



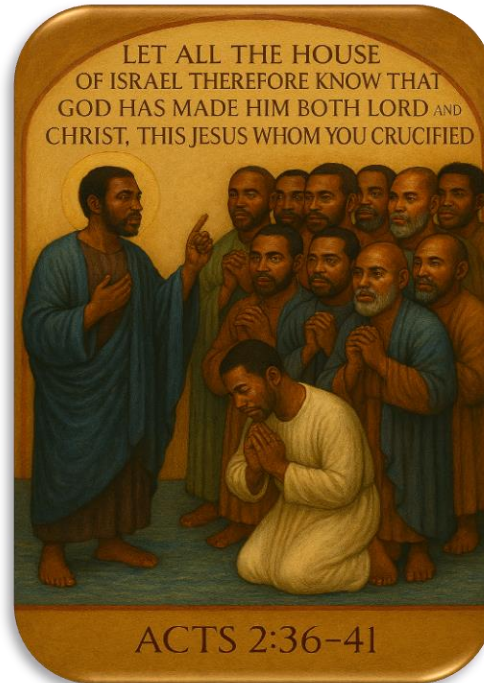
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 19, 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!”* Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad, as we lift high the name of Christ our Saviour. Welcome!

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WATCHWORD: You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.
(1 Peter 1:23)

Provincial Theme 2026:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Hymn 466 – *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”*

The Fourth Order of Public Worship (p. 19 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“If you are eager to give, God will accept your gifts on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don’t have.”* (2 Cor. 8:12 TEV)

Offertory Hymn: 270 – *“He Pardoned My Transgression”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

The Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36 – 41

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13 – 35

Choir Anthem – *“Above All”*

The Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

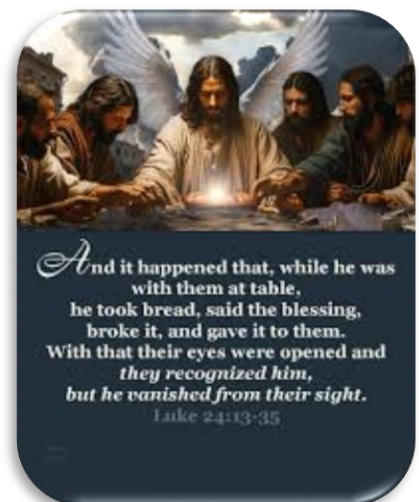
Hymn 274 – *“My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Prelude
Introit – Choir
Call to Worship



Hymn 466 –

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him!



THE FOURTH ORDER

All standing, one or more of the following may be used:

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me;
Let them bring me to thy holy hill.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; honour and majesty are before him,
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord;
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.
Because they trust in thee.

Trust in the Lord for ever,

For in the Lord is everlasting strength.

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God, and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace, and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being requires. Wherefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

O Lord, have mercy upon us,

And blot out our transgressions.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, may by thy merciful pardon be absolved; that being cleansed from all sin, we may be clothed in thy righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely | are thy | dwellings : O | Lord | of | hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing for the | courts • of the | Lord : My heart and my flesh re- | jice • in the | living | God.
- 3 Yea the sparrow doth find a home, and the swallow a | nest for • her- | self (:)
Where | she may | lay her | young;
- 4 And I at thine altar, O | Lord of | hosts : My | King and | my | God.
- 5 Blessed are they that | dwell in • thy | house : They will be | ever | praising | thee.

- 6 Bless-ed is the man whose | strength is • in thee : In whose | hearts • are the | highways • to | Zion.
- 7 Who passing through the vale of misery maketh it a | place of | springs : Yea the | pools are | filled with | water.
- 8 They go from | strength to | strength : Every one of them ap- | peareth be • fore | God in | Zion.
- 9 O Lord God of hosts | hear my | prayer : Give | ear O | God of | Jacob.
- 10 Behold O | God • our de- | fender : Look upon the | face of | thine an- | ointed.
- 11 Surely better is a | day in • thy courts : Than a | thousand | days | elsewhere.
- 12 I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of • my | God : Than dwell • in the | tents of | wickedness.
- 13 For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give | grace and | glory : No good thing will he withhold from | them that | walk | uprightly.
- 14 O | Lord of | hosts : Bless-ed is the | man that | trusteth • in | thee. Glory be the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be : world without | end. A- | -- | men.

All standing, a Confession of Faith or Creed may be used.

Let us pray.

O Lord, open thou our lips,

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Commit thy way unto the Lord.

