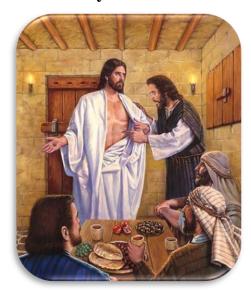


# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We gather again to celebrate the good news, He is risen! With thanksgiving, we declare the sure mercies of God, and the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad.

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WATCHWORD: If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

(1 John 1:7)

**Provincial Theme 2024:** 

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

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**



Organ Prelude Introit – Choir Call To Worship:

Leader: Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the

Lord is risen upon you.

Congregation: For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep

darkness the people;

All: But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon

you.

Hymn 333 – "Walk In The Light: And Thou Shalt Own"

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 133** 

**WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS** 

Offertory Sentence: "When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. (2 Chronicles 7:1)

Offertory Hymn: "Shine Jesus Shine (Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining)"

**Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings** 

Offertory Doxology: "Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks"

**Greetings, Celebrations & Notices** 

**Adoration in Song** 

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 Second Scripture Reading: John 20:19 – 31 Choir Anthem – "Here At Thy Table, Lord"

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession** 

Hymn 339 - "When We Walk With The Lord"

Musical Interlude / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

(We welcome into Communicant Fellowship Sis. Evangeline Downes who was baptized on Saturday, March 30, 2024)

Invitation

**Eucharistic Prayer** 

Hymn 555 – "Together with these symbols Lord"

**Consecration of the Bread** 

Distribution Hymns: 558 – "We Come Now To Your Table Lord"

566 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**Consecration of the Wine** 

Distribution Hymns: 583 – "I Thirst For Christ So Deep Within"

588 – "For The Bread And For The Wine"

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 465 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

Covenant Hymn: 599 - "We Covenant With Hand And Heart"

The Blessing Organ Postlude



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upon you.



# Hymn 333 -

Walk in the light: and thou shalt own
Thy darkness passed away,
Because that light hath on thee shone
In which is perfect day.

Walk in the light: and thou shalt find
Thy heart made truly his
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,
In whom no darkness is.

Walk in the light: and thou shalt know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow
Who reigns in light above.

Walk in the light: and e'en the tomb No fearful shade shall wear; Glory shall chase away its gloom, For Christ hath conquered there.

Walk in the light: and thine shall be A path, though thorny, bright; For God, by grace, shall dwell in thee, And God himself is light.



## **Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**



#### RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 133

- 1. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- **3.** As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.



#### **WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Offertory Sentence: "When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. (2 Chronicles 7:1)

# Offertory Hymn -

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence From the shadows into your radiance By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

By Graham Kendrick



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings** 



**Offertory Doxology:** 

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.



**Greetings, Celebrations & Notices** 



**Adoration in Songs & Choruses** 



# Ministry of the Word

# First Scripture Reading: 1 John 1: 1-2:2

- 1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
- 2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- **3.** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- **4.** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
- 5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- **6.** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- 7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- **8.** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **9.** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## 1 John 2

- 1. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
- **2.** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.



# **Scripture Reading:** John 20:19 – 31

- 19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- **20.** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.
- **21.** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
- 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
- 23. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.
- 24. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.
- **26.** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.
- 27. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.
- 28. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.
- **29.** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.
- **30.** And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
- **31.** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.



Choir Anthem - "Here At Thy Table, Lord"



#### Sermon – – Rev. David Ince



## **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



## Hymn 339 -

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross, But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love Until all on the altar we lay; For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows, Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.



**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.



We come now to your table Lord,
You are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed,
And now may every soul be fed,
With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us Your sacred blood was shed, We drink the cup, it was for us You suffered pain and bled; Your sacred blood was shed, You suffered pain and bled; We drink the cup, it was for us Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us, The sacred Bread and Wine, A holy feast transforming us, That makes our lives divine; The sacred Bread and Wine, That makes our lives divine; A holy feast transforming us, This Bread and Wine.



566

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.



## 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.



583

I thirst for Christ so deep within,
He calls to me and says, 'Come, drink;'
I hunger for the bread divine,
He welcomes me to come and dine.

I came and tasted of the Lord, My soul was filled go overflow; My heart now bursts with endless joy, For Christ has set my heart aglow. To all who long and thirst for more, The Saviour stands outside your door; A joyous feast awaits each soul And grace abounds to make us whole.



588

For the bread and for the wine, For the pledge that seals Him mine, For the words of love divine, We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace, Bidding all our sorrows cease, Earnest of the kingdom's bliss, We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye
To the cross of Calvary,
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread, Type of Him on whom we feed, Him who liveth and was dead; We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup; As we at His table sup, Eye and heart are lifted up! We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



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 – 465

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one, eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



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 – 599**

We covenant with hand and heart,
To follow Christ, our Lord;
With world and sin and self to part,
And to obey his word:
To love each other heartily,
In truth and in sincerity,
And under cross, reproach and shame,
To glorify his name.



