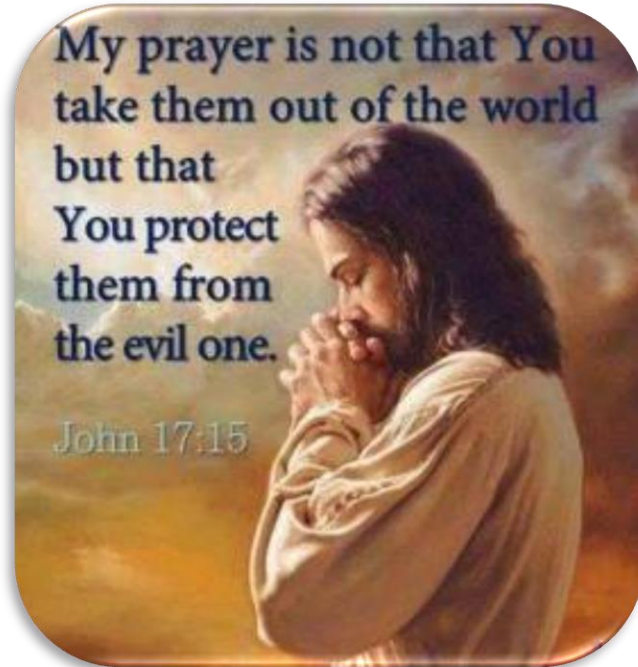




SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all today, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; as we worship our ascended Lord. We worship with grateful hearts, for *when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men* (Eph. 4:8).

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WATCHWORD: Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.
(1 Peter 5:7)

Provincial Theme 2026:

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

Now faith is the
assurance of things
hoped for, the
conviction of things
not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 92:1 – 2)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to
Your name, O Most High;

Congregation: *To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your
faithfulness every night,*

Opening Hymn: 136 – *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

Litany for Ascension (p. 143 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Thanks be unto God for his indescribable gift”* (2 Cor. 9:15, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 290 – *“O Jesus I have promised”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6 – 14 – Sis. Claudette Hope-Greenidge

Second Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11 – Bro. Victor Hurdle

Choir Anthem – “Lord Of All”

Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

Hymn of Preparation: 543 – *“This Child We Dedicate to Thee”*

The Blessing of an Infant

Closing Hymn: 135 – *“Rejoice the Lord is King”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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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.**



Prelude

Introit – Choir

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Opening Hymn: 136 –

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye prophets who our freedom won,
Ye searchers, great and small,
By whom the work of truth is done,
Now crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

Bless him, each poor oppressed race
That Christ did upward call;
His hand in each achievement trace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthrall:
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.



LITANY FOR ASCENSION

All standing

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors;

The King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift them up, O everlasting doors;

The King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens,

And his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever: Amen.

TUNE: AUSTRIAN HYMN

Jesus, hail enthroned in glory,

There for ever to abide!

All the heavenly hosts adore thee,

Seated at thy Father's side:

There for sinners thou art pleading,

There thou dost our place prepare,

Ever for us interceding,

Till in glory we appear.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing,

Thou art worthy to receive;

Loudest praises, without ceasing,

Meet it is for us to give.

Help, ye bright angelic spirits!

Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;

Help to sing your Saviour's merits,

Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

John Bakewell (1721 – 1819)

The Father of glory has raised Christ from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also that which is to come. He has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

We see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels, who suffered and died, now crowned with glory and honour.

By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.

Jesus said: In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

If we be risen with Christ, let us seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.

O most merciful Saviour, as you have risen from the dead:

May we also rise to newness of life.

As you have ascended to the Father:

May we set our affections on things above.

As you are seated at the right hand of God:

May we be confident of final triumph.

As you are our Intercessor:

May we rejoice in forgiveness and peace.

As you sent the Comforter:

May we, led by him, follow in your footsteps.

And when you appear in glory:

May we see you as you are, and enter into your joy.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

TUNE: LLANFAIR

Hail the day that sees him rise, Hallelujah!
Ravished from their longing eyes; Hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Hallelujah!
Enters now the highest heaven! Hallelujah!

Him though highest heaven receives, Hallelujah!
Still he loves the earth he leaves: Hallelujah!
Though returning to his throne, Hallelujah!
Still he calls mankind his own. Hallelujah!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Hallelujah!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height. Hallelujah!
There thy face unclouded see, Hallelujah!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Hallelujah!

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Thanks be unto God for his indescribable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: 290 –

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.



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



Adoration in Song & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 6 – 14 – Sis. Claudette Hope-Greenidge

6. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
7. And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
9. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
10. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
11. Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
12. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.
13. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.
14. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.



Second Scripture Reading: John 17: 1 – 11 – Bro. Victor Hurdle

1. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.



Choir Anthem – “Lord Of All”



Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



Hymn of Preparation: 543 –

This child we dedicate to thee,
 O God of grace and purity;
 Shield *him* from sin and threatening wrong,
 And let Thy love *his* life prolong.

O may Thy Spirit gently draw
His willing soul to keep Thy law;
 May virtue, piety, and truth,

Dawn even with his dawning youth.

We, too, O God, thy children are;
And if our feet have wandered far;
Recall us to our Father's home,
And keep us that no more we roam.



