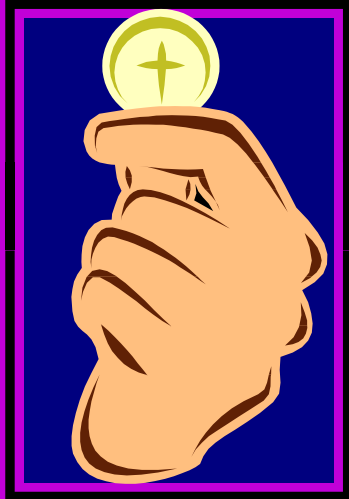


# Communion



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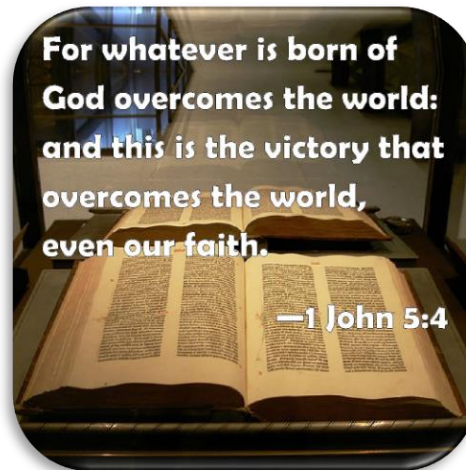
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**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Welcome to all as we join in worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. Today we observe **MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY**, a day set apart for the celebration and promotion of music and hymnody in worship. Let us sound forth the joy that God by his salvation has placed in our hearts. Welcome.

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**WATCHWORD:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. *(Psalm 98:4)*

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

**“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Litany for Moravian Music Sunday            Projected

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* (Matt. 5:16)

Offertory Hymn: 297 – *“Thankful For The Life You Gave Us”* (Hamblin)

**Tune: Abbot’s Leigh**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading:        1 John 5:1 – 6

Second Scripture Reading:    John 15:9 – 17

Choir Anthem – *“Eternal God”*

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 193 – *“Go Forth Find Christ”* (Hamblin) Tune: **Catherine**

**(Faith of Our Fathers)**

Musical Interlude / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

## HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns:    559 – *“O Come, Thou Blessed Lord”*    **(John La Trobe)**

560 – *“Come Take By Faith*

580 – *“My Heart Is Resting, O My God”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns:    225 – *“I Love The Lord, He Lent An Ear”*    **(Montgomery)**

165 – *“The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 162 – *“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 447 – *“What Brought Us Together”*    **(Schlicht)**

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



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Organ Prelude  
Introit – Choir



## LITURGY FOR MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

#494

Irregular.

In the morning Lord, we praise your holy name,  
In the night time we worship at your throne.  
Holy Jesus we want to see your face,  
We worship you.

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

*He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

*He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

*Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

#30

Irregular.

*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!*

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially, we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

***For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.***

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Saviour, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

***We thank you for our musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.***

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

***As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.***

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

***In whose holy name we pray. Amen.***

#494

You have set me free, the victory you gave,  
Now I'm pardoned from all my sinful ways;  
I'll rejoice now and shout for I am saved,  
I love you Lord.



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)*

**Offertory Hymn: 297 –**

Thankful for the life you gave us,  
And our goodly heritage:  
Grateful for the love that brought us  
Through this wondrous pilgrimage –  
Lord, we come before you singing;  
Lifting high your name in praise:  
You have led us on this journey,  
In the light of Jesus’ grace.

We have heard your great commission;  
We have sought this to fulfill:  
Those before have bravely listened,  
And responded with deft and skill.  
Now we stand before you duly;  
Ready to receive in faith:  
Help us to perform this duty  
In the light of Jesus’ grace.

Thankful for your blessings to us  
Through these years of serving you;  
Mindful of the task you give us  
To proclaim your message true:  
We commit to follow bravely,  
And to boldly stand and face  
With the Spirit’s aid most gladly  
In the light of Jesus’ grace.



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



## Offertory Doxology:

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



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading: 1 John 5: 1 – 6

1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
4. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
5. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
6. This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.



