisible
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,
To both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
The true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish;
But naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour
Of light hideth Thee.



THE SECOND ORDER

All standing

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Tune: Pastor Pastorum – # 488

Jesus, stand among us
In your risen power,
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps,
We'll pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of the eternal day.

William Pennefather (1816 – 1873)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Let us therefore ask him who gives generously and does not condemn, to grant us the desire truly to repent, and to increase in us right faith, firm hope and constant trust in God.

Let us pray:

Be merciful unto us O Lord,

And enter not into judgement with us.

Forgive our sins of thought, word and deed; in knowledge or ignorance, in act or intention,

And put them out of remembrance for ever.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

And put a new and right spirit within us.

Guide our steps into the way of peace,

And strengthen our hearts to obey your commands.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, giving thanks to his name. *Amen.*

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

We offer you our humble praise, O Lord, that you have sheltered and upheld us all our days and brought us safely to this present hour. Above all your gifts we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ and for salvation in him. You have created us for yourself that you might confer on us your everlasting kingdom and bring us to your heavenly glory. For all your mercies we give you thanks; for blessings known and unknown; for gifts apparent or concealed. We beseech you, O Lord, to grant that we may run our course in safety, health and joy. Such things as are good command for us. Give what you will, and what you will, deny. Forsake us not who put our trust in you, but deliver us from the evil one and all his works, through the merits of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tune: Contemplation – 25

When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.

Joseph Addison (1672 – 1719)

The intercessions – a selection from the following, with any special prayers for the day

Almighty God, hear us as we pray:

For the leaders of the nation; the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice, Members of the Cabinet, all members of Parliament, Ministers of State, all in the civil service and local government, and community leaders; that they may be guided by your wisdom and be humble in the service of your people.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For national life, that we may be cautious in the issues of freedom, just in the exercise of power, and generous in the protection of weakness. That parents, teachers and all who have care of the young may set a good example. That we may be saved from indifference, self-indulgence and material greed, and that every form of evil may be overcome.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the needs of people in every part of the world (especially in times of conflict and disaster) and for our sense of responsibility to the whole of creation. May we not harm anything you have made, either by neglect or deliberate fault.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

For the Church and her witness; may all Christians be led to a full understanding and practice of their faith. For all Church servants that they may be true to their calling. For our own Church in all her Provinces that her light may shine brightly in a dark world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all in any kind of trouble: the weak, the lonely, the sick and suffering; for all who mourn, that the sad and desolate may find comfort in God.

(Period of silent meditation and prayer.)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to accept the prayers of all who call on you, and in your love to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Glory be to God, our Creator:

Glory be to Jesus, our Redeemer:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, our Guide and Comforter.

All glory be to God most High. Amen.

Tune: Old Hundredth – # 401

From all that dwell below the skies

 Let the Creator's praise arise;

 Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land by every tongue.

 Eternal are your mercies Lord;

 Eternal truth attends your word:

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,

 Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:16*

Offertory Hymn: 476 –

Lord, I would own thy tender care,

 And all thy love to me;

The food I eat, the clothes I wear,

 Are all bestowed by thee.

’Tis thou preservest me from death

 And dangers every hour;

I cannot draw another breath

 Unless thou give me power.

Kind angels guard me every night

 As round my bed they stay;

Nor am I absent from thy sight

 In darkness or by day.

My health and friends and parents dear

 To me by God are given;

I have not any blessing here

 But what is sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care
A child can ne'er repay;
But may it be my daily prayer
To love thee and obey.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

- † Special Welcome – Blossoms
- † Short Address – Blossoms Advisor Ms. Tricia McConney
- † Other Notices



Adoration in Song:

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anybody blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anybody blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anybody blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine my light across the land. I'm going to let it shine.
Shine my light across the land. I'm going to let it shine.

Shine my light across the land. I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine.
Let your little light shine. Let it shine!



“Jesus Loves The Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.



Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament Reading – Daniel 3: 8 – 25

8. Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.
9. They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.
10. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:
11. And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
12. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
13. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.
14. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15. Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
17. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.
18. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
19. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.
20. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
21. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
22. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
23. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
24. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.
25. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.



