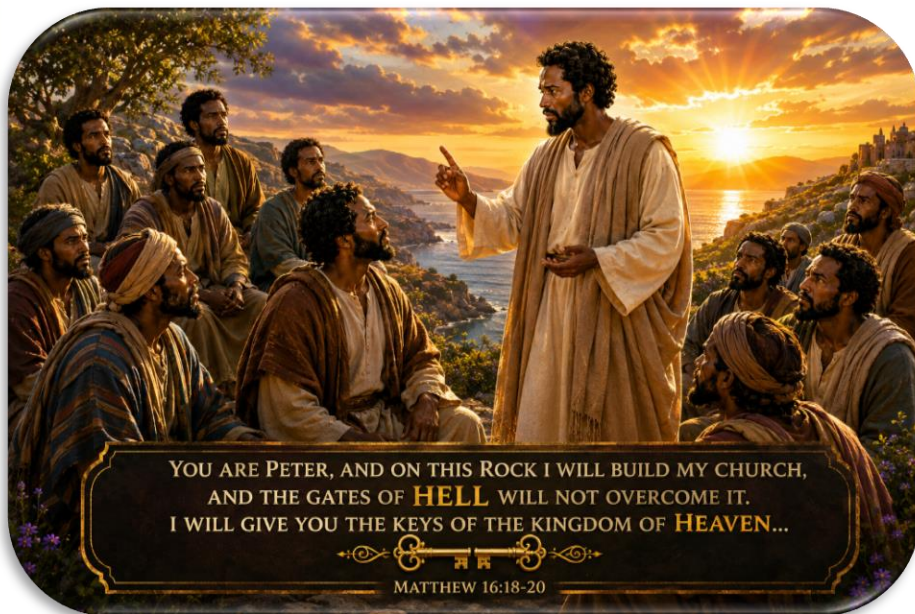




SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: “Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!” With gratitude we gather for worship and we declare the praises of our God. We welcome you to worship today, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We pray that you would be blessed as we worship. Welcome.

Pastor: *Rt. Rev. Ezra L. Parris*
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WATCHWORD Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.
(Romans 12:2)

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

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 95: 1 – 3

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Congregation: *Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

All: *For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.*

Opening Hymn: 28 – “Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”

Liturgy: The First Order (Pages 1 – 6 CMP Liturgy Book/Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts” (Psalm 96:8 – NKJV)*

Offertory Hymn: 244 – “Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings – Bro. Anthony Ifill

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song – “In Christ Alone”

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51: 1 – 6 – Sis. Eula Gibbs

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 13 – 20 – Sis. Orrin Williams

Hymn of Preparation: 527 – “Be Still, For The Presence Of The Lord”

Sermon – Sis. Angelus Hurdle

Prayer of Commitment

Hymn 478 – “Stand Up And Bless The Lord”

The Benediction

Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 28 –

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;

Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.



THE FIRST ORDER

All standing, these sentences are said responsively:

Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

He is our God; we are the people he cares for, those for whom he provides.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise.

For the Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts for ever.

A call to repentance:

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit. A humble and repentant heart, O God, you will not reject. Since we have complete freedom to go into the most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and pray together saying:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ hear us.

God, the Father, maker of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

God, the Son, Saviour of the world,

Heal us and make us whole.

God, the Holy Spirit, guide and comforter,

Remain with us for ever.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

Have mercy upon us.

Let us give thanks to the Father who rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safely into the Kingdom of his dear Son, by whom we are set free and our sins forgiven.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray that we may hold fast to the truth of Christ amid all the dangers and temptations of life:

From indifference to the love shown in your suffering and death,
From error and misunderstanding,
From pride, vanity and hardness of heart,
From selfish ambition,
From acceptance of the false standards of this world,
From greed and materialism,
From envy, hatred, malice and every prejudice,
From unnecessary perplexity and anxiety,
From all sin,

Save us, O Lord.

Let us find strength and comfort in Christ:

By your humble birth and holy life,
By your baptism, fasting and temptations,
By your obedience and faithfulness,
By your enjoyment of the Father's good gifts,
By your ministry in word and deed,
By your giving of yourself to others,
By your prayers and tears;

Bless and comfort us, O Lord.

Prayer for the Church:

Lord, you are the Head of the Church. Direct and watch over it, so that it may be a faithful instrument of your purposes. Strengthen and support those who suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Unite the people of God as one family. Increase our understanding of the mystery of God. Use us to show ever more clearly the glory of your life, death and resurrection.