## Scripture Reading: John 15:9 – 17

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
17. These things I command you, that ye love one another.



### Choir Anthem – “Eternal God”



### Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



### Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn 193 –

Go forth, find Christ, be freed from sin:  
Too long from God our hearts have roamed;  
He bled and died our souls to win,  
He offers now a heavenly home;  
He bids us seek him, he is near;  
Make him your Saviour, friend most dear.

Go forth, live Christ, the Saviour true,  
Our Christian virtue all must see;  
He gives example clear and pure;  
Now his exemplars we must be  
He bids us shine through all the earth  
To draw the world to this new birth.

Go forth, share Christ, good news for all  
His Word proclaims, our lives restate;  
Commissioned thus, both great and small  
Disciples we must now create.  
As we received our heritage,  
In love, we share from age to age.



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.* *Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.* *Amen.*



*A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:*

Lift up your hearts:

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

*The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.*



559

O Come, thou blessèd Lord,  
Meet thou thy waiting flock,  
Spread thy best blessings on thy board,  
Give water from the rock.

We look alone to thee  
To bring thy heavenly store,  
Food that through time our strength shall be,  
And life for evermore.

'Tis vain the prayer to pour,  
To lift on high the song,  
Unless thou sanctify the hour,  
And come thy flock among.

'Tis vain around to press,  
Howe'er the board be spread,  
Unless thou come thyself to bless,  
Who art the Church's Head.

'Tis vain the bread to eat,  
To drink the sacred wine,  
Unless thou come thy guests to meet,  
And pledge the power divine.

Come then, thou blessèd Lord,  
Now meet thy waiting flock,  
Distribute blessings from thy board,  
Give water from the rock.



560

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,  
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,  
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransomer from death, and light from shade,  
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,  
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



580

My heart is resting, O my God,  
I will give thanks and sing;  
My heart is at the secret source  
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made  
No hand but Thine shall fill;  
For the waters of the Earth have failed,  
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,  
And here all day they rise;  
I seek the treasure of Thy love,  
And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy  
That yet I must not see;  
The hand that bled to make it mine  
Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth  
To long loved music set:  
Glory to Thee for all the grace  
I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.  
Who hast made all things mine;  
O draw my captive will to thee,  
And make it one with thine.



*All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.*

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*All stand*

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new

*covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.  
This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

***The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.***



225

I love the Lord; he lent an ear,  
When I for help implored;  
He rescued me from all my fear,  
Therefore I love the Lord.

Return, my soul, unto thy rest,  
From God no longer roam;  
His hand hath bountifully blest,  
His goodness calls thee home.

What shall I render unto thee,  
My Saviour in distress,  
For all thy benefits to me,  
So great and numberless?

This will I do, for thy love's sake,  
And thus thy power proclaim,  
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,  
And call upon thy name.

Thou God of covenanted grace,  
Hear and record my vow,  
While in thy courts I seek thy face,  
And at thine altar bow.

Henceforth myself to thee I give,  
With single, heart and eye,  
To walk before thee while I live,  
And bless thee when I die.



165

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never,  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*



### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 162**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.*



### **Covenant Hymn – 447**

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?  
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;  
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,  
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,  
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,  
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,  
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,  
He is our chief object by day and by night;  
This knits us together, no longer we roam,  
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



### ***The Blessing:***

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;



The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

*In the name of Jesus. AMEN.*

*All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.*



## Organ Postlude



## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

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*Advanced Tremaine Hinds (8<sup>th</sup>), Tiffany Chase & Wendy Davis (10<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Luther & Sis. Candace Barker who are celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 9, 2024.*



*Flowers today were donated in memory of the late Sis. Lydia Roberts.*



## 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:** Observing Moravian Music Sunday. We celebrate today, God's gift of music and the writing of hymns. This year, the featured author is Rev. Roslyn Hamblin.
  - † Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- † **This Week:**
- † **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 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † **Wednesday:** Bible Study (The Minor Prophets) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † **Friday:** Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Saturday:** Moravian Children's Convention / Heritage Tour – 9:45 a.m. Sharon.
- † **Next Sunday:** MOTHER'S DAY – Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### Activities in the Month of May 2024:

- † **Moravian Children's Convention** – Saturday, 11th. A Bus tour of our Moravian Churches in Barbados. We begin promptly at 9.45 a.m. with short devotion at Sharon for a 10.00 a.m. departure. We hope to finish at approximately 3.00 p.m.
- † **Mother's Day** – Sunday, 12th
- † **"The George Ramsay Memorial" Lecture** – Thursday, 16th, at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Pentecost** – Sunday, 19th



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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.

