

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, June 19, 2022
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

9:30 a.m.

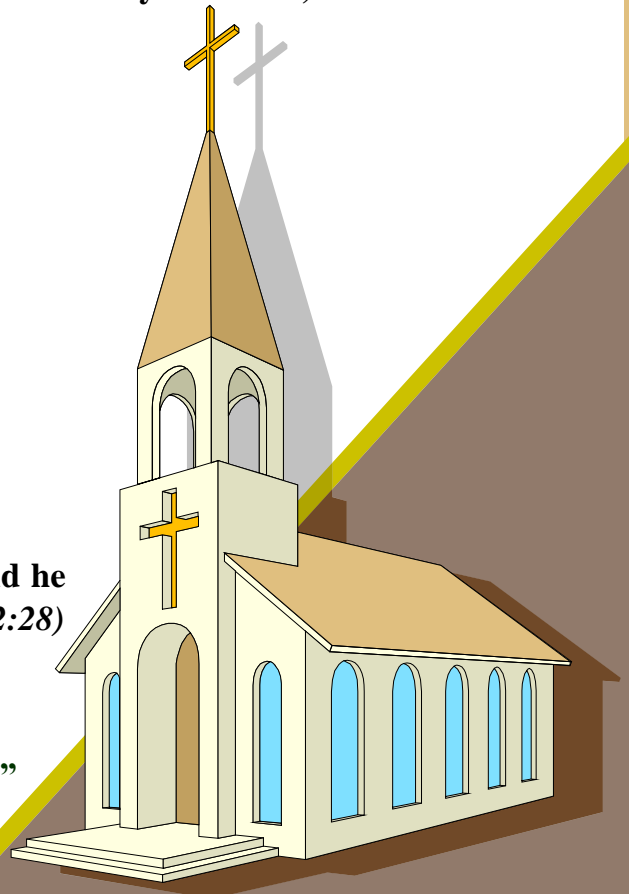
Welcome: Today we celebrate Father's Day — a day when we say thanks to God for our Fathers and for their good influence upon our lives. Wherever you are, we extend welcome to you, especially men and Fathers, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May God bless our men today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.
(Psalm 22:28)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship:

Hymn 351 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father”

Litany for Men and Fathers (p. 214 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Presentation to Fathers

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “The same Lord is the Lord of all, and his generosity is offered to all who appeal to him, for all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

(Romans 10:12-13)

Offertory Hymn: 394 – “Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “Give Thanks”

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 2:1 – 4

Choir Anthem – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 8:26 – 39

Hymn of Preparation: 269 – “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 546 – “A Charge to Keep I Have”

Benediction & Organ Postlude



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Introit

Invitation to Worship



Hymn 351 –

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



MEN AND FATHERS

All standing.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.
***O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works
to the children of men.***

TUNE: ST MAGNUS

O thou whose feet have climbed life's hill,
And trod the path of youth,
Our Saviour and our Brother still,
Now lead us into truth.

The call is thine, be thou the Way,
And give us men to guide;

Let wisdom broaden with the day,
Let human faith abide.

Louis F. Benson (1855 – 1930)

Blessed is the man that fears the Lord; that walks in His way.

For he shall eat the fruits of his hands: happy shall he be, and it shall be well with him.

His wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of his house: and his children like olive plants round about his table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that fears the Lord.

All seated.

Let us pray:

For men who have demonstrated that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

For men who would follow your example of love;

For men who would be your disciples;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For men who have been respectful sons, such that they continue to be respectable parents;

For men who would be true to you, and, as faithful fathers, give good examples to the young;

For men who serve as loving and supportive husbands;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For men who have experienced the living Lord as Saviour;

For men who have sought to live their lives as transformed by Christ;

For men who would answer your call to service;

For men who seek to lead others to discipleship;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

O Christ our ever-living Lord, the Perfect Man who dwelt among us here on earth, we thank you for your example of righteous living and humble service. Grant your grace that all men may live such redeemed lives, and may, in like manner, be committed to service. Help them to take up their responsibilities with boldness and seriousness. Show them how to fulfill their charge — to lead their families and to serve their communities. Help them to love as you have loved, and to discipline as you discipline. Cause them to cooperate with you in their service to this world. Finally, grant unity and harmony in all our families and in the family of God; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our perfect example. ***Amen.***

We praise you for the example of David, who prayed for his sick child.

May all men be imbued with such faith to call on you in our distress.

We praise you for Jairus, who believed that Jesus was able to heal his daughter.

May all men be imbued with such faith and believe that Christ Jesus can do all things.

We praise you for the faith of the Prodigal's father, who could love his wayward son and receive him on his return;

May all men be imbued with such faith that they may love unconditionally.

We praise you for the faith of Abraham, who could trust God's faithfulness to the point where he could obediently offer his son as a sacrifice to God;

May all men be imbued with such faith and take you at your word.

We especially praise you for Joseph, who was willing to serve as father to our Lord, the Christ; and for his commitment to serve as husband to Mary, even in the most challenging of circumstances.

May all men be imbued with such undaunted faith that allows them to accept your will for them.

All standing.

TUNE: CARLISLE

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait:
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great.

William P. Merrill (1867 – 1954)

God is seeking men:
who are larger than their vocations;
who will put character above wealth;
whose word is their bond.

May such men be found amongst us.

God is seeking men:
who will not compromise their values;
who will be honest in all things – great and small;
who will not lose their identity in a crowd.

May such men be found amongst us.

God is seeking men:

who would be faithful stewards in parenting, even as He is;

who will love children as they love themselves;

who will depend upon the Holy Spirit for guidance, even as they guide the young;

who will, by God's standards, be good exemplars to all children.

May such men be found amongst us.

