

## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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Sunday, March 6, 2022

**UNITY SUNDAY**

First Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** Welcome all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad as we celebrate the founding of the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) 565 years ago. As we give thanks and sing, may the outpouring of God's grace stir us to greater faithfulness. Welcome!

**Pastor:** *Rev. Ezra Parris*

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**Associate Pastor:**

*Rev. Movelle Kellman*

**WATCHWORD:** No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.  
*(Romans 10:11)*

**Provincial Theme 2022:** *“Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”*

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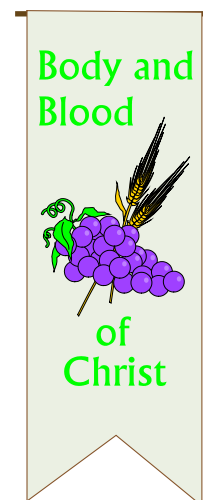
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## Litany for the Observance of Moravian Festivals

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

*All standing*

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

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

For the Lord is a great God;

*And a great King above all gods.*

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

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

To show forth your lovingkindness in the morning;

*And your faithfulness every night.*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

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

*Tune: OLD 124th*

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

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

*1934. Dorothy A. Connor*

Let us pray

*(All seated)*

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

Create new hearts within us, Lord, so that we may live according to your will for us. In your name, Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

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

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

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

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

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

*Come, Holy Spirit, and touch us now.*

You give us men and women in this day who serve you diligently;  
You raise up young and old whom you have blessed to bless others;  
You give to all people varied talents and skills which we may use for your honour and glory.

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

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

*Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.*

*Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC*

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

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

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

*1980. Neilson Waithe*

O God our loving Father, we thank you:  
For the service of your servants, rendered in our church through the years.  
For their commitment to service and their loyalty to you;  
For their strength of character and their patience in tribulation;  
*We give you thanks; O Lord.*

For John Hus who bravely stood for honesty in service and integrity in witness;  
For his boldness to stand in favour of the standards of God whilst standing against the  
institutions of his day,  
For his courage to face death by fire because of his Christian conviction;  
*We give you thanks; O Lord.*

For John Amos Comenius who assisted persecuted Christians in finding refuge;  
For his prayer for the church that God might preserve a ‘hidden seed to glorify his name’;  
For that ‘hidden seed’ which sprung to life nearly a century later;  
*We give you thanks; O Lord.*

For Christian David who continued the labour of finding refuge for our persecuted  
ancestors;  
For his encounter with Count Zinzendorf and the Count’s willingness to ‘give these  
Christians land whilst Christ gave them rest’;  
*We give you thanks; O Lord.*

For Count Zinzendorf’s encounter with the slave Anthony and his zeal in leading the  
Moravians into mission;  
For the commitment of David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober, our first missionaries;  
*We give you thanks; O Lord.*

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

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

*We give you thanks; O Lord.*

For these 565 years of worship, witness and work of the Moravian Church worldwide;

For the 290 years of missionary activity;

For the 290 years of service in our Province of the Moravian Church;

For the 257 years of existence of the Moravian Church in this country;

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

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

*All standing*

*Tune: AURELIA*

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

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

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

*Elva Kitson, d. 2011*



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**



**Adoration In Songs & Choruses**



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings including Unity Offering – *Sis Grace Sandiford***



**Ministry of the Word**

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1 – 11 – *Sis Hazel Carter***

1. And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;
2. That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.
3. And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.
4. And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.
5. And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:
6. And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

7. And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:
8. And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:
9. And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.
10. And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:
11. And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.



**Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1 – 13** – *Sis Veronica Leacock*

1. And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2. Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
3. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.
4. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
5. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
6. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
7. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.
8. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
9. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:
10. For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:



11. And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
12. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
13. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.



**Choir Anthem** – *“God So Loved The World”*



**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Hymn 305** –

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
 Pilgrim through this barren land:  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
 Hold me with thy powerful hand;  
     Bread of heaven,  
     Feed me now and evermore.

Open thou the crystal fountain,  
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
     Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through;  
     Strong deliverer,  
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
     Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
     Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
     Songs of praises  
     I will ever give to thee.



**MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation**

## The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.*

*Amen.*

*A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:*

Lift up your hearts:

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there

a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*

*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

*The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.*



**582**

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,  
We keep the memory adored,  
And show the death of our dear Lord,  
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead  
We 'take and eat' – the living bread;

And thus, by faith, our souls are fed  
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,  
His life blood shed for us, we see;  
The wine shall tell the mystery  
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night  
With the last advent we unite  
By one blest chain of loving rite,  
Until He come.

O blessèd hope! with this elate  
Let not our hearts be desolate,  
But, strong in faith, in patience wait  
Until He come.



158

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

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

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

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.



***All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.***

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:***

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,  
Have mercy, O Lord.***



***All stand***

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'

***The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.***



**568**

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

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

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

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

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



166

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

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

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

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

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

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



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*

### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266**

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,  
Deep as the unfathomed sea,  
Which falls like sunshine on the road  
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose  
Which comes from outward rest,  
If we may have through all life's woes  
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,  
Trusts where it cannot see,

Deems not the trial way too long,  
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,  
A river in the soul,  
Whose banks a living verdure keep –  
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,  
Whate'er the outward be,  
Till all life's discipline shall cease,  
And we go home to thee.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

*During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.*





## Covenant Hymn – 444

Christian hearts in love united,  
Seek alone in Jesus rest;  
Has he not your love excited?  
Then let love inspire each breast;  
Members – on our Head depending,  
Lights – reflecting him our sun,  
Brethren – his commands attending,  
We in him, our Lord, are one.

Come then, come, O flock of Jesus,  
Covenant with him anew;  
Unto him, who conquered for us,  
Pledge we love and service true;  
And should our love's union holy  
Firmly linked no more remain,  
Wait ye at his footstool lowly,  
Till he draw it close again.

Grant, Lord, that with thy direction,  
'Love each other', we comply,  
Aiming with unfeigned affection  
Thy love to exemplify;  
Let our mutual love be glowing;  
Thus will all men plainly see,  
That we, as one stem growing,  
Living branches are in thee.

O that such may be our union,  
As thine with the Father is,  
And not one of our communion  
E'er forsake the path of bliss:  
May our light 'fore men with brightness,  
From thy light reflected, shine;  
Thus the world will bear us witness,  
That we, Lord, are truly thine.



*The Blessing:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

*In the name of Jesus. AMEN.*

*All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.*



**Organ Postlude**



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

Welcome all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad as we celebrate the founding of the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) 565 years ago. As we give thanks and sing, may the outpouring of God's grace stir us to greater faithfulness. Welcome!



Today: Carlos Knight

Advanced: Melik Carmichael, Cowyn Franklyn, Jenyre Maynard & Jean Straker (8<sup>th</sup>), David Greenidge, Earlyne Walrond & Shirnelle Yorke (9<sup>th</sup>), Kailani Armstrong & Steve Garnes (10<sup>th</sup>)

**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: Unity Sunday

† Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

† Celebration & Witness – 5:00 p.m., Online – the Meeting ID: 850 1079 9179 | Passcode: 128392

### † 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Saturday: Annual General Meeting of Island Conference – 10:00 a.m., at the Duncan C. Moore Centre.

† Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Online Sunday School – Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at [valeacock@gmail.com](mailto:valeacock@gmail.com).

### In the Month of March 2022:

† Harvest Festival at Grace Hill – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

† Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

† Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

† Theological Education Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup>



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Women’s Fellowship will hold a Farmer’s Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. On Tuesday, March 1st, the Board of Stewards met and elected an Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis Margaret Best; Vice-Chairman – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis. Evelina King-Harper; Treasurer – Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Asst. Secretary – Sis Orrin Williams; Asst. Treasurer –Sis Jennifer Clarke.

