



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



Sunday, March 22, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Theological Education Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. In this sacred hour we turn our attention more fully to the goodness of God, and incline our hearts to his ways. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
(Psalm 130:5)

Provincial Theme 2026:

"Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!"

SEASON OF
LENT

Create in me a clean
heart, O God,
and renew a right
spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10

ORDER OF SERVICE

**FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT** 

Prelude

Introit – Choir

The Invitation to Worship: (Psalm 47:1 – 2)

Leader: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

Congregation: *For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

Hymn 161 – *“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Intercession

Worship in Tithes & Offerings (including Theological Education Offering)

Offertory Sentence: *“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”* (Luke 6:38).

Offertory Hymn: 30 – *“You Are Wonderful”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1 – 14

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 8:6 – 11

Choir Anthem – *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”*

Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Preparation: 544 – *“A Little Child the Saviour Came”*

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

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 161 –

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

His grace subdues the power of sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

Look unto him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race;
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

1. Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
2. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
3. If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
4. But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
5. I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
6. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
7. Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
8. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Intercession



Worship in Tithes & Offerings (including Theological Education Offering)

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Offertory Hymn: 30 –

*You are wonderful,
You are marvelous,
You are good O Lord to me!
You are faithful,
You're incomparable,
You are good O Lord to me!*

In the annals of creation,
In the history of the world,
Man has not known nor heard
Of a God as good as You.

You fill the heavens and the earth,
You fling the stars in space.
You made us all in Your image.
And there is no God like You.

Your goodness fills all the earth
And your love surpasses all.
Unmatchable is Your power;
Lord, there is no God like You!



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



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

1. The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,
2. And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.
3. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
5. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:
6. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
7. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.
8. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.
9. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
10. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
11. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
12. Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.
13. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,
14. And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.



Second Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 6 – 11

6. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.



Choir Anthem – *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”*



Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Hymn of Preparation: 544 –

A little child the Saviour came,
 The mighty God was still his name,
 And angels worshipped as he lay
 The seeming infant of a day.

He who, a little child, began
 The life divine to show to man,
 Proclaims from heaven the message free,
 ‘Let little children come to me.’

We bring *them*, Lord, and with the sign
 Of sprinkled water name *them* thine;
 Their souls with saving grace endow;
 Baptize *them* with thy Spirit now.



THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

The Liturgy should be introduced at a suitable point in a service of public worship.

The congregation being seated and the child/children to be baptized and the parents or sponsors and god-parents being in place, the minister says:

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, and blessed them.

As we share in this sacrament of baptism, we affirm our belief that baptism points to the grace of God freely given to all who avail themselves of it. We believe that all who are born into the world are children of God, made in his image. We acknowledge the fatherly and motherly love of God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, and we pray that in due time *this child* may display in *his/her* life the gracious marks of a child of God.

Let us profess together the faith of the Church.

We believe in God the Father, creator of the universe.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, redeemer of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life.

The parents/ or sponsor/s and god-parents stand.

The minister addresses them:

Earnestly believe that our Saviour Christ loves *this child*, that he is ready to receive and embrace *him/her*, to give *him/her* the blessing of eternal life, and to make *him/her* a partaker of his everlasting kingdom.

Our Lord has promised to grant the things which we ask in his name, which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Do you, for your part, make confession of the faith wherein *this child* is to be baptized, in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: We do.

Do you promise, in reliance on divine grace, to teach *him/her* the truths and duties of the Christian faith, and by prayer, precept and example, to bring *him/her* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the fellowship of the Church?

Answer: We do.

May God give you grace and wisdom to provide a caring and loving Christian home for this *new life* committed to your charge.

The minister addresses the congregation:

All standing.

Will you as a congregation accept *this child* as a new member of the Christian Church?
Will you, by your witness, set a good and joyful example of fellowship, service and love?

Answer: We will.

This hymn verse is sung:

TUNE: ST MATTHIAS

**New life, O Lord to you we bring,
Giver of all, our Friend, our King;
Receive him/her in your strong embrace,
Within your Church give him/her a place;
A lifelong friendship here begin,
And grace, a crown of life to win.**

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Almighty and everlasting God, whose son Jesus Christ was carried as a child into the Temple, and who himself took little children into his arms and blessed them, look mercifully upon us now, and bless what in your name we do. May *this child*, now to be baptized into the Church, the body of Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit grow into the likeness of *his/her* Saviour. May *he/she* in time be led to take a full part as a member of the Church. And by your grace may *he/she* remain your faithful witness all *his/her* days.

Each child is presented to the minister who baptizes him/her with water saying:

....., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

After all have been baptized, the congregation says:

We receive this child into the Church, in the trust that hereafter he/she shall not be ashamed to confess his/her faith in Christ.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Son of God, Saviour,

Have mercy upon us.

