

The Lord is risen indeed. LUKE 24:34

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

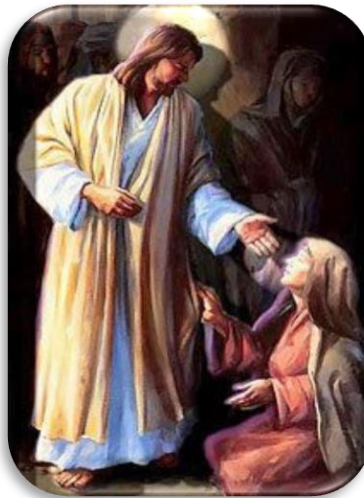
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Sunday, April 20, 2025

Day of Resurrection

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!”* Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord — by which we are reminded of the power of God for the salvation of humankind. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Let us give thanks and sing!

Pastor: *Rev. Ezra Parris*

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Associate Pastor: *Rev. David Ince*

WATCHWORD: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen.” *(Luke 24:5)*

Provincial Theme 2025:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call To Worship:

L: The Lord is risen!

C: *He is risen indeed!*

Hymn 116 – “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*”

The Liturgy For Easter – Part 1 (p. 133 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Reading of the Resurrection Story: John 20:1 – 18

Liturgy For Easter – Part 3 (p. 139 – Liturgy Book / Projected)

Hymn 131 – “*The Trumpet*”

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. – 1 Peter 1:3*

Offertory Hymn: 126 – “*God Sent His Son*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

A Song by Adventures in Worship (Sunday School)

Worship In Song:

✝ *All The Way To Calvary*

✝ *Medley: No Grave/Alive Alive/The Blood Prevails*

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:19 – 26

Choir Anthem – “*Alleluia! Give Thanks To The Risen Lord*”

The Sermon – – Rev. David Ince

Intercessory Prayers: Liturgy For Easter – Part 2 (p. 137 – Liturgy Book / Projected)

Hymn 121 – “*I Serve A Risen Saviour*”

The Benediction & Organ Postlude



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Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call To Worship:

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Hymn 116 –

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Hallelujah!*
Our triumphant holy day, *Hallelujah!*
Who did once, upon the cross, *Hallelujah!*
Suffer to redeem our loss, *Hallelujah!*

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, *Hallelujah!*
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Hallelujah!*
Who endured the cross and grave, *Hallelujah!*
Sinners to redeem and save, *Hallelujah!*

But the pain that he endured, *Hallelujah!*
Our salvation hath procured, *Hallelujah!*
Now above the sky he's King, *Hallelujah!*
Where the angels ever sing, *Hallelujah!*

Sing we to our God above, *Hallelujah!*
Praise eternal as his love; *Hallelujah!*
Praise him, all you heavenly host, *Hallelujah!*
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, *Hallelujah!*



EASTER

LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 1 (*Continued*)

All standing.

Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. All who have faith in me shall live, even though they die. No one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die.’

‘I am the first and the last, and I am the living One; I was dead and now I am alive for evermore’.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be praised! In his great mercy by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, he gave us new birth into a living hope; the hope of an inheritance, reserved in heaven, which nothing can destroy or spoil or wither.

Christ was raised to life – the first fruits of the harvest of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be brought to life. As we have worn the likeness of the earthly, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly. He will transfigure our humble bodies, and give them a form like that of his own glorious body.

Sown a perishable thing,

It is raised imperishable.

Sown in humiliation,

It is raised in glory.

Sown in weakness,

It is raised in power.

Sown a physical body,

It is raised a spiritual body.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

To him be glory and dominion for ever! Amen.

TUNE: LUTHER'S HYMN

**In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay,
For our offences given;
But now the Lord is risen today,**

**And brings us life from heaven;
Come, let us therefore all rejoice
And praise our God with cheerful voice,
And sing loud hallelujahs.**

**It was a wondrous war, I trow,
When life and death contended;
But life hath triumphed o'er the foe,
The reign of death is ended;
It is indeed as Scripture saith,
That Christ in dying conquered death,
And from his realm ascended.**

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

All standing for the following Confession of Faith:

I believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He rescued us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. He has conferred on us in Christ every spiritual blessing and made us fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light.

This I most certainly believe.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. From him and through him and for him all things exist, and we through him. He became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man. He was tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. He spoke of what he knew, and testified to what he had seen. To all who put their trust in him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

This is my Lord who loves me and gave himself for me; purchased and redeemed me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; so that I may be his own, and live in his kingdom serving him eternally in righteousness, innocence and happiness.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be our Comforter and be with us for ever. He comes to the aid of our weakness, affirming that we are God's children. He floods our hearts with God's love, and makes our bodies his holy temple. He works in us the will of God, giving to each one gifts as he chooses.