LITANY FOR THE BLESSING OF INFANTS

The minister says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Minister: In the Scriptures we read:

Mark 10:14, When Jesus saw the disciples rebuking the people he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Matthew 18:3, Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Minister: We note that:

When he came into the world, our Lord Jesus became a child and grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the eyes of God and of all who knew him. Jesus welcomed children, believed in their dignity, and held them up as a model for all who are seeking the kingdom of God.

But children do need the help of grown-ups if they are to develop their individual gifts, their moral, mental, and physical powers, and so reach human and Christian maturity.

Let us therefore ask for God's blessing, so that we will devote ourselves to the Christian upbringing of this child, so that he/she will accept willingly the guidance he/she needs.

***The minister says an appropriate prayer of blessing
(along the following lines), while laying hands on the child:***

Let us pray:

All-powerful God and Father, the source of all blessings, and the friend of the meek; we ask your blessing on this child we now present to you.

Look with favour on him/her, granting your protection, health and peace.

Lead all those who exercise care, give guidance or have influence over him/her, that they may nurture and lead him/her into maturity in accordance with your will.

And being so prepared, may he/she make an early acceptance of you as his/her Saviour and Lord; that being reborn of water and the Holy Spirit into your spiritual family and your kingdom, may bless your name for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The minister (Naming the Child): Khamyri Jalaria,

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

All respond: In the name of Jesus. Amen



Closing Hymn: 135 –

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Mortals, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,

The God of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains,

He took his seat above;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail,

He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell

Are unto Jesus given;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand,
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again, ye saints, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus our Lord shall come,
And take his brethren up
To their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices ...

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Advanced: *Kianna Rouse (19th) Jarad Lewis (20th), Shirley Cadogan & Dalicia Gittens (21st), Joan Taylor (22nd), Elizabeth Ifill (23rd)*



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) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Soup Sunday – the Choir will have soup on sale.

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 (Letter to the Philippians) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: **PENTECOST**
 - † Divine Worship (Testimony Service) at 9:30 a.m. Sharon Primary School would be in attendance as they commence a Week of Activities to mark their 40th year.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of May 2026:

- † Pentecost / Whit Sunday & Testimony Service – 24th
- † Annual Choir Retreat – 25th
- † Trinity Sunday / Green Sunday (near World Environment Day) – 31st. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building, we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - 1.1. Please be advised that the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) will convene its second official meeting for 2026 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands Conference from May 13-18, 2026. Your prayers are requested for members of the Provincial Board as they seek God's wisdom and guidance in leading the Province.

- 1.2. Rev. Vera Waithe of the Barbados Conference proceeded to official retirement on April 30, 2026 after more than forty-five years of faithful service to the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. Sis. Waithe served in the Antigua and Barbados Conferences. A retirement service for Sis. Waithe will be held on June 14, 2026, at 4:00 pm at the Clifton Hill Moravian Church, St. Thomas, Barbados.
 - 1.3. Rev. Delroy Burley who has been on leave, resumed active pastoral ministry on May 4, 2026.
 - 1.4. Let us pray for Sis. Vera Waithe and Bro. Delroy Burley and their families as they make these transitions.
2. 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

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

- 3.1. 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.**
- 3.2. Moravian Casting: As the Barbados Conference continues to celebrate and commemorate its 260th anniversary, a celebratory and historical production directed by Cecily Cross-Spencer is scheduled for Sunday August 9th 2026. All persons interested in performing as well as a representative from each congregation are asked to attend a meeting with Cecily Spencer-Cross and Ishaka McNeil on Wednesday 20th May at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church.**



MORAVIAN HISTORY CENTENARY



Centenary Moravian Church Part 3

Initially, the congregation was attached to the Mount Tabor/Penuel pastorate under the pastoral care of Rev. Dufferin Culpepper. Following a re-alignment of pastorates, Rev. Roslyn Hamblin was called to the Clifton Hill/Centenary/Fulnec pastorate, later reorganized into the Clifton Hill/Centenary pastorate. The longest serving and current minister is the Rev. Vera Waithe.

In 1989, the old outhouse at the rear of the church was demolished and the remaining building was extended to include an office and bathroom facilities. This extension was dedicated on 14 January, 1990.

The congregation also produced its first minister in the person of Rev Ezra Parris. Rev Parris was consecrated as a Moravian Bishop on 16 November 2025. Bishop Parris is now the second Barbadian to be elected to the office of Bishop in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

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.
 - 5.1. 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.
 - 5.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 5.3. 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.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 6.1. 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.
 - 6.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 6.3. 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>).
 - 6.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



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.
- † 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.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:
 - a. *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.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for:*
 - † *The Layne family on the passing of Sis. Marjorie Layne. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life is being planned for May 27th at 9:30 a.m. here at Sharon.*
 - † *Bro. Olson Stewart and family on the passing of his wife Patricia Stewart.*
4. World Peace



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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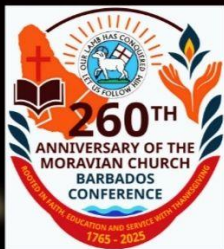
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❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)	❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)
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❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)	❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825)
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❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)	

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