



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

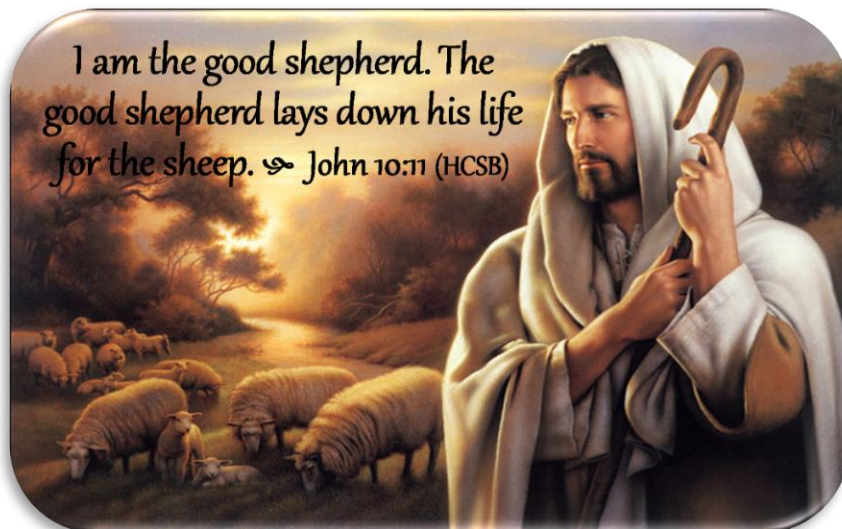
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*But my God shall supply all your need according  
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19 KJV*



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ✞ John 10:11 (HCSB)

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** *“New every morning is the love; our wakening and uprising prove.”* We are grateful for the steadfast love and mercy of God, and we gather to worship him today. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. Special Welcome to the St. James Secondary Old Scholars.

**Pastor:** *Rev. Ezra Parris*  
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**WATCHWORD:** Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” *(John 10:11)*

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Litany – Canticle of Praise p. 235 – CMP Liturgy Book/Projected

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift”* (2 Cor. 9:15).

Offertory Hymn 238 – *“I Was Sinking Deep In Sin”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

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Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

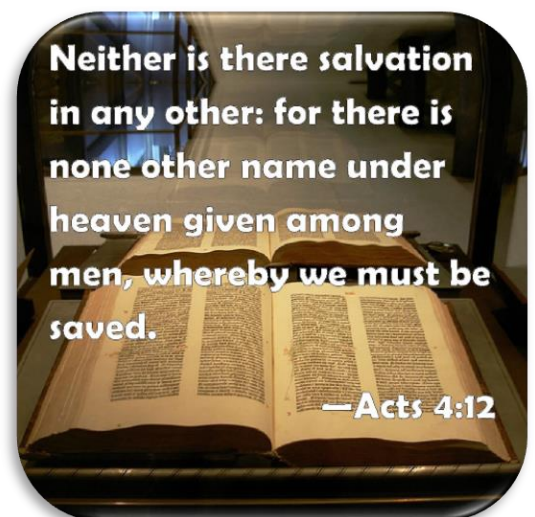
Closing Hymn: 213 – *“Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



**Organ Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

**Litany – Canticle of Praise**



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*All standing.*

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.  
***Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.***

***TUNE: AUSTRIA***

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;  
Praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
Praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God hath made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name.

*Osler (1798 – 1863)*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.  
***The Lord's name is to be praised.***

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.  
***We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.***

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

***For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever. Praise ye the Lord.***

***TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE***

Praise, O praise our God and King;  
Hymns of adoration sing;  
For his mercies still endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun  
Day by day his course to run;  
For his mercies still endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King;  
Glory let creation sing;  
Glory to the father, Son  
And blest Spirit, Three in One.

*H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)*

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

***The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.***

For all the blessings of this life:

***Glory be to the Father.***

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

***Glory be to the Son.***

For the divine presence ever with us:

***Glory be to the Holy Spirit.***

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

***Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**TUNE: BISHOPTHORPE**

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul and might,  
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,  
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
He gives me joy and peace,  
And even when my heart is sad,  
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
I'll praise His holy name.  
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,  
He is fore'er the same.

*1989. Edris M. V. Roberts*



**Worship In Tithes & Offerings:**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15).*

**Offertory Hymn: 238 –**

I was sinking deep in sin  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me,  
Now safe am I.

*Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.*

All my heart to Him I give  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live,  
Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service too,

To Him belongs.

Souls in danger look above  
Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love  
Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea  
Billows His will obey,  
He your Saviour wants to be –  
Be saved today.



### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

**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.*



### **Welcome & Celebrations**



### **Greetings from the St. James Secondary Old Scholars**



### **Notices**



### **Worship in Songs & Choruses**



### **Ministry of the Word:**

**First Scripture Reading: Acts 4: 5 – 12**

5. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
6. And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



### **Second Scripture Reading: John 10:11 – 18**

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.
15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
17. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.
18. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.



## Choir Anthem – “God Is My Shepherd”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 213 –

SAVIOUR, like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
For our use thy folds prepare:  
Blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us;  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep from ill, from sin defend us;  
Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse and power to free:  
Blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to thee.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. Special Welcome to the St. James Secondary Old Scholars.