God is seeking men who would follow Christ Jesus wherever He may lead, and fulfil His command to 'feed My lambs'.

Men: O Lord, make me this kind of man.

Women: O Lord, help our men to be this kind of man.

Children: O Lord, may our fathers be men like these.

All: O Lord, may such men be found amongst us, we humbly pray. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Remain standing.

Let us pray:

Lord, we confess that we have not always been the type of persons you desire. We have sometimes failed to live up to our responsibility as men or to support our men in their efforts to please you. As children, we have often inadvertently caused our parents distress. As a community we have often compromised our men. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us your aid to be victorious in all our endeavours, so that all men may reach their fullest potential in you, This we ask of you, the Perfect Father, in the name of Christ, the Victorious Son.

Amen.

TUNE: JUDGES HILL

I'm yours O Lord! Completely yours!
Saturate me with your word.
O let me feel you're always near.
I desire to walk with you,
Don't let me go astray.
Lord I give you all my heart in full surrender.

O use me Lord, to do your will;
I will go Lord where you lead,
To feed the poor and heal the wounds;
To restore a broken world in faith,
I make my pledge.
I will serve with all my heart,
So give me strength and grace

2008. Ulston P. Smith



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Presentation to Fathers



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The same Lord is the Lord of all, and his generosity is offered to all who appeal to him, for all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* (Romans 10:12 – 13)

Offertory Hymn 394 –

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate,
Though they, like them, should die for thee.

Faith of our fathers; God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 2:1 – 4

1. Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,
2. I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;
3. And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
4. That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.



Choir Anthem – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 8: 26 – 39

26. And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.
27. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

28. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.
29. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)
30. And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.
31. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.
32. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.
33. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.
34. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.
35. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
36. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.
37. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.
38. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,
39. Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.



HAPPY 
*Father's
Day*

Hymn of Preparation: 269 –

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
As fell thy manna down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 546 –

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
A rest to gain on high:

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with watchful care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And still on thee rely,
And let me not my trust betray,
But press to realms on high.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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*Today: Sandy Baird, Gavin Ramsay & Rosanne Baptiste (UK)
Advanced: Jerome Gittens & George Best (22nd), John Chandler (24th),
Tahlia Miller (25th), Mavis Sandiford (26th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Edwin & Sis. Grace Sandiford who will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2022.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Jan Lewis to mark the anniversary of the death of her late husband – Bro. Michael Lewis.

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: FATHER'S DAY

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. *We are continuing our study on being Peacemakers.* Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

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

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

† Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of June 2022:

† Convening of the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province – 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. online

† Williams Industries Inc. celebrating 50th Anniversary – Sunday, 26th, 9:30 a.m.

† Sitting of 33rd Synod – 30th, 6:00 p.m. online

In the Month of July 2022:

- † Annual Convention — Sunday, 3rd, 10: a.m., Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street.
- † Sharon Women's Fellowship 80th Anniversary Celebration — Sunday 10th, 9:30 a.m.
- † Opening Service of the 33rd Provincial Synod — Sunday, 17th, 9:00 a.m. Led from Cashew Hill, Antigua.
- † 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church EWI Province — 17th – 22nd.
- † Conference Prayer Meeting — Saturday, 23rd.
- † Laity Sunday — 24th.
- † Green Sunday — 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 Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. From the Chairman of PEC:
 - † Dear Brothers and Sisters, Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.
 - † The 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will convene by virtual platform on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This session is expected to last two hours and provides the opportunity to settle procedural matters before the official business sessions of July 17 – 22.
 - † In the event we are unable to complete the business on June 23, 2022, we will meet on June 30 for a similar time.
 - † Please commit personal time of prayer and fasting for the Synod 33.
3. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
4. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
 - † We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

- † Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
 - † Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - † Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - † Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence*
3. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
4. World Peace
5. God’s covering during the Hurricane Season



In celebration of Heritage Month:

JAMES YOUNG EDGEHILL

James Young Edgehill was born in Barbados in 1821 and in 1853, became the first West Indian to be ordained a Moravian minister. He served as Minister at Sharon and later, the Superintendent of the Conference. He played a leading role in the expansion of the mission’s educational work, focusing mostly on adult men. He was instrumental in organising friendly societies within and outside of the church for the betterment of all people. The former Edgehill Memorial School was named in his memory. A plaque to his memory is on the northern wall of this church. **JAMES YOUNG EDGEHILL** — a son of the soil and a heritage to be proud of.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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.**
- † **Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- † **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.**



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
CC: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #3
Date: May 20, 2022
Ref: PEC 130/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Synod Planning Committee along with the Provincial Board makes the following announcement in relation to the 33rd Provincial Synod to be held virtually from July 17 – 22, 2022:

- 1. The pre-synod events planned for May 26, 2022 and June 16, 2022 have been cancelled. Instead, Synod will convene virtually on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for two hours where preliminary matters will be settled. Another session will be held on June 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to begin receiving reports.**
- 2. The opening service will be streamed live from Cashew Hill on July 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with participation from all Conferences. More details will be shared later. It is expected that members will join this worship service from their respective sanctuaries.**
- 3. Voting at Synod for PEC, Bishop, Unity Synod Delegate, and any other special elections will be done via a dedicated app created for this event.**
- 4. Each delegate to the 33rd Provincial Synod must have a mobile device such as a smartphone, a tablet, or a laptop. Delegates must also have an active email account.**
- 5. Synod registration is US\$50 per delegate.**
- 6. Observers may visit the site where their Conference delegates are meeting. However, the numbers of observers will be in accordance with the local Covid-19 and Conference restrictions.**
- 7. Registration for Synod will begin in the week of May 22, 2022.**

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✦ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✦ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - ✦ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - ✦ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

