



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

Isaiah 35:4 KJV

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. As we experience the presence of God today, let us receive of him the freedom and peace he offers. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
(Psalm 146:2)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship (*Fourth Order*):

Leader: Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me;

Response: Let them bring me to thy holy hill.

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; honour and majesty are before him,

Response: Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord;

Response: Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Leader: Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.

Response: Because they trust in thee.

Leader: Trust in the Lord for ever,

Response: For in the Lord is everlasting strength.

Hymn 161 – “*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*”

The Fourth Order continued p.19 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein*” (Ps. 24:1).

Offertory Hymn 270 – “*He Pardoned My Transgressions*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song: 459 – “*Rejoice And Be Glad*”

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:4 – 7a

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 7:24 – 37

Choir Anthem – “*Brother James’ Air*”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 197 – “*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*”

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.



The FOURTH ORDER

(Continued)

All standing

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God, and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace, and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being requires. Wherefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

O Lord, have mercy upon us,

And blot out our transgressions.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, may by thy merciful pardon be absolved; that being

cleansed from all sin, we may be clothed in thy righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 84

1 How lovely | are thy | dwellings : O | Lord | of | hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing for the | courts • of the | Lord : My heart and my
flesh re- | jice • in the | living | God.

3 Yea the sparrow doth find a home, and the swallow a | nest for • her- | self (:) Where
| she may | lay her | young;

4 And I at thine altar, O | Lord of | hosts : My | King and | my | God.

5 Blessed are they that | dwell in • thy | house : They will be | ever | praising | thee.

6 Bless-ed is the man whose | strength is • in thee : In whose | hearts • are the |
highways • to | Zion.

7 Who passing through the vale of misery maketh it a | place of | springs : Yea the |
pools are | filled with | water.

8 They go from | strength to | strength : Every one of them ap- | peareth be • fore |
God in | Zion.

9 O Lord God of hosts | hear my | prayer : Give | ear O | God of | Jacob.

10 Behold O | God • our de- | fender : Look upon the | face of | thine an- | ointed.

11 Surely better is a | day in • thy courts : Than a | thousand | days | elsewhere.

12 I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of • my | God : Than dwell • in the |
tents of | wickedness.

13 For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give | grace and | glory : No
good thing will he withhold from | them that | walk | uprightly.

14 O | Lord of | hosts : Bless-ed is the | man that | trusteth • in | thee. Glory be the
Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be : world without | end. A- | -
- | men.

All standing, a Confession of Faith or Creed may be used.

Let us pray.

O Lord, open thou our lips,

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Commit thy way unto the Lord.

And put thy trust in him.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author all godliness; hear we beseech thee, the prayer of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional prayer may be offered, continuing with:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men and women; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate (especially those for whom our prayers are desired); may it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, have mercy on all people,
And grant them thy salvation.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to set us before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, now and for evermore. *Amen.*



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Ps. 24:1).*

Offertory Hymn: 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions
Since by His blood I’m whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment
By trusting in His grace;
'Tis through His blest atonement
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He’s with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,
His blessings ever flow;

He fills me with His glory,
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful,
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing
Which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven,
The source of our new birth.



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



Celebration in Song: 459 –

Rejoice and be glad!
The Redeemer has come!
Go look on His cradle,
His cross, and His tomb.

*Sound His praises! tell the story,
Of Him who was slain;
Sound His praises! tell with gladness,
He liveth again.*

Rejoice and be glad!
It is sunshine at last!
The clouds have departed,
The shadows are past.

Rejoice and be glad!
For the blood hath been shed;
Redemption is finished,
The price has been paid.

Rejoice and be glad!
Now the pardon is free!
The Just for the unjust
Has died on the tree.

Rejoice and be glad!
For the Lamb that was slain
O'er death is triumphant,
And liveth again.

Rejoice and be glad!
For our King is on high,
He pleadeth for us on
His throne in the sky.

Rejoice and be glad!
For He cometh again;
He cometh to glory,
The Lamb that was slain.



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a

4. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.
5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 7:24 – 37

24. And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.
25. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:
26. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.
27. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.
28. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.
29. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.
30. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.
31. And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.
32. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.
33. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;
34. And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.
35. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.
36. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it;

37. And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.



Choir Anthem – “*Brother James’ Air*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 197 –

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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presence of God today, let us receive of him the freedom and peace he offers.
Welcome.



Today: *Tremaine Babb*

Advanced: *Carl Hoyte (9th), Joshua Waithe (10th), Betty Bryan (11th),
Victor Hurdle & Jordonna Herbert (12th), Joan Morris (13th),
Catherine Whittaker-Boxill (14th)*



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: 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.

† Meeting of the Board of Stewards – in sanctuary 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: **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



Activities in the Month of September 2024:

- † Bethlehem Missionary Rally – Sunday, 8TH @ 4:30 p.m.
- † 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
- † 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. 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.



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



21. Did you know that the two graves to the northern end of the compound contain the remains of two of the earliest missionaries – Adam Herman and David Lichtenhaeler?



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.



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. The Bereaved: *We express condolences and pray for the family of Maurice Moore on his passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. We also express condolences and we pray for the family of Dame Maizie Barker-Welch who passed on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at age 96 years. Sis. Barker-Welch was the first child of the late Rev. Frank H. Barker, the sister of Rev. Frank A. Barker and the aunt of Rev. Kirk Barker. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at the Abundant Life Assembly on Friday, September 13th, commencing at 1:00 p.m.*

4. 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



AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

St. Thomas	1732
St. Croix	1734
St. John	1741
Antigua	1756
Barbados	1765
St. Kitts	1777
Tobago	1790
Trinidad	1890
Tortola	1993
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FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder, friend and comforter.

The Provincial family is hereby informed of the passing of Dame Maizie Barker-Welch, who passed away peacefully at her home in Barbados on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at the age of 96. Dame Maizie was a faithful member of the Moravian Church, specifically the Clifton Hill congregation.

She was the first child of the late Rev. Frank H. Barker, sister of Rev. Frank A. Barker, and aunt of Rev. Kirk Barker. Dame Maizie was a dedicated educator by profession, an advocate for women's rights and the elderly, and an amateur actress. She also played a prominent role in government and politics.

Her notable service and achievements include:

- Co-founding the National Organisation of Women (NOW) in 1970, where she served as both President and Vice President.
- Representing Barbados at the first UN Conference on Women and Population Development in 1973.
- Serving as a Senator from 1985 to 1986 and again from 1991 to 1994.
- Representing Barbados as a delegate to the Inter-American Commission of Women from 1986 to 1994, where she served as Vice President in 1986 and President from 1990 to 1992.
- Serving as Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office in 1990.
- Receiving an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of the West Indies.
- Being knighted as Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2014.
- Chairing the national branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the National Committee

on Ageing, which she led until 2014.

The funeral service for Dame Maizie Barker Welch will be held at the Abundant Life Assembly on Friday September 13th, 2024 at 1:0ppm with the interment at the Clifton Hill Moravian Church.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to her family, the Barbados Conference, and especially the Clifton Hill congregation. Please keep them all in your prayers.