This I most certainly believe.

Glory to God in the Church of Jesus Christ, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times and for ever and ever.

Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

TUNE: WELLS

**Now, with angels round the throne,
Cherubim and Seraphim,
And the Church which still is one,
Let us swell the solemn hymn;
Glory to great I AM,
Glory to the victim Lamb.**

**Blessing, honour, glory, might
And dominion infinite,
To the Father of our Lord,
To the Spirit, and the Word;
As it was all worlds before,
Is and shall be evermore.**

Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855)



Reading of the Resurrection Story: John 20:1 – 18

1. The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
2. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
3. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
4. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
9. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
10. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
11. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him.
14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
15. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
17. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.
18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.



LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 3

TUNE: St. MAGNUS

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right;
The king of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light.**

Thomas Kelly (1769 – 1854)

Jesus said, 'Set your troubled hearts to rest. Trust in God always; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you; I am going to prepare a place for you'.

We know that when our earthly frame is destroyed, we possess a building provided by God, eternal and in heaven.

This hope we have as a foundation for our lives, safe and secure.

Our outward humanity is in decay,

Yet day by day we are inwardly renewed.

Our troubles may be slight and short-lived,

Yet their outcome is an eternal glory which far outweighs them, provided our eyes are fixed, not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen.

What is seen is transient,

What is unseen is eternal.

Therefore, now that we have been justified through faith, we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ,

We rejoice in the hope of sharing the divine glory.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, by your resurrection you have opened for us the way to eternal life. Raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, in the communion of your Church here on earth. Confirm in us the faith that we shall live even though we die. Teach us to seek and strive for the things of your kingdom, where you are seated

on the right hand of God the Father. Keep us in unbroken fellowship with the whole Church triumphant and all our Christian brothers and sisters, who in the past year have been called home and entered into your joy:

(Those who fell asleep and were laid in the grave since last Easter {2024 – 2025})

Interred at Sharon:

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| 1. Patterson Naomi Williams | Arthur Seat, St. Thomas |
| 2. Hyacinth Althea Sandiford | Dunscombe, St. Thomas |
| 3. Thora Audine Moore | Welches Terrace, St. Thomas |
| 4. Frank Fitzgerald Maynard | Near Sharon, St. Thomas |
| 5. Delmena Lynch | New York |
| 6. Maurice Carlyle Moore | Melrose, St. Thomas |
| 7. Diana Marva Greaves | Content, St. Thomas |
| 8. Winston Sylvester Jones | Kingston, Jamaica / Watts Village, St. George |
| 9. Junior Dacosta Boyce | Spring Farm, St. Thomas |
| 10. Tyron MacDonald Waithe | Melrose, St. Thomas |
| 11. Carlisle Hoyte | Lodge Hill, St. Michael |
| 12. Tara Desiree Blackman | Rock Dundo Park, St. Michael |
| 13. Ursalene Idotha Davis | Welches South, St. Thomas |
| 14. Julie Myrna Joefield-Parris | Sharon, St. Thomas / Signal Hill, Tobago |

Interred Elsewhere:

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| 15. Dennis Grafton Williams | Grandview Heights, St. Thomas |
| 16. Erla Loretta Small | Shop Hill, St. Thomas |

. . . that we may rejoice together in your presence now and for ever. *Amen.*

TUNE: NASSAU

Ye who Christ's disciples are,
Let your hearts be tending
Thither where you wish to share
Bliss that's never ending:
O may we
Constantly,
Weaned from things terrestrial,
Lord for joys celestial.

**There the Lamb is glorified
Who for us was given;
There the souls for whom he died
Praise him now in heaven.
Here, by faith
In his death,
We find consolation
And complete salvation.**

1789. J. Miller

Grace be to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the King of the rulers of the earth.

To him who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood and who made us to be a kingdom, to be priests serving his God and Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



Hymn 131 –

We sing His love, who once was slain,
Who soon o'er death revived again,
That all His saints through Him might have
Eternal conquest o'er the grave.

*Soon shall the trumpet sound, Soon shall the trumpet sound,
Soon shall the trumpet sound,
And we shall rise
Shall rise, shall rise shall rise to immortality,
Shall rise to immortality.*

The saints who now with Jesus sleep,
His own almighty power shall keep,
Till dawns the bright illustrious day
When death itself shall die away.

How loud shall our glad voices sing,
When Christ His risen saints shall bring,
From beds of dust and silent clay,
To realms of everlasting day!

When Jesus we in glory meet,
Our utmost joys shall be complete;
When landed on that heavenly shore,
Death and the curse will be no more.

Hasten, dear Lord, the glorious day,
And this delightful scene display;
When all Thy saints from death shall rise,
Raptured in bliss beyond the skies.



