



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

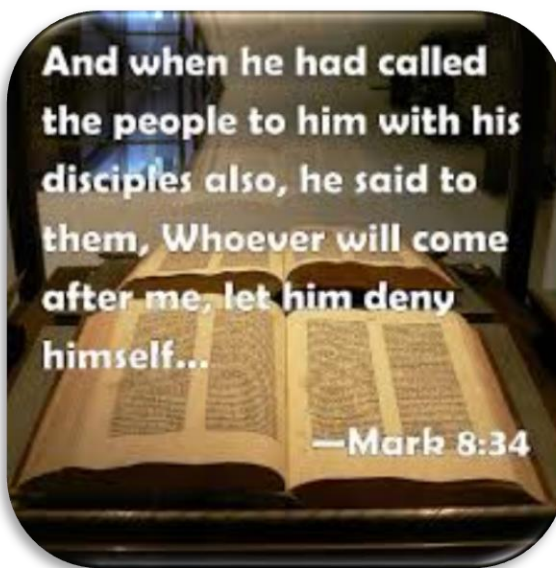
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*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV



And when he had called
the people to him with his
disciples also, he said to
them, Whoever will come
after me, let him deny
himself...

—Mark 8:34

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: To all gathered for this celebration of his righteousness and mercy, a warm welcome is extended to you – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to all engaged in teaching and learning, on this Back-to-School Sunday. In the fellowship of believers, may we come to know more clearly the patient, enduring love of God.

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WATCHWORD: Jesus asked, “But who do you say that I am?”

(Mark 8:29)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 86:11, 12*

Leader: Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Congregation: *I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.*

Opening Hymn: 671 – “We Come This Day To Give You Thanks”

Liturgy for Education (p.178, CMP Liturgy Book)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. – Psalm 143:10*

Offertory Hymn: 276 – “Teach Me, My God And King”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Prayer for, and presentation to our students

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 9

Choir Anthem – “Total Praise”

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27 – 38

Hymn of Preparation: 300 – “Lord You Called Us As Your Children”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 292 – “I The Lord of Sea And Sky”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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Opening Hymn: 671 –

We come this day to give you thanks:
We bring our loudest praise,
Our talents, skills; our hearts and hands
In gratitude we raise.

We come and bow before your throne
To pledge ourselves anew.
The ones we teach at school or home
We consecrate to You.

We now rededicate ourselves
To do what we can do.
Spirit of Truth we need your grace
For we get weary too.

Help us to teach only what's right
And keep our conscience clear.
Give us the strength to daily fight
Against the devil's snare.



EDUCATION

All standing.

Omniscient Creator, with whom is wisdom and might, counsel and understanding, you are perfect in knowledge, and from you come every good gift and every perfect gift. We praise you for the wisdom, power and love displayed in the heavens above,

in the earth beneath, and in all humanity, whom you made to have dominion over the works of your hands.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, the Teacher come from God, Incarnate Word, Eternal Truth, we praise you that you have come to be a light unto them that sit in darkness, and that you have called us to the life of the children of light.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Divine Holy Spirit, our Helper and our Strength, we praise you for revealing unto humanity the deep things of God, dividing your gifts to each one even as you will, witnessing with our spirit that we are children of God, and leading us in the path of the wisdom from above.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Tune: OMBERSLEY – #486

Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star,
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!

Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for thee,
Till all thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame!

Oliver W. Holmes (1809 – 1894)

All seated.

Let us pray.

O Gracious God, who would have all people come to a knowledge of yourself as revealed in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

We remember before you, on this day, every educational enterprise established for the instruction and care of children and youth, in this and other lands: public and private schools, colleges, universities, and theological seminaries. Enlighten and

inspire by your Holy Spirit all who serve in them, to receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity.

O God, hear us, and help us.

Command your blessing upon the schools and colleges of our Church. May all who teach therein themselves be taught of you. Give our trustees and administrators the wisdom and courage which so great a work demands.

Should your servants, in weakness of flesh and spirit, be tempted to doubt and discouragement, do comfort and strengthen them.

O God, hear us, and help us.

We entrust to you the whole educational work of the Church in our congregations at home and abroad. Assist parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord by prayer, instruction and example. Touch by thy Spirit the minds and lives of pastors and teachers so that they may lead our children unto that knowledge which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

O God, hear us, and help us.

We entrust to you the children and youth of our homes and schools. Arouse them to diligence in the morning of life. Fill them with the spirit of honour and reverence. Preserve them in honesty and integrity. Keep them in purity and health.

Guide them:

In the search of the Scriptures,
In the study of your wondrous works,
In the pursuit of truth,
In all their thoughts, words and deeds.

And may the example of their Saviour:

In his innocent childhood and youth,
In his willing obedience,
In his unselfish service to humanity,
In his perfect pattern in life and death,

Be their constant inspiration.

O God, hear us, and help us.

All standing.

Tune: ST. LEONARD – #446

Father Supreme by whom we live,
Thou who art God alone,

Our songs of grateful praise receive,
And make our hearts thy throne.

May every science, every truth,
Our eager minds explore;
Lead us alike in age and youth
Thy wisdom to adore.

May those who teach, and those who learn,
Walk in the narrow road;
In every sphere of thought discern
An ever-present God.

Edward H. Dewart (1828 – 1903)



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. – Psalm 143:10*

Offertory Hymn: 276 –

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, 'For thy sake,'
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.



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



Prayer for, and presentation to our students



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9

4. The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.
5. The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.
6. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.
8. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.
9. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.



Choir Anthem – “Total Praise”



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27 – 38

27. And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?
28. And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.
29. And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
30. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.
31. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
32. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.
33. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.
34. And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
35. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
37. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
38. Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.