3. On Thursday, March 3rd, the Board of Elders met and elected executive members as follows: Vice-Chairman – Sis Carmel Downes; Secretary – Sis Angelus Hurdle.
4. If you intend to claim on donations made to the Moravian Church when filing for your 2021 income tax return, please request via the Sharon Church Office that a statement be made to the Barbados Revenue Authority on your behalf. You will need to provide your new Tax Identification Number (TIN).
5. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight, April 03 – Midnight, April 17, 2022.
  - ✠ Sharon and Dunscombe have been given responsibility for Tuesday April 12, 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for a half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.
  - ✠ This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Spirit of God ignited a passion for prayer that gave birth to a prayer meeting that lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us keep that passion alive as we seek the face of God for direction for the Church, the world, and our lives.
6. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
  - ✠ March 6, 2022 is Unity Sunday.
    - ✠ At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.
    - ✠ A special Unity offering will be taken in Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday March 6, 2022. The Unity Prayer Day Offering will benefit “Support of refugee resettlement in North America”, a work done by the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) together with congregations of the Moravian Church Southern and Northern Provinces, North America. The project assists refugees in their transition from their native homelands to their new homes in North America.
  - ✠ For the season of Lent, there will be three Lenten reflections held around the theme of Repentance, Reconciliation, and Renewal. These sessions will be led by Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer to be held on March 7 and 21, and April 4 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Let us use these sessions to help us look in, look around, and look to Jesus so that we can become the healed and healing community of disciples Jesus calls us to be. The zoom link will be provided in time for all to participate.

- † Sunday March 20, 2022 is Theological Education Sunday.
- † Our focus on this Sunday is the call of God for people to dedicate themselves to gospel ministry. Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him to serve the kingdom. Are you among the called?
- † Special prayers are also requested for our Warden/Tutor at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Rev. Neilson Waithe.
- † If you sense God calling you to deeper service, continue praying about it and talk with your pastor or a mature Christian as to how you might respond to the prompting of God. The call to ministry has many facets. It may be within your congregation or in the Conference. It may be as a Missionary, in some Specialized Ministry, or at the Pastoral level. Be open for where the Holy Spirit is leading.
- † Last year you gave EC\$9,158 towards theological education. The Province spent about EC\$29,000. On March 20, 2022, a special offering will be received for theological education. Please give as the Lord provides.
- 7. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
- 8. Our Steelpan Ministry has resumed. Those who are interested should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
- 9. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
  - † We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
  - † Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
  - † Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - † Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian

Church (Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.  
10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
‡ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds.*
3. Our nation, for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.



### AVAILABLE:

#### ‡ Moravian Daily Text 2022:

‡ American Paperback Edition – \$25

‡ American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30

‡ Offering Envelopes for 2022 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.

‡ Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.

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

‡ 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.



## **Circular from the Chairman of PEC**

**To:** All Members of Staff/Congregations  
**From:** Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC  
**Subject:** 33rd Provincial Synod  
**Date:** January 7, 2022

### **FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

**Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.**

**The Provincial Board has set the date for the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province for July 18-22, 2022. Living within this period of uncertainty necessitates that Synod be held using a hybrid/virtual model.**

**Mindful of the local pandemic protocols, each Conference in the Province is asked to prepare for the event by doing the following:**

- 1. Elect Synod delegate(s) accordance to the provisions of the Book of Order paragraph 5.4.4.7**
- 2. Submit the names of all delegates by March 31, 2022.**
- 3. Prepare all reports for submission to the Provincial Office by April 29, 2022.**
- 4. Prepare and submit to the Provincial Office all proposals to be considered at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Synod by April 15, 2022.**

**Information will be circulated later with pre-synod processes and procedures.**

**The Provincial Board has appointed Rev. Adelyn Mgonela to serve as the Synod Chaplain. The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis has been appointed Chairman of Synod. The Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner has been appointed Secretary of Synod.**

**One of the businesses of 33rd Provincial Synod is to approve the updated Book of Order 2020. This document has been circulated to Pastors for onward circulation to members for reflection, discussion, and amendments where needed. Please take time to review this document that governs our operations and share your feedback.**

**Making the SHIFT for the 33rd Provincial Synod means that we must reimagine Synod. The presentation of reports, Committee meetings, worship, elections, and participation of delegates and observers will be adjusted to suit the virtual platform. We have the benefit of learning from others who have gone this way before us.**

**Please add the 33rd Provincial Synod to your prayer list that God's will be done among us.**





## NOTICE



UPON ENTERING  
PLEASE USE  
HAND SANITIZER  
HELP STOP THE  
SPREAD OF COVID-19

### Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
  - ✦ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
  - ✦ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
  - ✦ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
  - ✦ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