2. **From the Christian Educator: Children Convention this year will be a Bus tour of our Moravian Churches in Barbados. We begin promptly at 9.45 a.m. with short devotions, the sharing on Sharon for a 10.00 a.m. departure. We hope to finish at approximately 3.00 p.m. Please note:**
  - † This activity is to orient our children (12 years & under) of our Moravian churches, a short presentation of these churches and their location in Barbados.
  - † Besides the children from your congregation, please ensure that there is one teacher accompanying them. The cost for this person is also \$20.00
  - † Each person is to bring along a packed lunch with adequate water. There will be a lunch stop.
  - † To facilitate adequate transport arrangements, please fill out the following Registration form very soon and return before or by Friday, May 3, 2024. Please be considerate on this matter as the necessary arrangements need to be put in place. Any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call, 546-0344.
3. **We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:**
  - † “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Pedro Welch.
  - † “Come Back Sunday” – June 30th. For all who ever visited or attended Sharon; all who were baptized, married, attended Sunday School, VBS, Primary School or were associated with Sharon in any way. We would be happy to welcome you.
  - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12th. Dinner – \$200.
  - † We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars 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.



4. The Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024 was designated as Moravian Music Sunday in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. However, Sharon and Dunscombe will observe Music Sunday on May 5, 2024 as Annual Youth Convention was held on April 28th. Rev. Roslyn Hamblin is the Featured Author for Moravian Music Sunday 2024. Her Bio:
- a. Ordained in 1985, I immediately started preparing Litanies for special occasions for which there were no Litanies. These were such occasions as the beginning of the year, Harvest Thanksgiving and Anniversaries, to name a few. I had previously been engaging my creative juices in writing plays and short bits of poetry. It was not until 1991, however, that my first hymn was written in Barbados on the occasion of the congregation's anniversary. This trend of writing hymns for special occasions continued across the Province as I served in Tobago, St. Croix, Antigua and Barbados, with a stint as Chairman of PEC. This was fueled by my training that the good teacher is resourceful. My policy has therefore been: "If it is needed, but cannot be found, create it."
  - b. To date there are 12 hymns, including one original tune. Four (4) of these hymns have made it into our current hymnal, Caribbean Moravian Praise. Some of the Litanies also feature in the hymnal. The writing continues, as this is something I enjoy doing, whether it be plays, Litanies or Hymns. I also continue to encourage and facilitate writing by others as an aspect of worship and service to God. I thank God for this talent with which he has entrusted me and that my writings have been a blessing to others.
5. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W — West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
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

6. We are thankful for your financial support.

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✠ You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

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number], Name: *Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- † 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.
- † We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- † Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- † You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## The Past 225 Years

11. Today, let us remember 2 past members of Sharon who were well known for their poetry and hymn writing skills – the late lay preacher, Bro William S Arthur, and the late Sis Ashley Clarke. Two of Sis Clarke’s hymns are in the current Hymn Book – #520 and 658.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
  - † Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. World Peace



**AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):**

- † **Offering Envelopes for 2024** – 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 for 2024** – 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.**



**Provincial Theme 2024:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

***“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC***







**Sharon Moravian Church  
presents the  
GEORGE RAMSAY  
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**“The role of the Moravian Church on  
the Barbadian landscape, with a  
special emphasis on Sharon”**

**Thursday May 16, 2024  
at 7:00 p. m. at the  
Sharon Moravian  
Church, St. Thomas.**



**Presenter –  
Professor Pedro Welch**