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Sunday, July 5, 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With love, and with the joy of the Lord, a welcome is extended to all – Whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today we join with Moravians across the world to worship God and observe the Martyrdom of John Hus – one whose vision of ministry led to the establishment of the Moravian Church. May we find opportunity today to commit ourselves to the service of God. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *(Psalm 145:8)*

Provincial Theme 2026:

***“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power –
Moving as One!”***





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Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship



Litany for the Observance of Moravian Festivals

(Appropriate for usage on March 1, July 6 & August 13)

All standing

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God;

And a great King above all gods.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord;

And to sing praises unto your name, O most high.

To show forth your lovingkindness in the morning;

And your faithfulness every night.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Tune: OLD 124th

Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him,
With eagerness of heart and strength of limb,
Brave in endeavor, with young vision clear,
And high thanksgiving for God’s purpose here -
Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him.

In loving service may our lives be spent,
Finding in others' gladness sweet content,
Striving to show the brotherhood of man,
Of God's ordaining since the world began —
In loving service may our lives be spent.

1934. Dorothy A. Connor

Let us pray

(All seated)

Loving Lord, we worship and adore you, the source of our strength and our salvation. We praise and thank you for every blessing in this life. We recognize your goodness to us and give you thanks for your mercies which come to us afresh day by day. We acknowledge that, as the sheep of your pasture, we lack nothing. We thank you for walking with us all along life's way. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have taken your goodness for granted and have behaved as though we are masters of our own lives. Create new hearts within us, Lord, so that we may live according to your will for us. In your name, Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

You have given us life and provided all things necessary;
You have led us day by day and protected us from harm and danger;
You have given us strength to overcome temptation and victory over the power of the enemy.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You have given us the example of your disciples, who faithfully built your Church;
You have given us faithful leaders who followed your path even when it led to death;
You have given us ancestors who remained faithful to you in spite of the persecution they suffered.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You touched the disciples on the Day of Pentecost and anointed them to preach the Good News to every nation;
You touched our ancestors on that day of renewal, causing them to truly love, and to forgive each other;

Come, Holy Spirit, and touch us now.

You give us men and women in this day who serve you diligently;
You raise up young and old whom you have blessed to bless others;

You give to all people varied talents and skills which we may use for your honour and glory.

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are created!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

When to our golden heritage
We take another look;
We see our fathers living there
As one in unity,
Let us therefore seek to emulate
This great example set;
It's strength through unity.

*Rise up now all ye Moravians
Rise up now all ye Moravians,
Rise up now all ye Moravians
And fight for unity.*

Come let us make this pledge to God
And to our brothers all;
To give to God the glory
And our brother, sisters, love;
So the world shall be the richer and
His peace will flood our lives,
From strength through unity.

1980. Neilson Waithe

O God our loving Father, we thank you:

For the service of your servants, rendered in our church through the years.
For their commitment to service and their loyalty to you;
For their strength of character and their patience in tribulation;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Hus who bravely stood for honesty in service and integrity in witness;
For his boldness to stand in favour of the standards of God whilst standing against
the institutions of his day,

For his courage to face death by fire because of his Christian conviction;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Amos Comenius who assisted persecuted Christians in finding refuge;
For his prayer for the church that God might preserve a ‘hidden seed to glorify his name’;

For that ‘hidden seed’ which sprung to life nearly a century later;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Christian David who continued the labour of finding refuge for our persecuted ancestors;

For his encounter with Count Zinzendorf and the Count’s willingness to ‘give these Christians land whilst Christ gave them rest’;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Count Zinzendorf’s encounter with the slave Anthony and his zeal in leading the Moravians into mission;

For the commitment of David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober, our first missionaries;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For the first missionaries to our islands and the many who followed to share the Good News;

For the early planters who gave of their land and support to this work;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For these 569 years of worship, witness and work of the Moravian Church worldwide;

For the 294 years of missionary activity;

For the 294 years of service in our Province of the Moravian Church;

For the 261 years of existence of the Moravian Church in this country;

We thank you, O Lord, for your faithfulness to us through the years, and for the many who have labored faithfully throughout time and those who continue faithfully to do so today.

And now, O Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister: bless all those who follow in your steps. Give us each the courage to follow in their steps. Grant us zeal and patience to serve as following one Master and looking for one reward. Endue us with wisdom to pray, not for tasks equal to our strength, but rather for strength equal to our tasks. Lead us to the joy of service for the Master and loving commitment to his will. So may his duty be our delight. ***Amen.***

All standing

Tune: AURELIA

When time rolls on with purpose,
Yes, purpose and with goals,
Concealed, but not forgotten
Until this day unfolds,
And now we celebrate you,
Though struggles come with woes,
Abiding by your promise,
That where we go, He goes.