And put thy trust in him.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author all godliness; hear we beseech thee, the prayer of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional prayer may be offered, continuing with:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men and women; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate (especially those for whom our prayers are desired); may it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, have mercy on all people,

And grant them thy salvation.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to set us before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, now and for evermore. ***Amen.***



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“If you are eager to give, God will accept your gifts on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don’t have.” (2 Cor. 8:12 TEV)*

Offertory Hymn: 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment
By trusting in His grace;
'Tis through His blest atonement
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,
His blessings ever flow;
He fills me with His glory,
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful,
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing
Which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven,
The source of our new birth.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

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



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41

14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
36. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
37. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
40. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13 – 35

13. And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.
14. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
15. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
16. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
17. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
18. And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
19. And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
20. And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
21. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
22. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
23. And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
24. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
25. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
29. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
30. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.
31. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
32. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
33. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
34. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.
35. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.



Choir Anthem – “Above All”



Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Closing Hymn: 274 –

My faith, it is an oaken staff,
 The traveler’s well loved aid;
 My faith, it is a weapon stout,
 The soldier’s trusty blade,
 I’ll travel on, and still be stirred,
 By silent thought or social word;
 By all my perils undeterred,
 A soldier pilgrim staid.

I have a captain, and the heart
Of every private man
Has drunk in valour from his eyes,
Since first the war began.
He is most merciful in fight,
And of his scars a single sight
The embers of our failing might
Into a flame can fan.

I have a guide, and in his steps
When travellers have trod,
Whether beneath was flinty rock
Or yielding grassy sod,
They cared not, but with force unspent,
Unmoved by pain, they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
Their zealous course to God.

My faith, it is an oaken staff,
O let me on it lean;
My faith, it is a trusty sword,
May falsehood find it keen.
Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart,
O make me what thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart,
As all true saints have been.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices ...

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad, as we lift high the name of Christ our Saviour. Welcome!



Advanced: Katrina Bryan (20th), Gloria Skeete (22nd), Anson Skeete (25th), Ansonia Burgess (27th), Samantha Lewis (28th), Yvonne Burrell (29th), Marco Alleyne, Cheryl Maynard, Diana Boyce, & Toni Thompson (30th), Kyler Watson (May 2nd)



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Shelah Clarke-Parris, Sis. Gloria Skeete, Sis. Samantha Lewis and Sis. Yvonne Burrell in celebration of their birthdays.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

THIS WEEK

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Conference at Prayer 6:00 a.m. online via Zoom.
- † Next Sunday: **NO WORSHIP HERE AT SHARON**
 - † Youth Convention at 10:00 a.m. at King George V. Memorial Park, St. Philip



Activities in the Month of May 2026:

- † W. F. Island Council Retreat – Saturday, 2nd, D. C. Moore Centre, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 pm.
- † Moravian Music Sunday – 3rd
- † Mother’s Day – Sunday, 10th
- † Grace Hill’s Annual Concert: *Voices In the Community*. Featuring Romancia Murray – Sunday, 19th at 4:00 p.m. Tickets – \$30.
- † Pentecost / Whit Sunday & Testimony Service – 24th
- † Annual Choir Retreat – 25th
- † Trinity Sunday / Green Sunday (near World Environment Day) – 31st. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building, we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Christian Educator:

- 1.1. Our annual Youth Convention will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at King George V Memorial Park, St. Philip at 10:00 a.m.
- 1.2. Congregations are asked to make arrangements for their own lunch and transportation. Also, encourage members to walk with their own chairs.
- 1.3. There will be a bake sale organized by the Barbados delegation to PYC 2026. Funds will go towards camp expenses. Please encourage members to support.
- 1.4. After the worship service in the morning, there will be an afternoon of fun activities and games. These activities include but are not limited to cricket, netball, road tennis and a children zone.
- 1.5. We will conclude the day at 4:00 p.m.

2. Our Joint Board and Delegates to Island conference are as follows:

Elders

Sis. Hazel Carter
Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
Sis. Merville Franklyn
Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
Sis. Waveney Hinds
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Bro. Victor Hurdle
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
Bro. Anthony Ifill

Stewards

Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Joy Best
Bro. Patrick Cadogan
Sis. Jennifer Clarke
Sis. Sian Cumberbatch
Bro. Darwin Dottin
Sis Charlene Ellis
Sis. Evelyn Greenidge
Sis. Sonia King

Bro. Steven King
Bro. Edwin Sandiford
Sis. Grace Sandiford
Sis. Ismay Straker

Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Brenda Mascoll
Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard

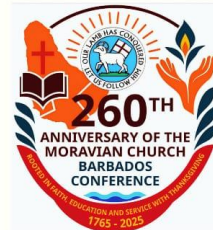
Delegates To Island Conference

Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Margaret Best
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall (Alternate)