Choir Anthem – “*Eternal God*”



Second Scripture Reading – John 1: 29 – 41

29. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
30. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
31. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
32. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
33. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
34. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.
35. Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;
36. And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!
37. And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
38. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
39. He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
40. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.
41. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.



Hymn of Preparation: 237 –

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move
Till Thou has wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.

It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.



Sermon – *Bro. Victor Hurdle*



Hymn of Reflection: 686 –

God make my life a shining light,
Within the world to glow;
A little flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go.

God make my life a lovely flower
That giveth joy to all;
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although the place be small.

God make my life a happy song
That comforteth the sad;
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the singer glad.

God make my life a sturdy staff,
Whereon the weak my rest;
That so what health and strength I have
May serve my neighbours best.

God make my life a tuneful hymn
Of tenderness and praise,
Of faith that never waxeth dim,
In all his wondrous ways.



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Closing Hymn: 460 –

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed;
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Advanced: Julia DePeiza (19th), Tracy Barker-Linton, Elan Greenidge, Monica Maynard & Maximillan Arthur (22nd), Jaylon Burke (24th)



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 Centre

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:** PUBLIC HOLIDAY – ERROL BARROW DAY
- † **Friday:** Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Saturday:** Conference at Prayer at 6:00 a.m. Meeting ID: 821 9721 8457 // Passcode: 649658
- † **Next Sunday:** Divine Worship & Church Council at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of January 2026:

- † Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 24th
- † Annual Church Council – Sunday, 25th
- † Harvest at Centenary – Sunday, 25th
- † Superintendents Conference – 28th to 29th, Antigua.
- † Barbados Christian Council Annual Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, 31st, 8:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre. Tickets: \$50.
- † Moravian Disciples Concert – Saturday, 31st, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Tickets: \$25 / \$30.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **From the Superintendent re the Provincial Pension Plan:**
 - 1.1. **The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has launched an appeal to heal the pension plan for Ministers of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.**
 - 1.2. **At the 34th Provincial Synod recently held in Trinidad in July 2025, delegates received an update on the serious condition of the Pension Plan. The PEC informed that “some pastors, having given over forty years of service, now face uncertainty about receiving a pension. Additionally, three of our pastors currently receive less than 50% of the pension due to them. Another six pastors have reached retirement age and are awaiting a response from the insurance company. This predicament leaves them not knowing if they will have any income for retirement. As a Church, we agree that all our ministers should retire with dignity and have the means to live in today’s economy.”**

- 1.3. By way of this appeal, we hope to bring relief to those currently receiving less than their due pension and to reduce the deficit of the Provincial Pension Plan.
- 1.4. For this year, 2025, we are appealing to you make a contribution of \$100 on November 30, 2025. (*Thanks to all who responded to the Provincial Pension appeal; some \$2,600 were received at Sharon*).
- 1.5. The appeal will continue in 2026 and will be maintained over a seven-year period, the proposal being a monthly \$10 donation or \$120 annually.
- 1.6. Thank you for your assistance and your ongoing focused prayer regarding this matter.

2. **From the Provincial Board:**
 - 2.1. The Provincial Board will meet in Antigua from January 26-February 2, 2026. During this meeting, the annual Provincial Board and Superintendents meeting will be held from January 27-29, 2026. Please pray for these meetings and all involved, that the plans and purpose of God will prevail and that the mission of God in this church will be accomplished.
 - 2.2. Sister Anthea Barrow who has been in the call process in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province and is a member of the Bethlehem Congregation in the Barbados Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Moravian congregations in the Antigua Conference. Sis Barrow will serve with Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis. This call takes effect from February 16, 2026. Please pray for Sis. Barrow, the Antigua Conference, and the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill family as they make this transition.
 - 2.3. Rev. Erwin Warner who currently serves as the Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, Pastor of the Bethesda Moravian Church, and Minister of Christian Education for the St. Kitts Conference, has accepted an amended call to serve as Pastor of the Ebenezer Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference along with his current call. This call takes effect from February 1, 2025. Please pray for Bro. Warner and family and the St. Kitts Conference, particularly, the Bethesda and Ebenezer congregations, as they make this transition.
- 2.4. **Hurricane Melissa:**
 - 2.4.1. The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and across several of our Caribbean neighbours are truly heartbreaking. Our support for the Jamaica Province is already

underway. Rev. Neilson Waithe is currently in Jamaica providing counselling and logistical assistance.