## 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**



**Greetings, Celebrations & Notices** 

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Today: Resa Layne

<u>Advanced</u> Shaquon Bryan & Esmay Waldrond (8<sup>th</sup>), Shamaria Brewster (9<sup>th</sup>), Una Campbell, Michelle Collymore & Kaleb Blackman-Gibbons (10<sup>th</sup>), T'Shura Hinds (11<sup>th</sup>), Tyler Codrington & Shaniyah Payne (12<sup>th</sup>)



Congratulations to Bro. Kadeem & Sis. Jordonna Herbert who celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary yesterday on April 6, 2024.

#### MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- **†** Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
  - **♦** Adventures in worship (All ages) − 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
  - **†** Harvest Festival at Penuel at 3:30 p.m.
  - **₱** Police Band Concert at Gracehill at 4:00 p.m. Admission \$25.00
- † This Week:
- **† THIS WEEK**
- → Office Hours Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- ♣ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- ⊕ Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets Hosea) 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- **†** Thursday: Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) − 12 noon to midnight
- **Priday:** Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- **♦ Next Sunday: Divine Worship 9:30 a.m.** 
  - ⊕ Adventures in worship (All ages) 10:00 a.m. in the D.C.
     Moore Centre
  - **†** Harvest Festival at Faith at 8:00 a.m.



## **Activities in the Month of April 2024:**

- **†** Harvest Festival at Penuel − Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.
- ♣ Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon
   12:00 Midnight. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Ince, Rev.
   Kellman or the Church Office.
- **♣** Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) Sunday, 14th, 8:00 a.m.
- **†** Conference at Prayer Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>, online via Zoom.
- **♥** Conference Women's Fellowship & Youth Heritage Tour Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>
- **♦ Youth Convention Sunday, 28th, 10:00 a.m. Outdoors at Sharon Moravian Church.**



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- 1. We express our gratitude to all who in any way supported our Food and Fun Day on Easter Monday. It was a good day.
- 2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. We held our Anniversary Service on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Other events being planned, include:
  - The George Ramsay Memorial" Lecture Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Pedro Welch.
  - **♥** "Come Back Sunday" Sunday June 30, 2024.
  - **♣** Anniversary Dinner & Gala October 12, 2024.
  - We have launched a "225 for 225" drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars 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.



- 3. At its meeting held on March 12, 2024, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman Sis Margaret Best; Vice-Chairman Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary Sis Evelina King-Harper; Treasurer Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary Sis Brenda Mascoll; Assistant Treasurer Sis Jennifer Clarke.
- 4. At its meeting held on February 29, 2024, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Carmel Downes as Vice-Chairman, Sis Cora Cumberbatch as Secretary and

Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary. The assignment of Districts is a follows:

No.	DISTRICT	<b>ELDERS</b>
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 <sup>st</sup> 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. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
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. Bevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

- **5.** The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
- **♥** Moravian Music Sunday will be observed on the fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024. Please see the attached litany and suggested hymns for this observance.
- **♦** Rev. Kevin St. Hill will represent the Moravian Unity at the Global Christian Forum Gathering (GCF) in Accra Ghana from April 15-20 under the theme, "That they may know." This Gathering brings together diverse Christian

- leaders from across the world to discuss matters of faith and the church in the world. Bro. St. Hill is one of two young clergy requested to represent the Moravian Unity.
- The Provincial Board announces the return of Sis. Maryse Roberts to continue her service as Assistant Treasurer of the Province.
- 6. We are thankful for your financial support.
- **†** 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.
- **You 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 <a href="www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary">www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary</a> for these details.
- 7. 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.
- **We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your** Christian walk and service.
- ♣ MoravianVoice will also be available on Instagram<br/>(www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the<br/>MoravianChurch BarbadosConference<br/>(https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference).
- **You can email your comments and requests to:** moravianvoice@gmail.com
- **♣** Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- 8. We are resuming the "Basket of Hope" ministry. As of next Sunday, you will have the opportunity to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made every Sunday, 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.



# The Past 225 Years

8. Rev. Duncan C. Moore was the first black man to become Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC). He served for 18 years at Sharon. The renovated school, now church hall, was so named in his memory.



#### **PRAYER NEEDS:**



- 1. Our Shut-ins: Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore
- 2. The Sick/Recovering:
  - † Of our congregation: Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)
- 3. The Bereaved: We express condolences and pray for the relatives and friends of Sis. Patterson Williams on her passing.
- 4. World Peace



## **AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):**

- **†** Moravian Daily Text 2024:
  - American Paperback Edition \$25
- Offering Envelopes for 2024 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 for 2024 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: <u>Understanding the Caribbean Worker</u> \$25; Provocation \$20.
- Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: <u>Created in Their Image: Evangelical</u> 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 2024:**

"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