By your human birth,

By your obedience, diligence, and faithfulness,

By your life, suffering and death,

By your resurrection, and ascension,

By your continuing presence,

By your Church's teaching and worship,

Bless us now and always.

O God, we praise you for the mercies of birth, and for all the joy and blessing that children bring into the home and into the world. We give you thanks today for the safe arrival of *this child* and ask your blessing on *him/her* and all those who have responsibility for *his/her* care. May they, and all who share in the nurture of children, find great happiness and fulfilment in their ministry of love.

Heavenly Father, hear us.

O Christ, the friend of children everywhere, the faithful protector of all who are weak and small: keep, guard and bless your children. Through the work of your Spirit help them to grow in strength and beauty of character, and closer to you.

Jesus, Saviour, hear us.

Holy Spirit, bless us all and renew us this day. Help us to surrender ourselves to you, so that we, and the children committed to our care, may lead lives worthy of you, and of the family of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, hear us. Amen.

The congregation shall pray together:

O Lord, help us to think more deeply on the true significance of this holy sacrament. Forgive us for the times when we have come short of the grace of our own baptism, by wandering from your ways: and bring us back with a perfect repentance. Renew us in this moment.....By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to be loving, teach us to be humble and strengthen us to live godly lives, as those who have been baptized by the same Spirit into one body; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Closing Hymn: 233 –

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

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

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



The Benediction



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Advanced: Sherwin Herbert Jr. (23rd), Oneta Durant (25th), Peter Layne (26th), Maudrie Holder, Antoinette Pilgrim-Moaze & Mario Turton (27th), Daleshia Miller & Donna Moore (28th)



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: **Theological Education Sunday**
 - † Divine Worship & Infant Baptism at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Harvest Festival at Penuel at 3:30 p.m.

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: **Lenten Bible Study** – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Thursday: Meeting of the Executive Board and the Joint Boards of Sharon and Dunscombe at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- † Friday: **Choir Rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: **Palm Sunday (Purple Sunday Conference-Wide)**
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Barbados Conference Palm Sunday Production – *Worthy Is The Lamb*. Featuring the Moramus Singers – 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street. An offering will be received.



Activities in the Month of March 2026:

- † Theological Education Sunday – 22nd.
- † Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday, 22nd, 3:30 p.m.

- ✝ Women's Fellowship Health Fair – Saturday, 28th
- ✝ Barbados Conference Palm Sunday Production – *Worthy Is The Lamb*. Featuring the Moramus Singers – Sunday, 29th, 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street. An offering will be received.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Today, Sunday, March 22, 2026 we observe Theological Education Sunday. This special day highlights the critical need for well-trained pastors and leaders to sustain the life and ministry of the Moravian Church. Let us pray that more members will answer the call of God on their lives and step forward to serve the ministry - full-time, part-time, or at the congregational level.
 - 1.1. In 2025 you generously gave EC\$21, 360 towards theological education. It costs about EC\$40,000 per student per year. We currently have two students in their final year at the United Theological College in Jamaica in the person of Sis. Melissa Bart and Bro. Wycliffe Morton. We hope to have other students for the next academic year. Let us continue that spirit of generosity and invest in this critical area of ministry in 2026. You may give throughout the year.
 - 1.2. God has not stopped calling even though the responses have slowed. The harvest is plenteous and labourers are needed now more than ever. As you listen to the video production for Theological Education Sunday for 2026, may the Holy Spirit stir your heart to respond to God.
2. We are also mindful today of people with Down Syndrome as yesterday was World Down Syndrome Day; celebrated annually on March 21, to signify the triplication of the 21st chromosome, as a day to promote inclusion, acceptance, and advocacy for people with Down syndrome.
3. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 6th and we look forward to the support of the congregation that the venture could be a success. **Tickets are available, and we will ask each member and friend to sell at least two tickets. Donation Forms are available.**
4. Our Joint Board and Delegates to Island conference are as follows:

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Stewards</u>
Sis. Hazel Carter	Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Cora Cumberbatch	Sis. Joy Best
Sis. Merville Franklyn	Bro. Patrick Cadogan
Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts	Sis. Jennifer Clarke

**Sis. Waveney Hinds
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Bro. Victor Hurdle
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
Bro. Anthony Ifill
Bro. Steven King
Bro. Edwin Sandiford
Sis. Grace Sandiford
Sis. Ismay Straker**

**Sis. Sian Cumberbatch
Bro. Darwin Dottin
Sis Charlene Ellis
Sis. Evelyn Greenidge
Sis. Sonia King
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Brenda Mascoll
Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard**

Delegates To Island Conference

**Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Margaret Best
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall (Alternate)**