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. – 1 Peter 1:3*

Offertory Hymn: 126 –

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He lives.



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



A Song by Adventures in Worship (Sunday School)



Worship In Song:

All the way to Calvary he went for me,

*All the way to Calvary he went for me,
He went for me, He went for me.*

*All the way to Calvary he went for me,
And now He has set me free.*

*Although I had so many, many sins,
Jesus washed them all away and he pardoned me.*

***Although I had so many, many sins,
Jesus washed them all away and he set me free.***



No grave can hold my body down

No grave can hold my body down
No grave can hold my body down
When the trumpet shall sound
And the dead in Christ shall rise,
No grave, no grave.

Alive, alive, alive forevermore!

Alive, alive, alive forevermore!
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore!
Alive, alive, alive forevermore!
My Jesus is alive.
Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
My Jesus is alive forevermore!
Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
My Jesus is alive!

The blood prevails

The blood prevails,
The blood of the healing lamb
With power to save,
Just as in olden days.
The blood prevails,
No matter what others say.
Thank God the blood prevails
Thank God for the cleansing flood.
Thank God for the cleansing flood.
Thank God for the cleansing flood.
That washes white as snow.



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19 – 26

19. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
20. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
21. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
23. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
25. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
26. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.



Choir Anthem – “Alleluia! Give Thanks To The Risen Lord”



Sermon – – Rev. David Ince



Intercessory Prayers:

LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 2

Son of God, Saviour of the world,

Be gracious unto us.

By your agony and passion,

By your dying words,

By your cross and reconciling death,

By your rest in the grave,

Bless and comfort us, good Lord.

By your triumphant resurrection,

By your appearing to the disciples,

By your glorious ascension,

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

By your word and sacraments,

By your abiding presence,

By your coming again in glory,

Bless and comfort us, good Lord.

Eternal God and Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead; with the whole company of your people in heaven and on earth we rejoice and give thanks, that he who was dead is alive again and lives for evermore; that he is with us now and always, and that nothing can part us from your love in him; that he has opened the way to your kingdom and brought us the gift of eternal life.

All glory, praise and thanksgiving, all worship, honour and love, be yours, almighty and everlasting God, in time and for all eternity. Amen.

Tune: Darwall

**The stone is rolled away;
The Lord is ris'n indeed!
At God's right hand today
He sits, He intercedes.
The keys of death, hell and the grave
He took; mankind He came to save.**

2014 Ian C. Hughes a.

Prayers of intercession are offered:

Prayer for the Church.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence, carry out the work of humanity's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that those things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things shall attain to perfection, through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Prayer for those in trouble.

God, you are the source of all comfort and consolation. We pray today for those who are sick and suffering; for the widow and widower, the motherless and the fatherless; for the sad and despairing. Reveal yourself to each one and teach them to find in you the strength in all trouble, and the refuge in every time of anxiety. ***Amen.***

Prayer for the aged and the dying.

O God, though all else should fail, you remain true; and though all things die, you live. We pray for those who are near the end of their earthly pilgrimage, that they may spend their remaining days in your presence, and meeting death with the strength of your grace, may pass into the nearer light of your knowledge and love. ***Amen.***

God of peace, whose Son our Lord Jesus was brought back from the dead to become the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant, equip us to do your will in everything that is good, that our lives may always be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. ***Amen.***



Closing Hymn: 121 –

I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks to me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair
I know that he is leading,
Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian!
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.



Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!” Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord – by which we are reminded of the power of God for the salvation of humankind. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Let us give thanks and sing!



Today: *Katrina Bryan*

Advanced: *Gloria Skeete (22nd), Anson Skeete (25th), Ansonia Burgess (27th), Samantha Lewis (28th), Yvonne Burrell (29th), Marco Alleyne, Cheryl Maynard, Diana Boyce, & Toni Thompson (30th), Tyler Watson (May 2nd), Lawrence Walrond (3rd)*



Flowers today were donated by Bro. Ricardo & Sis. Lelia Gibbs who celebrated their wedding anniversary earlier this year; Sis. Yvonne Burrell in celebration of her 80th birthday, Sis. Shelah Clarke-Parris, Sis. Gloria Skeete and Sis. Samantha Lewis in celebration of their birthdays.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† TODAY: **Day of Resurrection**

† Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† 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).

† Monday: Easter Monday – Fish Fry & Fun Day from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Church Grounds

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

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

✝ Next Sunday: **NO WORSHIP HERE AT SHARON** – Youth Convention at Mount Tabor at 10:00 a.m.