Sing praises to the Father;
Sing praises to the Son,
For past-time generations
And future souls to come;
O Lord of time and wonder,
We feel your presence here:
Release your power upon us
And give us hearts to care.

Sing Alleluia! Praise Him!
We raise our voices now:
We thank You, Holy Father
For missionaries' vows:
A loud Hosanna sing we
For what we are today;
For blessings past and present,
We now our homage pay.

Elva Kitson, d. 2011



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“But this I say; he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

Offertory Hymn: 312 –

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there!

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh, a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.



Prayer of Dedication of 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.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 24 – *Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts*

18. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
19. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
20. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
21. For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
22. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
23. But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
24. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8: 34 – 38 – *Sis. Grace Sandiford*

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.



Choir Anthem – “*God Is My Shepherd*”



Sermon – – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection: 317 –

Who is on the Lord’s side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers,
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world’s side
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord’s side?
Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Not for weight of glory,
Not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army,
Raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth
Lives for whom he died:
He whom Jesus nameth
Must be on his side.
By thy love constraining,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Jesus, thou hast bought us,
Not with gold or gem,
But with thine own life-blood,
For thy diadem;
With thy blessing filling
Each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing,

Thou hast made us free.
By thy grand redemption,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side
Saviour, we are thine!

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can overthrow;
Round his standard ranging,
Victory is secure;
For his truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.
Master, thou wilt keep us,
By thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side;
Saviour, always thine!



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.*



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 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.



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.



Hymn 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.



Hymn 158 –

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,

Never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.



Hymn 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 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:

***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.***



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

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.



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.



Hymn 166 –

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God’s own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he would love
A child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful,
If he could die my love to win.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.



Hymn 568 –

My Shepherd is the Lamb,
The living Lord, who died;
With all that's truly good I am
Most plenteously supplied.

He richly feeds my soul
With manna from above,
And leads me where the rivers roll
Of everlasting love.

My table he doth spread
With choicest fare, and I
Behold the Lamb, the living Bread,
And eat most joyfully.

He makes my cup run o'er,
Anointeth me with oil;
I shall enjoy for evermore
The merits of his toil.

Then I my Shepherd's care
Shall praise, and him adore,
And in his Father's house shall share
True bliss for evermore.



Hymn 202 –

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.



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: 198 –

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.



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



Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations

Welcome: With love, and with the joy of the Lord, a welcome is extended to all – Whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today we join with Moravians across the world to worship God and observe the Martyrdom of John Hus – one whose vision of ministry led to the establishment of the Moravian Church. May we find opportunity today to commit ourselves to the service of God. Welcome.



Advanced: Luther Barker (8th), Aileen Bowen (Shut in), Shaquille Ellis, Zachary Gale & Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle (10th), Zhane Kellman (11th)



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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- † Thanksgiving and Commitment Service preceded by a March of Witness – 3:30 p.m. beginning at the Princess Margaret School, Six Roads, St. Philip.

THIS WEEK

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

- † Wednesday: 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 at 9:30 a.m. The Division of Youth and Culture in attendance
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of July 2026:

- † Thanksgiving and Commitment Service preceded by a March of Witness – Sunday, 5th at Six Roads, St. Philip, commencing at 3:30 p.m.
- † Launch of the National Summer Camp Programme 2026 – Sunday, 12th, 9:30 a.m. The Division of Youth and Culture in attendance.
- † Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” – Every Sunday – July 12th to August 30th at 9:45 a.m. Theme: “*Game On.*” Youth and children are invited. Dress Code: Athletic. Register here: <https://forms.gle/BBAQ7m4BQhoXch8w6>. It is a good youth ministry opportunity.
- † Laity Sunday – July 19th.
- † The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 25th.
- † Brown Sunday (at Sharon) – 26th. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to wear brown and to present a walk-up offering of brown Barbados currency.
- † The St. Thomas District Emergency Organization in attendance – Sunday, 26th, 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Superintendent:

- 1.1. As we celebrate 260 years of witness and service in Barbados, the Moravian Church will hold a Thanksgiving and Commitment Service preceded by a March of Witness, on the First Sunday of July at Six Roads, St. Philip.
- 1.2. There would be no joint service on the morning of that Sunday, July 5th (the Sunday nearest to the July 6th John Hus Festival, normally referred to as Convention Sunday). Congregations would remain at home and those who celebrate the Lord’s Supper on the First Sunday would do so.

