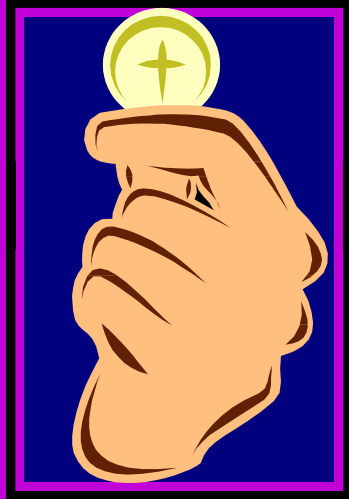


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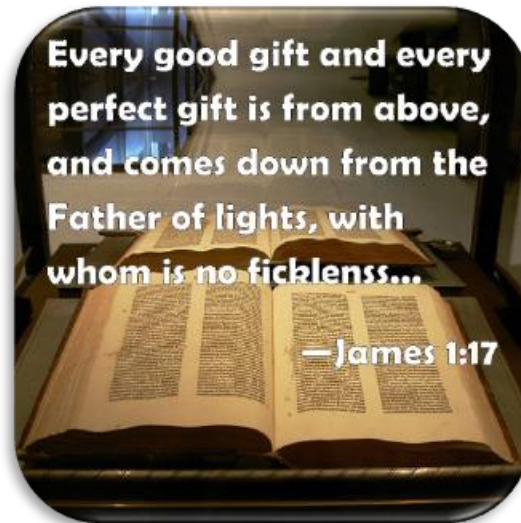
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Sunday, September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We welcome each and everyone to worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – and we extend the love of God that changes hearts and increases our fellowship. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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WATCHWORD: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. *(James 1:19)*

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 your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth!

Congregation: *Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you.*

Leader: With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God.

All: *I (We) will give glory to your name forever*

Hymn 276 – “Teach me, my God and King”

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“²³ Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, ²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:23-24)*

Offertory Hymn: 281 – “I am Thine, O Lord”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

† “You Are God Alone”

† “Because of Who You Are”

Pause for Prayer

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1 – 2, 6 – 9

Second Scripture Reading: James 1:17 – 27

Choir Anthem – “Lead Me, Lord”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn 555 – “Together with these symbols Lord”

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 558 – “We come now to your table Lord”

566 – “Let us break bread together”

Body and
Blood



of
Christ

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 582 – “*By Christ redeemed*”

576 – “*With deep devotion*”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 465 – “*Now thank we all our God*”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Song – “*Make Us One*”

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Opening 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 & Lord's Prayer



Responsive Reading: Psalm 15

1. Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
2. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
3. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
4. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
5. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“²³ Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, ²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.”*

(Colossians 3:23 – 24)

Offertory Hymn: 281 –

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessèd Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



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.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song:

“You Are God Alone”

You're not a God created by human hands
You're not a God dependent on any mortal man
You're not a God in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is (2x)

*You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.*

[Verse 2:]

You're the only God whose power none can contend
You're the only God whose name and
Praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
Of everything we can give
You are God, that's just the way it is.

[Chorus]

[Bridge:]

You're unchangeable (Unchangeable)
Unshakable (Unshakable)
Unstoppable (Unstoppable)
That's who you are (That's who you are) (2x)



BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE

Because of who You are
I give You glory
Because of who You are
I give You praise
Because of who You are
I will lift my voice and say
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are

Lord I worship You
Because of who You are

Chorus 1

Jehovah Jireh my Provider
Jehovah Nissi Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom my Prince of Peace
And I worship You because of who You are

Chorus 2

Jehovah Jireh my Provider
Jehovah Nissi Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom my Prince of Peace

(Bridge)

And I worship You worship You
Worship You yeah yeah
And I worship You worship You
Worship You yeah yeah yeah yeah

(Bridge)

I worship You because You're holy holy
I worship You because holy is who You are
I worship You because You're worthy worthy
I worship You because worthy is who You are
I worship You because You're mighty mighty
I worship You because mighty is who You are
Worship You worship You

(Ending)

Lord I worship You because of who You are
Lord I worship You because of who You are



Pause for Prayer



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1 – 2, 6 – 9

1. Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
2. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
6. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.
7. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?
8. And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?
9. Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;



Second Scripture Reading:

James 1:17 – 27

17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
19. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
20. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
21. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
22. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
24. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
25. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
26. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.
27. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.