- 4.1. At its meeting held on February 26, 2026, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Angelus Hurdle as Vice-Chairman, Bro. Victor Hurdle as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary.**
- 4.2. At its meeting held on March 10, 2026, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis. Evelina King-Harper; Vice-Chairman – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis. Sian Cumberbatch; Treasurer – Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis. Joy Best; Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Jennifer Clarke.**
- 5. The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Barbados Conference of the Moravian Church will participate in this Prayer Watch from 12:00 p.m. April 9 to 11:59 p.m. April 11, 2026. Sharon & Dunscombe will be responsible for Saturday April 11, 12.01 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight. Conferences and congregations are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in this unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727, when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, the world and ourselves.**
- 6. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:**



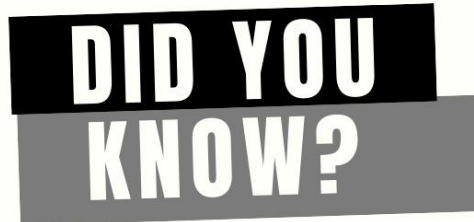
MORAVIAN HISTORY GRACE HILL



Grace Hill Moravian Church Part 3

In 1992, 100 years after the setup of the Grace Hill School by the Moravians, the Government of Barbados built a new school, The Lawrence T Gay Memorial Primary School in the same district just a few yards away from the church. This new school served not only to ease the overcrowding at the Gracehill School, but also to provide more facilities and space for the primary school.

In 2000, the Moravian church established a Nursery school (Grace Hill Pre=School) using the buildings that were used for the previous primary school. That school accommodates about 60 children ranging from age 18 months to 5 years, at which point they then transfer to the L.T. Gay Primary School or other primary schools as desired by the parents.



7. 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.

7.1. 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.



8. 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.
9. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 9.1. 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.
 - 9.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 9.3. 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.
10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 10.1. 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.

- 10.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 10.3. 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>).
- 10.4. 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, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes.*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences and pray for:*

✠ *Sis. Tracy Barker and family on the passing of her husband Louis Linton. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at the Abundant Life Assembly, commencing at 10:00 a.m.*



4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✠ **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.



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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**SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2026
5:00 P.M**

**Calvary Moravian Church
Roebuck Street
St. Michael**

**Featuring
Moramus Singers of
Barbados**

**Ericka Griffith (Flautist)
Groups from Calvary
Moravian Church**

An Offering will be taken



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PURPLE SUNDAY

DONATION - SUNDAY

Purple Sunday, your generosity helps build a stronger Moravian community – one brick, one meal, and one child at a time.



Supporting Our Future – The Moravian Pre-School

Your donations will:

- Provide essential learning materials
- Provide suitable and safe furniture
- Support early childhood programs

Finishing the Conference Kitchen – A Table for All

Your support will:

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- Equip the kitchen for meal preparation and gatherings
- Help us feed both congregation and community with love

MARCH 29TH 2026

AUGUST 30TH 2026

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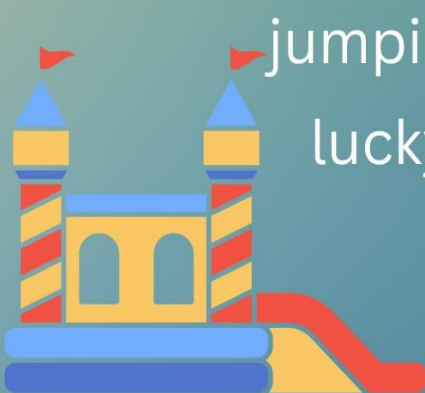
FISH FRY & FUN DAY

6TH APRIL
1:00PM - 6:00PM



TICKETS
\$35.00

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD & FUN



jumping tent | face-painting
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RUN TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER

**FELLOWSHIP & FUN
DAY**

Saturday, April 11, 2026

VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

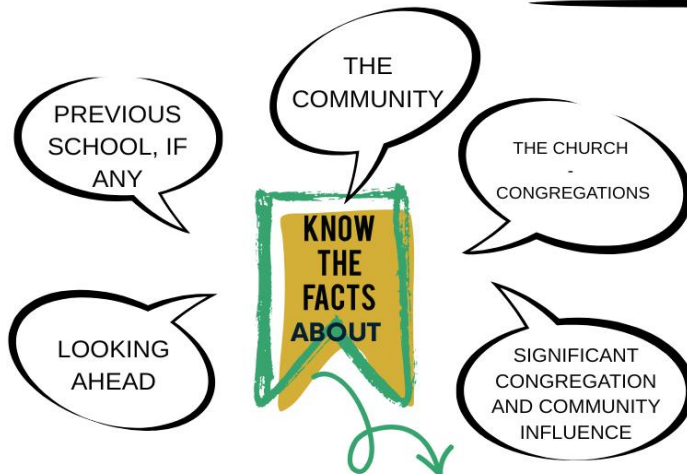
Assemble Time 10 a.m / Races start at 11:00a.m

save the date

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) • DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) • JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) • FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) • MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) • APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) • JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) • JULY - CALVARY (1834) • AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) • SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)
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