2.4.2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is actively exploring additional ways to assist our sisters and brothers during this difficult time. Their needs will be many as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives. While we await a detailed assessment of the specific items required, we can already offer meaningful help through financial gifts.

2.4.3. As you are able and as the Holy Spirit leads, you may contribute through your congregation or Conference. All funds received will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Province to aid in the recovery effort. Monetary gifts of any size are deeply appreciated. Your generosity will serve as a tangible reminder to our Moravian siblings that they are not alone – we stand with them.

2.4.4. Let us continue to lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they navigate this season of loss and rebuilding.

2.5. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God's call on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.

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



MORAVIAN HISTORY (PENUEL)

Part 2



Penuel continues to be a beacon in the community –

- Children from Sweet Bottom, Sherbourne, Cherry Grove, and nearby areas come to Penuel for Sunday School.
- Teachers use songs, crafts, and stories to help children grow in faith.
- Penuel continues to shine as a small but strong light in the community.

The Penuel church is still strongly affiliated with the church at Mt Tabor.

- Ministers serving Mount Tabor also support Penuel.
- Penuel may have begun as a preaching point or outreach of the Mount Tabor district.
- The two congregations share pastoral care, events, and resources.

DID YOU KNOW?

4. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
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 Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
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

5. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

5.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



6. 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.

7. We are thankful for your financial support.

7.1. 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.

- 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
- 7.3. 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.
- 8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 8.1. 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.
 - 8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 8.3. 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>).
 - 8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:
 - a. Sharon: 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
3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through 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.
- † **Moravian Daily Text 2026:**
 - American Paperback Edition – \$32
 - American Large Print Edition – \$35
- † **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.**



Provincial Theme 2026:

“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).



2026 New Year Message From the Provincial Elders Board

January 3, 2026

Brothers and Sisters, warm Christian greetings.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, the members of the Provincial Board extend heartfelt greetings to every leader and member of our Provincial family. With deep gratitude to God, we pause to reflect on 2025, a year marked by blessings, challenges, achievements, and important lessons, all undergirded by God’s unwavering faithfulness.

As a Provincial family, we mourned the passing of two of our clergy – Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris and Sis. Yvanne Jean. We honour their faithful service and commend their lives to the gracious care of God. We continue to hold their families and congregations in prayer.

We also continued the important and necessary work of addressing the clergy pension plan. Our commitment remains firm: those who have served faithfully should retire with dignity and without fear. This is sacred work, and we are resolved to get it right.

Among the highlights of 2025 was the 34th Provincial Synod, a historic gathering hosted for the first time by the Trinidad Conference in the 57-year history of this Province. We commend the leadership, membership, and the Synod Planning Committee for their excellence and hospitality.

At that Synod, Rev. Ezra Parris was elected Bishop of the Unity on July 14, 2025, and was later consecrated on November 16, 2025, at Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados. We continue to pray God's wisdom, strength, and grace upon his ministry.

We extend sincere appreciation to the Synod Executive – Sis. Liselle Roberts, Chair; Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford, Vice Chair; Sis. Bonnie Smith, Secretary; and Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd, Assistant Secretary, who guided the proceedings with grace amid time constraints, technological challenges, and robust discussions.

Our Chaplain, Bro. Cortroy Jarvis, ensured that Synod was anchored in worship and nourished by timely and faithful proclamation of the Word.