Today: *Katrina Bryan*

Advanced: *Gloria Skeete (22<sup>nd</sup>), Anson Skeete (25<sup>th</sup>), Ansonia Burgess (27<sup>th</sup>), Samantha Lewis (28<sup>th</sup>), Yvonne Burrell (29<sup>th</sup>), Marco Alleyne, Cheryl Maynard, Diana Boyce, & Toni Thompson (30<sup>th</sup>), Kyler Watson (May 2<sup>nd</sup>), Lawrence Walrond (3<sup>rd</sup>), Kelvin Carter (4<sup>th</sup>)*



### MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

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



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT**

† Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

† THIS WEEK

† 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) – 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. Led by youth.  
† Community Walk-Thru' Visitation – 4:00 p.m. in Sharon and Cane Garden.

† Next Sunday: YOUTH CONVENTION – Outdoor Worship at Sharon at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### Activities in the Month of April 2024:

- † Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- † Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>, online via Zoom.
- † Sharon Community Visitation – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. Outdoors at Sharon Moravian Church.



### Activities in the Month of May 2024:

- † Prayer Meeting – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. In-sanctuary.
- † Moravian Music Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup>
- † Moravian Children’s Convention – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>. A Bus tour of our Moravian Churches in Barbados. We begin promptly at 9.45 a.m. with short devotion at Sharon for a 10.00 a.m. departure. We hope to finish at approximately 3.00 p.m.
- † Mother’s Day – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>
- † “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.
- † Pentecost – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>



### **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Remember that we resume the “Basket of Hope” ministry as of today, in which you have 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.
2. From the Christian Educator: Children Convention this year will be a Bus tour of our Moravian Churches in Barbados. We begin promptly at 9.45 a.m. with short devotions, the sharing on Sharon for a 10.00 a.m. departure. We hope to finish at approximately 3.00 p.m. Please note:
  - † This activity is to orient our children (12 years & under) of our Moravian churches, a short presentation of these churches and their location in Barbados.
  - † Besides the children from your congregation, please ensure that there is one teacher accompanying them. The cost for this person is also \$20.00
  - † Each person is to bring along a packed lunch with adequate water. There will be a lunch stop.
  - † To facilitate adequate transport arrangements, please fill out the following Registration form very soon and return before or by Friday, May 3,

2024. Please be considerate on this matter as the necessary arrangements need to be put in place. Any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call, 546-0344.

3. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:

† “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Professor Pedro Welch.

† “Come Back Sunday” – Sunday June 30, 2024. For all who ever visited or attended Sharon; all who were baptized, married, attended Sunday School, VBS, Primary School or were associated with Sharon in any way. We would be happy to welcome you.

† Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024. The cost is \$200.

† 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.



4. Moravian Music Sunday will be observed in much of the Eastern West Indies Province on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024. However, Sharon and Dunscombe will observe Moravian Music Sunday on May 5, 2024, as Annual Youth Convention will be held on April 28th.

5. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- † The Rev. Georgette John-Cotton, who serves as the Pastor of the Gracehill and Cana Congregations in the Antigua Conference, has resigned as a Pastor of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, effective April 15, 2024. The Provincial Board expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to Sis. John-Cotton for her service to the Province since 1995. We pray for God’s blessings and favor on Sis. John-Cotton in the next season of her life.
- † Rev. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith, Provincial Director of Christian Education, Minister of Christian Education in the Antigua Conference and Superintendent of the Antigua Conference has been called to serve as Interim Pastor of the Cana Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, effective April 15, 2024.
- † Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of the PEC has been called to serve as Interim Pastor of the Gracehill Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, effective April 15, 2024.
- † Rev. Erflin Browne has been temporarily reassigned to the Antigua Conference while he awaits the regularization of his immigration status for Trinidad and Tobago.
- † Please pray for Sis. Smith, Bro. Lewis, Bro. Browne, their families and the congregations as they answer the call of God in this moment.

6. The assignment of Elders Districts is 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 <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

7. 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 [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

8. 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.

✠ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).

✠ You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## The Past 225 Years



10. A back-to-school note – The Moravian Church is recognised for its role in education. So, when the Sharon Day School was opened, the first students were the five (5) children of Sarah, the domestic. By 1827, an Evening School was established to instruct the young people.



### 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. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday April 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.*
4. **World Peace**



### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **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:** 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 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*



Moravian Church - Barbados Conference



# Annual Youth Convention

## 2024 Edition - Rally

Theme: "Youth with a Mission"

*Our dynamic and powerful speakers:*

 <p>Sis. Analacia Yarde</p>	 <p>Bro. Shammar Watson</p>	 <p>Sis. Sharika Forde</p>	 <p>Sis. Sonjina Kirton</p>	 <p>Sis. Calea Mason</p>
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📅 Sunday 28th April, 2024 | 9:30 am

📍 Sharon, St. Thomas

We are outdoors! Bring your picnic chairs. Rep your congregational colours. Let's rally with the Youth of the Future.

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**Sharon Moravian Church  
presents the  
GEORGE RAMSAY  
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**“The role of the Moravian Church on  
the Barbadian landscape, with a  
special emphasis on Sharon”**

**Thursday May 16, 2024  
at 7:00 p. m. at the  
Sharon Moravian  
Church, St. Thomas.**



**Presenter –  
Professor Pedro Welch**



