



Let us go
to Bethlehem and see...

LUKE 2:15



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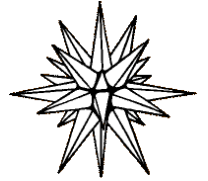
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Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Nativity of the Lord

5:00 a.m.

Welcome: "For unto us a Son is born" . . . And we rejoice, for his birth signals new life and hope for all who believe. Welcome to one and all – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – as we celebrate the nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:

Rev. David Ince

WATCHWORD: The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

(John 1:1)

Provincial Theme 2025:

***"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-
Igniting Our Passion"***





ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Psalm 148:11 – 13)

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

Congregation: *For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.*

Opening Hymn: 56 – “Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn”

Liturgy For Christmas p. 100 – CMP Liturgy Book /Projected

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)*

Offertory Hymn: 58 – “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” (With tune change)

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Doxology for Christmas”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Hymn 55 – “In Bethlehem One Glorious Night”

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2 – 7

Choir Anthem – “Christmas Sanctus”

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1 – 20

Hymn 60 – “Angels We Have Heard On High”

Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

Hymn of Reflection: 73 – “What Child Is This”

Intercessory Prayers (Christmas Liturgy continued)

Hymn 49 – “Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

Benediction

Recessional – “We Wish You Merry Christmas”



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Hymn 56

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun,
Of God incarnate, and the virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth,
To you and all the nations of the earth;
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

In David's city, shepherds, ye shall find
The long-foretold Redeemer of mankind
Wrapt up in swaddling clothes, the Babe divine
Lies in a manger; this shall be the sign."
He spake, and straightaway the celestial choir
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire.

The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And heaven's whole orb with hallelujahs rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
Peace on the earth and unto men good-will.
To Bethlehem straight, the enlightened shepherds ran
To see the wonder God had wrought for man.

O may we hope, the angelic throngs among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphant song:
He, that was born upon this joyful day,
Around us all his glory shall display;
Saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
Of angels, and of angel-men, the King.



CHRISTMAS

From the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book, p. 101

All standing.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW — # 51

Today we celebrate the birth
Of Jesus Christ, who came on earth
To make himself as Saviour known,
And claim us sinners as his own.

Awake, my heart; my soul, arise;
Look who in yonder manger lies;
Who is that child, so poor and mean?
'Tis he who all things does sustain.

Immanuel, incarnate God,
Prepare my heart for thy abode:
O may I, through thy aiding grace,
In all I do, show forth thy praise.

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son that we might receive adoption as his children.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

Our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

O come, let us adore him, Christ our Lord.

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES — # 47

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the king of Angels:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
‘Glory to God
In the highest’.

O come, let us adore him . . .

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing,

O come, let us adore him . . .

Latin tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802 – 1880)



Worship in Tithes and offerings

Offertory Text: *“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)*

Offertory Hymn: 58 –

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth,
Ye who sang creation’s story
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant-light:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear.
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Doxology for Christmas

(Tune: *O come, . . . Immanuel*)

Praise God for whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Hymn 55 –

In Bethlehem one glorious night

Cum dung to all a we;

Some shepherds nearly die with fright;

Cum dung to all a we;

Dem hear dat in a cattle pen,

Cum dung to all a we;

Was born de Saviour of all men

Cum dung to all a we.

Cum dung, Jesus, cum dung, cum dung.

Cum dung to all a we;

O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we.

O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we.

Three wise men see a glowing star,

Cum dung to all a we;

Although it was a-shining far,

Cum dung to all a we;

Dem bring rich gifts to give dis king.

Cum dung to all a we;

Dem also kneel an' worship him

Cum dung to all a we.

Ole Faro give his men a ring.
Cum dung to all a we;
He say, 'Just kill dat newborn King!'
Cum dung to all a we;
But God look after him for sure,
Cum dung to all a we;
So he will reign forevermore.
Cum dung to all a we.

Cum dung, Lord, an' go no more.
Cum dung to all a we;
Cum dung an' stay upon dis shore
Cum dung to all a we;
Yes, cum dung, Lord, please go no more,
Cum dung to all a we;
Oh, cum dung Lord forevermore,
Cum dung to all a we.



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
3. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
4. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
5. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.
6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with

judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



Choir Anthem – “*Christmas Sanctus*”



Second Scripture Reading: **Luke 2:1 – 20**

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



Hymn 60 –

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly swinging o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise

Mary, Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise.



Sermon – – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection: 73 –

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here;
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.



Intercessory Prayers (Christmas Liturgy continued)

All standing

Let us confess our faith:

In the beginning was the Word;

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All things came into being through him;

And without him not one thing came into being.

In him was life;

And the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness;

And the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;

Yet the world did not know him.

He came to his own,

And his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,

He gave power to become children of God.