We also express deep gratitude to the legal advisors Bro. Colin Derrick of the Antigua Conference and Sis. Amerelle Francis of the Trinidad Conference, whose legal expertise continues to be a vital ministry to the Church. Your service reminds us that ministry extends well beyond Sunday morning. We further thank our other advisors – Bro. Neilson Waithe, Sis. Cherice Job, and Sis. Carol David-Kendall and honour the faithful service of retiring Board members Sis. Deborah Moore-Miggins and Sis. Evannie Jeremiah.

Responding to staff shortages resulted in changes in the Grenada Mission. We thank Bro. Daniel Mark for accepting the addition responsibilities to offer pastoral oversight to the Grenada Mission supported by the Tobago and St. Kitts Conferences and we continue to pray that God's people will answer the call to ministry.

Looking ahead, we sense God calling us to greater faithfulness and wiser stewardship. With rising costs and declining memberships, the financial gap

facing ministry continues to widen. Yet we trust that God has already made provision through people, partnerships, and property. In 2026, efforts will intensify toward developing income-generating projects, and the Provincial Board remains open to ideas and partnerships in this regard.

Over the last triennium, we journeyed under the theme SHIFT – Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, Re-igniting our Passion. That work continues. As we enter the next triennium, we do so under the theme:

- † **Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One.**
- † **To be Grounded in Faith** calls us to intentional discipleship. Each congregation must commit to nurturing faith through small groups, congregational teaching, and Conference-wide initiatives. As Colossians 2:6 – 7 reminds us, we are to be rooted and built up in Christ.
- † **To be Growing in Grace** is an invitation to maturity - to reflect the heart of God to one another and to our communities. Grace makes the Church a place of healing, welcome, and hope. As 2 Peter 3:18 urges us, we are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † **To be Going in Power** calls us to Spirit-led, outward-focused ministry – bold obedience to the Great Commission. We dare not go in our own strength but empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is a call to action, commitment, and holy courage.

All of this originates and culminates in Moving as One. Unity is not optional; it is essential. Across multiple islands and contexts, we must choose collaboration over contention. As Moravians, we affirm: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love.

Each Conference will determine how this theme is lived out locally, even as common benchmarks guide us collectively. Let us therefore commit ourselves anew to faithfulness, action, and unity.

On behalf of the Provincial Board – Bro. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair; Bro. Jeremy Francis, Secretary; Sis. Joan John and Sis. Cindy Hackett, Lay Members; Sis. Lisa Roberts, Treasurer; and Sis. Elisa Hodge, Assistant Treasurer, Happy New Year, we look forward to journeying with you in this new triennium.

Grace and peace to you, and may God bless us as we move as one.

Fraternally,

Reverend Algernon Lewis
Chairman of PEC





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MORAVIAN FEST 260

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Old time days
Voices raised high
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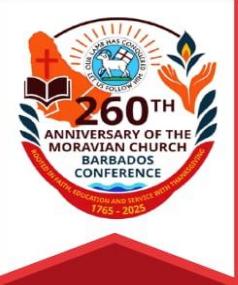
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Grab & Go or enjoy the ambience with friends and family.

Price
\$35.00

Menu

- Rice & Peas or Vegetable Rice
- Chicken or Fish
- Macaroni Pie
- Toss Salad
- Breads, Cakes & Drinks will be on sale

Date & Time



28th February 2026
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

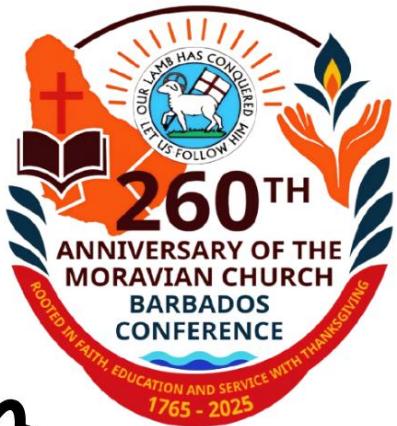
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Sharon Moravian Church Grounds
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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

- NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)
- DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964)
- JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)
- FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)
- MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)
- APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)

- MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)
- JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)
- JULY - CALVARY (1834)
- AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825)
- SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)

MONTH OF OCTOBER

DID YOU KNOW?

- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

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