- 1.3. The March will commence at 3:30 p.m. on July 5th at the Princess Margaret Secondary School and proceed through Emerald Park to the grounds of the Faith Moravian Church, for a service celebrating Moravian ministry in song and in dance, as we commit ourselves to Christian principles in like manner to John Hus.
- 1.4. Congregations are invited to wear their colours and to invite relatives and friends to come celebrate with us.
2. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - 2.1. The Provincial Family extends congratulations to Rev. Nasel Ephraim on her election as a Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum, Bishop serving in the Moravian Church in North America, Northern Province. Bishop Elect Ephraim is the first black female to be so elected in the Moravian Church in North America. The election took place at the recently held Synod of the Northern Province.
 - 2.2. Bishop Elect Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher will be consecrated Bishop on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Moravian Church in Miami, Florida.
3. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 30, 2026, the Elders were assigned to Districts 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 (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Waveney Hinds
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Grace Sandiford
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Angelus Hurdle
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 Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts

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. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:

4.1. As we approach the culmination of our 260th Anniversary Celebrations, MORAVIAN FEST 260, the Moravian Church Barbados Conference will be holding a Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony on September 19, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Savannah Beach Club Hotel, Hastings Main Road, Christ Church. You are invited to join us for an unforgettable evening as we honour individuals and team who have gone above and beyond in the service of Christ and the church. The Dinner and Awards Ceremony is BD \$200. A payment plan is available for May 15 – Aug 15, 2026.



MORAVIAN HISTORY CALVARY



The Early Years Part 1

In 1832, the Moravians, who had arrived in Barbados in 1765 and had established churches in St. Thomas and St. John were invited to establish a mission in Bridgetown. There, the third Church, Calvary would be constructed.

The Missionaries were granted permission to establish a settlement in Bridgetown in March, 1834 and rented a room in which to hold services. On September 30th that same year, they were able to secure a site at Roebuck Street with money collected from subscriptions from merchants in the city and funds collected as part of “Hurricane Relief” following the 1831 hurricane. Of some interest is the fact that the land for which the Moravian missionaries had been negotiating for some time and where the Calvary Moravian Church would be constructed was a famous cockpit site.

Construction of the chapel in Roebuck Street began in October 1834. Members of the other two Moravian Churches, Sharon and Mount Tabor volunteered their services as labourers and masons. Those who could not work sent food, while others donated money and building materials.



5. 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.
6. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 6.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - 6.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 6.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 7.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - 7.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 7.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - 7.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes, Sis. Violet Ellis.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for:*
† *The family and friends of Bro. Dalrymple Boyce on his passing.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † BUILDING FUND Envelopes – We have commenced work on our Bell Tower Roof and it is proving to be challenging. We are in need of financial assistance, particularly to cover equipment costs. Envelopes have been prepared and are available at the main entry.
- † MORAVIAN FEST 260 Cards (My Special Anniversary Gift) – You are invited to set aside and / or invite others to join you raising \$260 to support the work of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference, as we celebrate the 260th Anniversary of the commencement of Moravian work on the island. **These cards should be returned by July 19, 2026.**
- † Missionary Collection Boxes 2026 – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- † Offering Envelopes for 2026 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- † Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- † Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- † Books:
 - ☐ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
 - ☐ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
 - ☐ Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- † Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



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PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing.* Nehemiah 13:2

Provincial Theme 2026:

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

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God's purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. Community Engagement

Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. Sustainability

Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. Asset Utilization

Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



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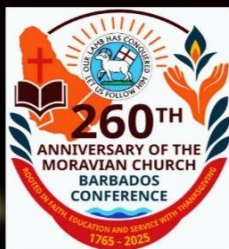
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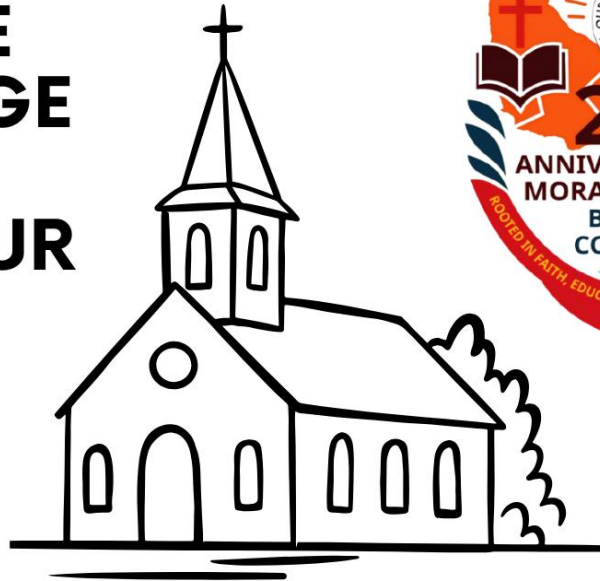
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MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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