The word became flesh and lived among us,

And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace,

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, revealed to us through the Word made flesh,

Have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, sharing our human form,

Have Mercy upon us,

Holy Spirit, revealed in all true fellowship,

Have mercy upon us.

For our dullness of vision,

For our weakness of faith,

For our joylessness,

Have mercy upon us.

For our preoccupation with the things of this world,

For our lack of fellowship with one another,

For our failure to enter into fellowship with you,

Have mercy upon us.

Eternal, faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

Have mercy upon us.

Lord God, you choose to live in the hearts of the lowly: we give thanks that you revealed yourself in the holy child Jesus, and that parenthood and infancy have been sanctified through his nativity. We thank you for the peace, goodwill and joy of this holy season; for the softening of hearts, and the promptings to forgive and forget past wrongs; for the grace and truth in our Lord's life, which revealed your true nature and what your children may grow to be. Make us so simple in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the Gospel that is hidden from the wise and prudent, but revealed to little children. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ who, sharing our life, grew in wisdom and in divine and human favour.

Glory to God in the highest.

Father of all, at this time when the solitary are set in families, and wanderers and exiles think longingly of home, we think of you, the home of us all, where all are welcome. May kind thoughts find lodging in the hardest heart; may longing for purity be born in minds that are unclean; and may the lonely and the labouring hear the song of the angels.

Glory to God in the highest.

God of love, hear us as we remember those for whom the joys of this Christmas season will be shadowed: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the bereaved, the lonely, the unloved, those who are ill and those who have no help May all who know your love show compassion and kindness, that having freely received they may also freely give, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to God in the highest.

Heavenly Father, your will is that all people should live in peace and unity. Give to all the loving wisdom of Christ, that they may overcome all thoughts of malice, envy, greed, prejudice and selfishness. Increase among us people of goodwill so that there may truly be your peace on earth.

Glory to God in the highest.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer:

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.*



Hymn 49 –

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, Tell It On The Mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold, throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light:

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth.

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn.



Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: *Roseanne Eversley*

Advanced: *Shamia Corbin & Merville Franklyn (27th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Terry & Sis. Norma Meek who will celebrate their 36th Wedding Anniversary on December 27, 2025.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✝ **This Week:**

✝ **Office Hours – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).**

✝ **Friday: PUBLIC HOLIDAY – BOXING DAY.**

✝ **Next Sunday: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

✝ **Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We express thanks to all who supported Missionary Festival 2025. So far, we have raised \$16,119.40 which exceeds our target of \$13,000. However, we do not stop our ingathering until the end of our financial year and we will receive contributions until then. You can make contributions in envelopes marked “Missions” or by direct deposit to our bank account. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
2. From the Superintendent re the Provincial Pension Plan:

- 2.1. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has launched an appeal to heal the pension plan for Ministers of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.
- 2.2. At the 34th Provincial Synod recently held in Trinidad in July 2025, delegates received an update on the serious condition of the Pension Plan. The PEC informed that “some pastors, having given over forty years of service, now face uncertainty about receiving a pension. Additionally, three of our pastors currently receive less than 50% of the pension due to them. Another six pastors have reached retirement age and are awaiting a response from the insurance company. This predicament leaves them not knowing if they will have any income for retirement. As a Church, we agree that all our ministers should retire with dignity and have the means to live in today’s economy.”
- 2.3. By way of this appeal, we hope to bring relief to those currently receiving less than their due pension and to reduce the deficit of the Provincial Pension Plan.
- 2.4. For this year, 2025, we are appealing to you make a contribution of \$100 on November 30, 2025. *(Thanks to all who responded to the Provincial Pension appeal; some \$2,600 were received at Sharon).*
- 2.5. The appeal will continue in 2026 and will be maintained over a seven-year period, the proposal being a monthly \$10 donation or \$120 annually.
- 2.6. Thank you for your assistance and your ongoing focused prayer regarding this matter.
3. From the Provincial Board:
 - 3.1. Rev. Erwin Warner who currently serves as the Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, Pastor of the Bethesda Moravian Church, and Minister of Christian Education for the St. Kitts Conference, has accepted an amended call to serve as Pastor of the Ebenezer Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference along with his current call. This call takes effect from February 1, 2025. Please pray for Bro. Warner and family and the St. Kitts Conference, particularly, the Bethesda and Ebenezer congregations, as they make this transition.
 - 3.2. Hurricane Melissa:
 - 3.2.1. The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and across several of our Caribbean neighbours are truly heartbreaking. Our support for the Jamaica Province is already

underway. Rev. Neilson Waithe is currently in Jamaica providing counselling and logistical assistance.

3.2.2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is actively exploring additional ways to assist our sisters and brothers during this difficult time. Their needs will be many as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives. While we await a detailed assessment of the specific items required, we can already offer meaningful help through financial gifts.