Hear us, O Lord.

For the Mission of the Church:

Watch over all who work for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Let your Spirit and power inspire their witness by word and deed. Give to bishops and ministers a true understanding of your Word and a Christ-like concern for your people. Guide those who bear office and strengthen all your people for mission, to witness and serve in love.

Hear us, O Lord.

For the Nations of the World:

Guide, in the ways of justice and peace, all who have responsibility for ruling the nations of the world. Give wisdom to those in authority. Deliver us from the sin which gives rise to war and violence. Teach us so to order our life together that the kingdoms of the world may reflect the Kingdom of God.

Hear us, O Lord.

For Everyday Life:

Lord, bless the people of this land. Cleanse us from all evil. Teach us to serve one another in love. Help us to be faithful in our daily lives, and give us the strength to withstand the adverse pressures and influences of modern society. Grant peace and safety with justice for all. Strengthen family life and grant wisdom and understanding to those with responsibility for the care and nurture of children and young people.

Hear us, O Lord.

For Those in Need:

Lord, send help to all in distress or danger. Defend the defenceless, comfort the lonely and sad. Support the sick, the anxious, and the bereaved, and in their weakness and suffering let them know your love. Comfort the dying with your presence and peace and with the hope of eternal life.

Hear us, O Lord.

Closing prayers:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Receive our prayer.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Accept us as your people.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Give us your peace.

Doxology:

Now to him who is able to keep us from falling and to bring us faultless and joyful before his glorious presence, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our

Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority, from all ages past, now and for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts” (Psalm 96:8 – NKJV)*

Offertory Hymn: 244 –

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps
And giveth me songs in the night.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – Bro. Anthony Ifill



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.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song – *“In Christ Alone”*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51: 1 – 6 – Sis. Eula Gibbs

1. Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.
2. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.
3. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
4. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.
5. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.
6. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.



New Testament Reading: Matthew 16: 13 – 20 – Sis. Orrin Williams

13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.



Hymn of Preparation: 527 –

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight –
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.



Sermon – *Sis. Angelus Hurdle*



Prayer of Commitment



Hymn 478 –

Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice:
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear his holy name,
And laud and magnify?

O for a living flame
From his own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought!

There with benign regard
Our hymns he deigns to hear;
Though unrevealed to mortal sense,
The spirit feels him near.

God is our strength and song,
And his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord,
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless his glorious name,
Henceforth for evermore.



Prayer & Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome & Celebrations...

“Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!” With gratitude we gather for worship and we declare the praises of our God. We welcome you to worship today, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We pray that you would be blessed as we worship. Welcome.



Today: Natalea Chandler & Jalani Lewis

Advanced: Shaina Sandiford (24th), Daphne Lewis (25th), Shemar Adams (26th), Ione Jones, M'Akeda Mainarde & Alain Ramsay (27th), Nigel Codrington (28th), Carl Cadogan & Ruby Connell (29th)



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. Summer Sundays Closing Ceremony
- ✚ Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore

THIS WEEK

- ✚ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- ✚ Wednesday: Bible Study (Letter to the Colossians) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✚ Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Summer Sundays (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore



Activities in the Month of August 2026:

- ✚ Rev. Parris on vacation – August 4th – 27th
- ✚ Church Choir on vacation.
- ✚ Women's Fellowship on break
- ✚ Sharon Summer Sundays Closing Ceremony – Sunday, 30th



**TICKETS
ARE
AVAILABLE**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- 1.1. Provincial Day of Prayer will take place on September 1, 2026 at 5:00 a.m., led by members from the Tobago Conference. Let us seek the face of the Lord together. The Zoom link for this prayer meeting will be shared in due course. The Zoom link remains the same from previous 2026 prayer meetings.**
- 1.2. Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Pastor of the Calvary, Gracehill, and Fulnec pastorate in the Barbados Conference and Vice Chair of the Provincial Board, has been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, effective September 1, 2026. The Provincial Board expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation to Bishop Ezra Parris for the dedication and commitment he demonstrated during his tenure as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference. We continue to pray that the enabling power and sustaining grace of God will be with him as he serves as a Bishop of the Unity.**
- 1.3. Rev. Vera Waithe who recently retired, has been asked to assume pastoral oversight of the Fulnec congregation in the Barbados Conference. This assignment is effective September 1, 2026. Please pray for Bro. Smith and Sis. Waithe and their families in this time of transition.**
- 1.4. The Provincial Board announces the acceptance of Mrs. Shelé Johnson Edwards as a candidate for the Supplementary Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. Sis. Johnson-Edwards is a member of the Buccoo congregation in the Tobago Conference. She will begin her online studies at the United Theological College of the West Indies in the 2026-2027 academic year. Please pray**