- 2.1. At its meeting held on February 26, 2026, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Angelus Hurdle as Vice-Chairman, Bro. Victor Hurdle as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary.
 - 2.2. At its meeting held on March 10, 2026, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis. Evelina King-Harper; Vice-Chairman – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis. Sian Cumberbatch; Treasurer – Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis. Joy Best; Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Jennifer Clarke.
3. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



**MORAVIAN
HISTORY
DUNSCOMBE**



Ministers Who Served Part 5

Rev. Cuthbert Pilgrim assumed ministerial responsibilities, between 1972 and 1975. Rev. Pilgrim undertook the task of building up the congregation. He brought the brethren down from Mount Tabor and held open-air services in the area. He also visited homes and motivated people to attend church. To help maintain the growing interest, Rev. Pilgrim assigned various lay preachers to share in the work. Most of these men came from Mount Tabor, though other pastorates were involved. A young energetic brother by the name of Dufferin Culpepper also assisted, oft times he would be the one to pump the lamps.

After Rev. Pilgrim, several other ministers served and with distinction. The list includes Rev. Lloyd Kitson, Rev. John Knight, Rev. Alvin Barker and Rev. Frank Barker. These served from the decade of the 1960s until 1983. Rev. Frank Barker was installed in 1975 and during his tenure a building fund was launched. He loved the youth and was a great motivator.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



MORAVIAN HISTORY DUNSCOMBE



Ministers Who Served Part 6

On the retirement of Rev. Barker, Rev. Rudolph Holder led the flock for one year. This was an extension to his heavy responsibility as he was already serving at Calvary in Bridgetown. Rev. Holder was also officiating at Gracehill in addition to his duties as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference. Rev. Holder exhibited great care and commitment at Dunscombe and prepared the congregation for the arrival of Rev. Marlon James who also served for a year. Rev. James, a no-nonsense young Jamaican pastor, instituted certain reforms. He functioned by the Book of Order more rigidly than was done before and regulated the Church Committee and Helpers Board. In the Youth Fellowship he mandated that only Active Communicants could serve on the executive committee.

In 1986 Rev. Romeo Challenger from Antigua arrived to lead the Sharon and Dunscombe pastorate. It is during his tenure at the helm that the church was rebuilt. No doubt his responsibilities were heavy at such a time. His stewardship ensured cohesion and continuity.

DID YOU KNOW?

4. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
5. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 5.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - 5.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 5.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.

6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- 6.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
- 6.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 6.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- 6.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † MORAVIAN FEST 260 Cards (My Special Anniversary Gift) – You are invited to set aside and / or invite others to join you raising \$260 to support the work of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference, as we celebrate the 260th Anniversary of the commencement of Moravian work on the island.
- † Missionary Collection Boxes 2026 – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- † Offering Envelopes for 2026 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- † Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- † Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- † Books:
 - ▣ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- † Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



Acknowledgements:

Thank you!

We acknowledge a thank you card and a gift of US\$260/BD\$520 from Sis. Gloria Barker, wife of the late Rev. Dr. Frank A. Barker. Sis Barker expresses thanks for the support given to her, following his passing.



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, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes.*

3. World Peace



PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. Nehemiah 13:2*

Provincial Theme 2026:

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

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God’s purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. Community Engagement

Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. Sustainability

Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. Asset Utilization

Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



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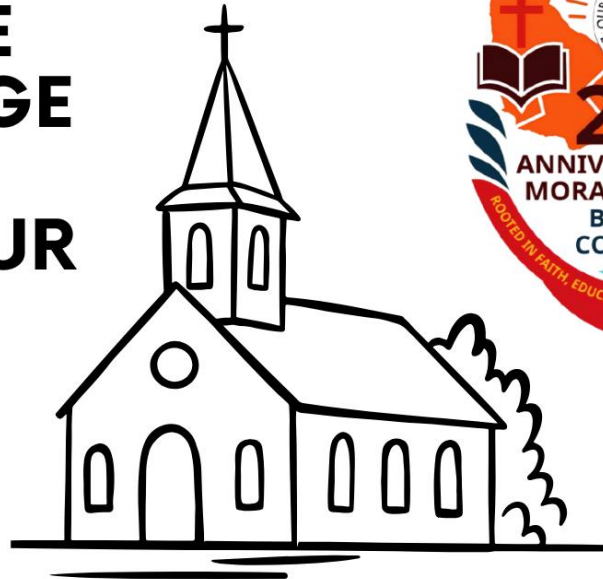
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