Activities in the Month of April 2025:

- ✝ Resurrection (Easter) Sunday – 20th
- ✝ Annual Fish Fry – Easter Monday, 21st, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- ✝ Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 26th, online via Zoom.
- ✝ Youth Convention – Sunday, 27th, 10:00 a.m. at Mount Tabor



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who participated in our Holy Week Services, either by reading or by simply attending.
2. Giving is one of the engagements / disciplines of the season of Lent. Here at Sharon and Dunscombe, although much of our “gathering” has been online, you are invited to still give a Lenten Offering. You can do so by setting an amount aside for each of the seven weeks and then presenting that offering on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday.
3. At a meeting of the Board of Elders held on April 3, 2025, the Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W — West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs

10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

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

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



5. From the Superintendent:

5.1. Delegates to Provincial Synod:

5.1.1. The results of balloting in congregations on March 9th were as follows:

✠ LAY DELEGATE: Sis. Betty Alleyne Headley – 148; Sis. Carolyn Hinds

– 148; Sis. Cheryl Croney-Sealy – 113; Bro. David Blenman – 160; Sis. Khelia Best – 148; Sis. Margaret Best – 111; Sis. Ottley Cox-Burrowes – 107; Bro. Shamar Watson – 117; Sis. Verve Alleyne – 123; Bro. Wordsworth Hinds – 61.

✠ **YOUTH DELEGATE:** Sis. Charlene Forde – 10; Sis. Jahnyah Audain – 17; Sis. Janae Paul – 16; Sis. Kaylia Doughty – 25; Sis. Renee Holford – 20. A special meeting of Island Conference was held online on March 16th at 7:30 p.m. to have an online election to break the tie for the second and third Lay Delegate. The following were thereafter considered elected as our Synod Delegates:

- Sis. Betty Alleyne Headley
- Sis. Carolyn Hinds
- Bro. David Blenman
- Sis. Kaylia Doughty

5.2. Synod:

5.2.1. The 34th Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will be held in the Trinidad Conference in July 2025. The Synod will be both virtual and in-person. Synod will convene virtually on May 15, 2025 and June 12, 2025 to conduct housekeeping matters and to receive reports. The in-person sessions will be held from July 10 – 16, 2025 in Trinidad, with the 10th and 16th being travels days.

5.2.2. The Congregations of the Province are being asked to cover the fees and costs of their Pastor(s)/Clergy Delegate(s) as usual. The estimated cost per delegate from Barbados is BD\$3,000, covering a Synod Fee of US\$1,000 and travel cost from Barbados to Trinidad of approximately BD \$1,000.

5.2.3. As per the Book of Order (Paragraph 4.17), members of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province may submit proposals on any aspect of our church's life, for resolution at the 34th Provincial Synod. Proposals should be seconded by a member of the Moravian Church and submitted to the Conference Office by February 14th, for consideration by the Island Conference and further submission to the Provincial Office by April 15, 2025.

5.2.4. Please begin to make preparations and to pray for the Synod.

6. From the Provincial Board:

6.1. Please be advised that the Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis, Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference and Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill congregations, will proceed on

furlough from April 1 to June 30 and August 15 to September 15, 2025. During this period, the Rev. Nevin Lewis, Pastor of the Lebanon and Newfield congregations, will assume responsibility for the Superintendency. We kindly ask for your prayers and support for Rev. Smith-Lewis, Rev. Lewis, and the entire Antigua Conference as they navigate this time of transition.

6.2. The 5th Unity Women's Consultation will be held in North Carolina, USA from June 1 – 8, 2025. This event brings together women from throughout the Moravian world to discuss matters pertinent to the gospel and women. The Ministers of Christian Education chose Sis. Laurine Richards of the Antigua Conference to represent the Eastern West Indies Province at this consultation. Please pray for Sis. Richards as she prepares for the consultation.

7. Synod Advisory from the Provincial Board:

7.1. Bishop Conrad Spencer has been requested to ordain Pastor Marleen Browne to the diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of ordination will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad. Please pray for Sis. Browne as she prepares to take her vows.

7.2. The Opening Service for the 34th Provincial Synod, will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarcro, Trinidad at 9:00 a.m. The service will be streamed live.

7.3. The Closing Service for the 34th Provincial Synod will take place on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarcro, Trinidad. This service will be streamed live.

7.4. Please continue to pray for the 34th Provincial Synod that the purpose of God is established.

8. 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.

9. We are thankful for your financial support.

9.1. 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.

- 9.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
- 9.3. 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.
10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “*Moravian Voice*” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 10.3. 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>).
- 10.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com
- 10.5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “*Moravian Voice*” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
 1. **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Sis. Edna Taylor, Sis. Justina Lowe.*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for the family of Bro. James T. Hinds on his passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday April 22, 2025, commencing at 9:30 a.m.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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
- † Books:
 - ▣ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
 - ▣ Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- † Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



Provincial Theme 2025:

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

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