3.2.3. As you are able and as the Holy Spirit leads, you may contribute through your congregation or Conference. All funds received will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Province to aid in the recovery effort. Monetary gifts of any size are deeply appreciated. Your generosity will serve as a tangible reminder to our Moravian siblings that they are not alone – we stand with them.

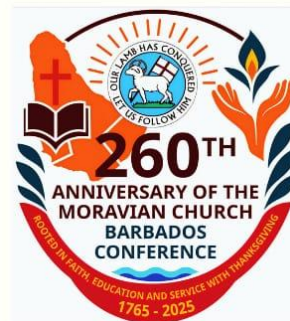
3.2.4. Let us continue to lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they navigate this season of loss and rebuilding.

3.3. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God's call on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.

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



MORAVIAN HISTORY (BETHLEHEM)



Part 7 Growth and Ministerial Leadership at Bethlehem

Bethlehem congregation continued to grow, and by the end of 1972, its communicant membership had increased to 86. In that same year, however, Rev. Grant left the island and Bethlehem was again without a Minister. This occurrence would become a frequent challenge for the congregation, as periods without permanent pastoral leadership recurred over the years.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



MORAVIAN HISTORY (BETHLEHEM)



Part 8 Ministers Come, Ministers Go

Rev. Robert Cuthbert, who was both a member of the congregation and affiliated with the CCC/CADEC organization, was accepted as the minister of Bethlehem. When Rev. Cuthbert departed Barbados in 1973, his co-worker and fellow Moravian, Br. Theodore Wilde, volunteered for full-time ministry. Later that year, he was ordained by his father, The Rt. Rev. Edward Wilde, Bishop of the Unity.

However, by the next year, Rev. Wilde was called away by CADEC, and Bethlehem again found itself without a minister. Rev. Peter Gubi, Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, assumed leadership of Bethlehem, but he too soon had to leave the island. In 1975, Rev. Dr. Charles Peters took on ministerial duties, though by 1977 he was also called away. Student pastor Br. Tyrone Lewis then served Bethlehem for one year, followed by Lay Pastor Alexander Graham for another year. Br. Lewis returned in 1979 as Rev. Tyrone Lewis.

Following these transitions, Rev. Dufferin Culpepper, then Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, added Bethlehem to his responsibilities for Mt Tabor and Penuel congregations after Rev. Graham retired from active service in 1987.

On July 21, 1985, Roslyn Hamblin, a member at Bethlehem was ordained at Bethlehem. After serving in Antigua and the US Virgin Islands, Rev Hamblin is now serving as Minister at Bethlehem.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

5. Our Board of Elders has been 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 (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes

7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

6. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

6.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



7. 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.
8. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 8.1. 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.
 - 8.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 8.3. 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.
9. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 9.1. 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.
 - 9.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 9.3. 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>).
 - 9.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *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*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for Bro. Ricardo Gibbs and family, the Gibbs, Brewster and Clarke families on the passing of Sis. Lelia Gibbs, wife of Bro. Ricardo. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life has been tentatively set for January 15, 2026, here at Sharon.*

4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✚ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15

✚ Books:

📖 Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.

📖 Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.

📖 Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.

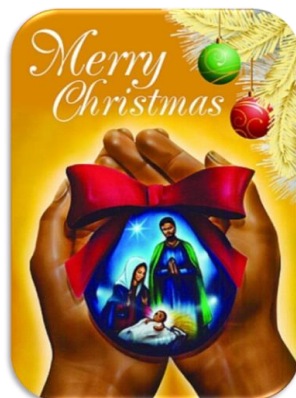
✚ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



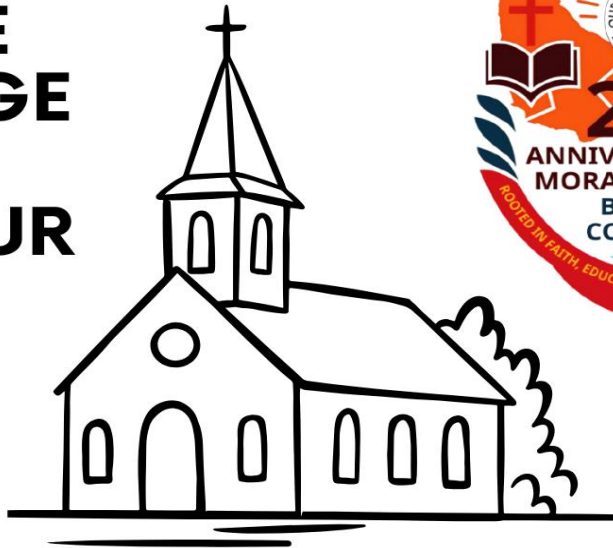
Provincial Theme 2025:

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

“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC



CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



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

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
| ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) |
| ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) | ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834) |
| ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
| ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) | |

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