- for Sis. Johnson-Edwards and family as she answers the call of God in this season.
- 1.5. Lay Pastor Isilin Lewis who serves as Lay Pastor at the Ebenezer Moravian Church, St. Kitts Conference, proceeds to official retirement on August 14, 2026, Lay Pastor Lewis served the St. Kitts Conference and Eastern West Indies Province for almost eleven years serving the Bethesda and Ebenezer congregations. The Provincial Board expresses sincere thanks to Lay Pastor Lewis for her service to God and the Eastern West Indies Province.
 - 1.6. Pastor Wycliffe Morton who recently graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor in the St. Kitts Conference. Pastor Morton will serve as a Supplementary Minister. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026. Please pray for Bro. Morton and family as he answers this call.
 - 1.7. The Rev. Daniel Mark who currently serves as Pastor of the Bon Accord and Black Rock congregations in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Grenada Mission. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.8. Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel who currently serves as Pastor of the Buccoo congregation in the Tobago Conference, has accepted the additional responsibility to serve as Pastor of the Black Rock congregation in the Tobago Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.9. Rev. Liselle Roberts who currently serves as Pastor of the Moriah congregation and Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference, has accepted the additional responsibility to serve as Pastor of the Bon Accord congregation in the Tobago Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2026.
 - 1.9.1. Please pray for Bro. Daniel Mark, Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Sis. Liselle Roberts, and the respective congregations as they embrace these transitions.
 - 1.10. 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.
 - 1.11. 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.

2. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 30, 2026, the Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

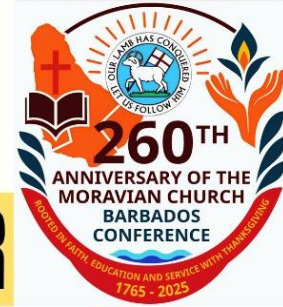
No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to 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.



MORAVIAN HISTORY MOUNT TABOR



Part 4

The mid-1800s brought severe hardship to Barbados and the mission at Mt. Tabor, namely the 1848 collapse of the sugar economy, crop blight, a yellow fever epidemic in 1852, and a devastating 1854 cholera outbreak that killed over 20,000 people. Zippel was appointed a health commissioner in St. John. He went through the districts assigned to him administering medicine, giving orders for houses to be whitewashed and kept clean. At all hours of the day and night, he administered medicine, heard death bed confessions and buried many people.

Zippel died and was buried at Mount Tabor in 1859, the first of two missionaries whose remains rest in the Mount Tabor graveyard.

During his time at Mount Tabor, he built new schools, published a religious book, and notably mentored Henry Moore, a Black Barbadian he recognized for advancement. James Young Edgehill, the first Barbadian ordained a minister, succeeded him and served 1860–1864, championing education for the poor despite accusations of radicalism and severe personal and family illness.

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.
- ✚ 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: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis.*
3. 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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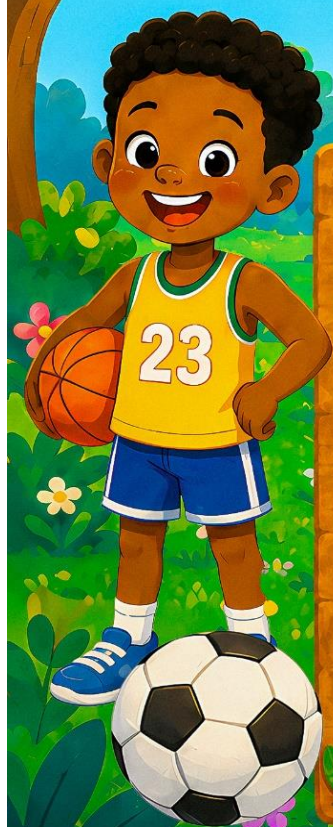
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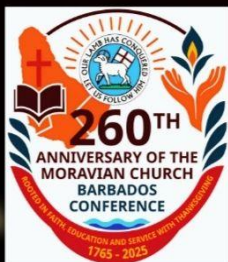
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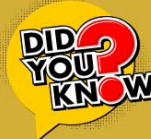
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- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

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