Hymn of Preparation: 300

Lord you called us as your children;
Touched us with your hand of love,
Poured your blessing freely on us,
Challenged us to faithful prove.

*Blessed to bless, Lord send us forward,
Vessels touched by love from above.
Strengthened by your daily presence;
We are blessed to bless in love.*

Having started on the pathway
Of new life in Christ our Lord,
You renewed our call to service –
To be fruitful in your Word.

As disciples true and loyal,
Daily penitent to you,
Help us see that you would have us
Loving and forgiving too.

So, dear Lord, we stand undaunted,
Fully rooted in the vine;
Faithful, fruitful and forgiving –
Blessed to bless – our call divine.



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 292 –

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: Ayesha Ibrahim

Advanced: Lamario Springer & Diane Tull-Knight (16th), Ursaline Davis & Louis Linton (17th), Gloria Bellamy, Janaiyah Payne & Tyrone Waithe (18th), Carmel Downes, Cora Cumberbatch, Richardene Cox & Kareem Herbert (19th), Danyeel Cordle, Flo Jean-Marie, Natalie Maynard, Melanie Stevenson (20th), Shernelle Knight (21st)



Congratulations to Bro. Louis Linton & Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton who will celebrate their 9th Wedding Anniversary on September 18, 2024.



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: BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY**

† **Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

† **Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**

† **THIS WEEK**

† **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 – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**

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

† **Saturday: Prayer Meeting – Saturday before Communion & Third Saturdays in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.**

† **Next Sunday: SENIOR'S SUNDAY**

† **Divine Worship 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 September 2024:

† **Sharon Back-To-School Sunday – 15TH. Invite the youth of your household and neighbourhood – We will pray for and bless them as they commence the new school year. Adults can dress to represent the school they attended.**

† **Faith Missionary – Sunday, 15TH @ 8:00 a.m.**

† **Minister's Covenant Day – 16TH**

† **Centenary Fish Fry – Saturday, 21ST from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., D.C. Moore Centre. Tickets: \$30.**

† **Sharon Senior's Sunday – 22ND**

† **Faith Missionary Rally – Sunday, 22ND @ 4:00 p.m.**

† **Sharon & Dunscombe Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 24TH**

† **Bethlehem Missionary – Tuesday, 24TH @ 7:15 p.m.**

† **Seminar – National Financial Literacy Programme – Thursday, 26th @ 6:30 p.m., D.C. Moore Centre.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. As the 2024 – 2025 academic year opens for the majority of institutions this week, we pray for all students, teachers and staff of our educational institutions. We congratulate and encourage all who will move from one level to the next, especially those who are beginning their Secondary education. Maintain focus and remember that God’s enabling help is available to you.
2. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$13,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. Direct contribution can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
3. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:
 - ✝ Tree Planting on Arbor Day – September 22, 2024
 - ✝ Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024
 - ✝ Planting of a Time Capsule – February 2025
 - ✝ Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025 – \$200.
 - ✝ Closing Service – February 9, 2025
- ✝ We will be ordering Dry-Fit Polo Shirts for our 225th Anniversary. The Shirts will be sold at \$50 each. We must make a minimum order of 50 shirts. Please see Sis. Heather Hunte to fit your shirt and to make your order. Full payment will be required before the order is sent to the supplier.
- ✝ We have launched a “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.



4. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):

- ✠ **The annual Widows' Offering will be received on September 22, 2024. Please continue to give generously as we show appreciation to the women who served with their husbands. Please also remember these faithful women in prayer: Sis. Lynda Prout, Sis. Deborah Challenger, Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs, and Sis. Myrtle Miller. In 2023 we received EC\$29, 869.60 on their behalf.**
- ✠ **The Eastern West Indies Province will host the biennial meeting of the Unity Board. This is a meeting of the Chairs/Presidents of all Provincial Board throughout the Unity. There will be leaders from the five regions of the Unity – Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, The Caribbean & Latin America. The meeting will be held from September 24-30, 2024 at the St. James's Club in Antigua.**
- ✠ **The Provincial family mourns the sudden death of a colleague and brother, Rev. Winston Jones. Bro. Jones died on the evening of Sunday August 18, 2024, in Jamaica. Bro. Jones who was Barbadian and previously served in the Eastern West Indies Province for nineteen years, was seconded to The Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Province where he served for nine years as Pastor of the Trinity Moravian Church in Richmond Park, Kingston 10. The Provincial family expresses sincere condolences to his widow, Mrs. Karen Bowers-Jones and their children, Gabrielle and Michael. Let us pray for the family as they journey through this place of grief and loss.**
- ✠ **Mr. Wycliffe Morton of Zion and Ms. Melissa Bart of Bethesda in the St. Kitts Conference have been accepted as candidates for the Supplementary Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. Bro. Morton and Sis. Bart will pursue the certificate in Ministerial Studies beginning online for the 2024 – 2025 academic year and completing on campus in the 2025 – 2026 academic year. Once they successfully complete their studies and probation, they will serve in the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference. Let us pray for Sis. Melissa Bart and Bro. Wycliffe Morton as they answer the call of God on their lives.**

✠ The Rev. Dr. Anique Elmes-Matthew has accepted a call to serve as Minister of Christian Education in the Virgin Islands Conference. This call takes effect on September 15, 2024. Please pray for Sis. Elmes-Matthew and family as they move into this new season of their lives.

5. The assignment of Elders Districts is 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. 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 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.

✠ 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.

- † You 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.
- 8. 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/) 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
- † Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



The Past 225 Years

22. There is a tall needle spire which sits on the top of the bell tower. This spire acts as a lightning rod – a protective measure. There are those who say that no other building on the island carries this feature. Others may just be decorative.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
‡ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, 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
- ‡ 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