Choir Anthem – “Lead Me, Lord”



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



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.*



555

Together with these symbols, Lord,
Thy blessed self impart;
And let thy holy flesh and blood
Feed the believing heart.

Let us from all our sins be washed
In thy redeeming blood;
And let thy Spirit be the seal
That we are sons of God.

Come, Holy Ghost, with Jesus' love
Prepare us for this feast;
So shall we banquet with our Lord,
And lean upon his breast.



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.



558

We come now to your table Lord,
You are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed,
And now may every soul be fed,
With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us
Your sacred blood was shed,
We drink the cup, it was for us
You suffered pain and bled;
Your sacred blood was shed,
You suffered pain and bled;
We drink the cup, it was for us
Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us,
The sacred Bread and Wine,
A holy feast transforming us,
That makes our lives divine;
The sacred Bread and Wine,
That makes our lives divine;
A holy feast transforming us,
This Bread and Wine.



566

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



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.



582

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,

And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead
We 'take and eat' – the living bread;
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,
His life blood shed for us, we see;
The wine shall tell the mystery
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last advent we unite
By one blest chain of loving rite,
Until He come.

O blessèd hope! with this elate
Let not our hearts be desolate,
But, strong in faith, in patience wait
Until He come.



576

With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace
The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,

His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



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 – 465

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God

Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one, eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



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 –

*Make us one heart
Make us one mind
Make us one, let your will be done
Make us one flame, to proclaim your name
Make us one, make us one*



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

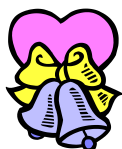


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Today: Cheryl Cadogan-McClean
Advanced Cianna Downes (3rd), Kadeem Turton & Marcia Cox (6th)



Congratulations to: Rev. Ezra Parris & Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris who will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary on September 5, 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: **PROVINCIAL DAY OF PRAYER**
 - † 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).
- † 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.
- † Next Sunday: 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 September 2024:

- † Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 06 – September 02, 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
- † Sharon Senior's Sunday – 22ND
- † Bethlehem Missionary – Sunday, 22ND @ 10:00 a.m.
- † Sharon & Dunscombe Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 24TH



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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
 - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025 – \$200.
 - † Planting of a Time Capsule – February 2025
 - † 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.



2. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):
 - † The Chairman, Bro. Algernon Lewis, will be on vacation leave from September 2 – 15, 2024. During his absence, Bro. Adrian Smith will serve as Acting Chairman of the Province.
 - † 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 Moravian Institute will begin in September. All Congregations and Conferences are invited to enroll members for this programme.
- † 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.
- † Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Pastors and congregations are encourage to set aside intentional time of prayer for the new academic year, for students, parents, and teachers as they prepare, for the Province that God may raise up more pastors, lay leaders, and ministries, for the crisis with our pension plan, for all clergy and church workers, for the witness of the church in the world, and for any other causes God lays on our hearts. Members are encouraged to set aside personal time for prayer during the day.
- † 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. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, will proceed on furlough from September 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. During his absence, Rev. Adelyn Mgonela will serve as Acting Superintendent. Please

pray for Bro. Warner and Sis. Mgonela and their families in this time of transition.

✠ 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.

3. 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

4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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

20. The Sharon church is located in an area where much flora and fauna of historical significance can be found: on the approach to the church, in Warrens, stands a huge Baobab tree with its massive girth, and one of only two on the island, while on the church’s compound stand mahogany and sandbox trees – all protected by law.



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
- ‡ 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

