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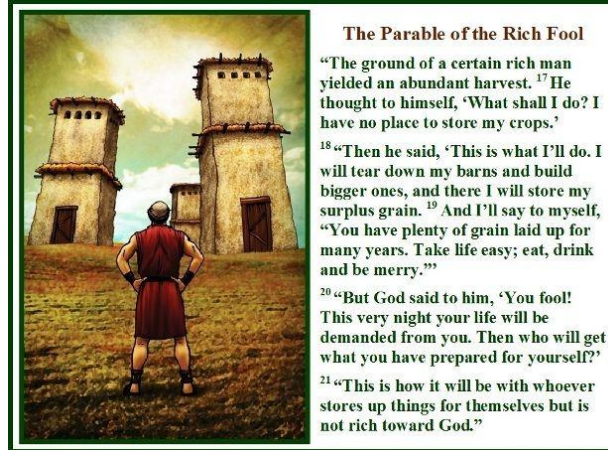
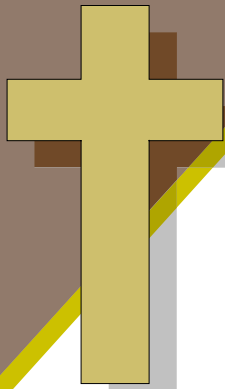
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹⁷“The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

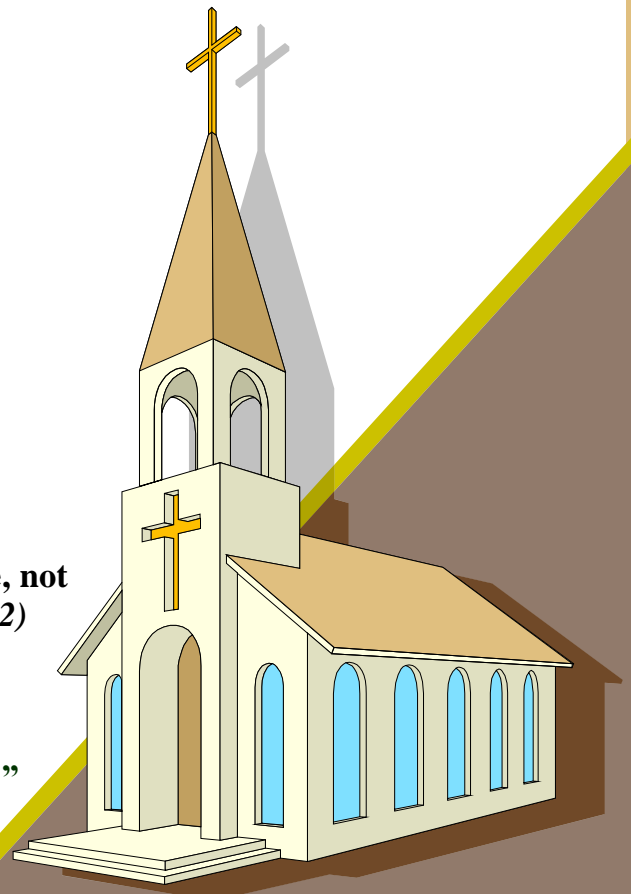
Welcome: *“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!”* Welcome to all as we honour God today in our worship. Wherever you are at — here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad — he is worthy of all glory and praise. May God richly bless us.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
(Colossians 3:2)

Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship

Litany: Emancipation (p. 186 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings **(Including Our Green Offering)**

Offertory Sentence: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, (Psalm 103:2-5).*

Offertory Hymn – “*In shady green pastures ...*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “*Give Thanks*”

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 2:17 – 24

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13 – 21

Choir Anthem – “*Brother James’ Air*”

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 544 – “*A Little Child the Saviour Came*”

Infant Baptism (p. 40 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Hymn 290 – “*O Jesus I Have Promised*”

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.



Ecclesiastes 2:24

King James Version

There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

Introit

Invitation to Worship



EMANCIPATION

All standing.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on us!

Spirit of the living God,

Sanctify this space.

Spirit of the living God,

Fill us with light and grace and strength.

Spirit of the living God,

Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on us!

TUNE: GATHER CHRISTIANS

Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate.

Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.

Gather, Christians, behold He comes.

Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!

To God the Father, let's give Him praise.

To God the Father our voice we raise.

To God the Father who reigns above,

Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!

Garfield Rochard, b. 1943.

All seated.

Let us confess our sins:

Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.

We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.

We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.

We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O Lord, we pray. Amen.

Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess.
Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence.
We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism. ***Amen.***

All standing.

For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

We give you thanks.

For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

We give you thanks.

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

We give you thanks.

TUNE: RIGHT HAND

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And rescued now from shame
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

Patrick Prescod (1932 – 2013).

All seated.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask that you would

strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing.

TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give him the glory!
Great things he hath done!*

Great things he hath taught us,
Great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Frances van Alstyne (1820 – 1915).



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Worship In Tithes & Offerings (Including our Green Offering)

Offertory Sentence: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

(Psalm 103:2 – 5)

Offertory Hymn –

In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
God leads His dear children along;
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,
God leads His dear children along.

*Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.*

Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,
God leads His dear children along;
Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,
God leads His dear children along.

Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose,
God leads His dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,
God leads His dear children along.

Away from the mire, and away from the clay,
God leads His dear children along;
Away up in glory, eternity's day,
God leads His dear children along.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 2:17 – 24

17. Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.
18. Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.
19. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.
20. Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.
21. For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.
22. For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?
23. For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.
24. There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13 – 21

13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?
15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.



Choir Anthem – “*Brother James’ Air*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 544 –

A little child the Saviour came,
 The mighty God was still his name,
 And angels worshipped as he lay
 The seeming infant of a day.

He who, a little child, began
 The life divine to show to man,
 Proclaims from heaven the message free,
 ‘Let little children come to me.’

We bring *them*, Lord, and with the sign
 Of sprinkled water name *them* thine;
 Their souls with saving grace endow;
 Baptize *them* with thy Spirit now.



THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

The Liturgy should be introduced at a suitable point in a service of public worship.

The congregation being seated and the child/children to be baptized and the parents or sponsors and god-parents being in place, the minister says:

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, and blessed them.

As we share in this sacrament of baptism, we affirm our belief that baptism points to the grace of God freely given to all who avail themselves of it. We believe that all who are born into the world are children of God, made in his image. We acknowledge the fatherly and motherly love of God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, and we pray that in due time *this child* may display in *his/her* life the gracious marks of a child of God.

Let us profess together the faith of the Church.

We believe in God the Father, creator of the universe.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, redeemer of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life.

The parents/ or sponsor/s and god-parents stand.

The minister addresses them:

Earnestly believe that our Saviour Christ loves *this child*, that he is ready to receive and embrace *him/her*, to give *him/her* the blessing of eternal life, and to make *him/her* a partaker of his everlasting kingdom.

Our Lord has promised to grant the things which we ask in his name, which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Do you, for your part, make confession of the faith wherein *this child* is to be baptized, in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: We do.

Do you promise, in reliance on divine grace, to teach *him/her* the truths and duties of the Christian faith, and by prayer, precept and example, to bring *him/her* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the fellowship of the Church?

Answer: We do.

May God give you grace and wisdom to provide a caring and loving Christian home for this *new life* committed to your charge.

The minister addresses the congregation:

All standing.

Will you as a congregation accept *this child* as a *new member* of the Christian Church?
Will you, by your witness, set a good and joyful example of fellowship, service and love?

Answer: We will.

This hymn verse is sung:

TUNE: ST MATTHIAS

**New life, O Lord to you we bring,
Giver of all, our Friend, our King;
Receive him/her in your strong embrace,
Within your Church give him/her a place;
A lifelong friendship here begin,
And grace, a crown of life to win.**

Moravian Alternative Order 1987, anon.

OR

**An infant, Lord, we bring to thee
As thy redeemed property,
And thee most fervently entreat
Thyself this child to consecrate;
Baptize him, and his soul embrace
In all the fulness of thy grace.**

Moravian Order 1960, anon.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose son Jesus Christ was carried as a child into the Temple, and who himself took little children into his arms and blessed them, look mercifully upon us now, and bless what in your name we do. May *this child*, now to be baptized into the Church, the body of Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit grow into the likeness of *his/her* Saviour. May *he/she* in time be led to take a full part as a *member* of the Church. And by your grace may *he/she* remain your faithful witness all *his/her* days.

Each child is presented to the minister who baptizes him/her with water saying:

....., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

After all have been baptized, the congregation says:

We receive this child into the Church, in the trust that hereafter he/she shall not be ashamed to confess his/her faith in Christ.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Son of God, Saviour,

Have mercy upon us.

By your human birth,
By your obedience, diligence, and faithfulness,
By your life, suffering and death,
By your resurrection, and ascension,
By your continuing presence,
By your Church's teaching and worship,

Bless us now and always.

O God, we praise you for the mercies of birth, and for all the joy and blessing that children bring into the home and into the world. We give you thanks today for the safe arrival of *this child* and ask your blessing on *him/her* and all those who have responsibility for *his/her* care. May they, and all who share in the nurture of children, find great happiness and fulfilment in their ministry of love.

Heavenly Father, hear us.

O Christ, the friend of children everywhere, the faithful protector of all who are weak and small: keep, guard and bless your children. Through the work of your Spirit help them to grow in strength and beauty of character, and closer to you.

Jesus, Saviour, hear us.

Holy Spirit, bless us all and renew us this day. Help us to surrender ourselves to you, so that we, and the children committed to our care, may lead lives worthy of you, and of the family of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, hear us. Amen.

The congregation shall pray together:

O Lord, help us to think more deeply on the true significance of this holy sacrament. Forgive us for the times when we have come short of the grace of our own baptism, by wandering from your ways: and bring us back with a perfect repentance. Renew us in this moment.....By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to be loving, teach us to be humble and strengthen us to live godly lives, as those who have been baptized by the same Spirit into one body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Closing Hymn: 290 –

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly

Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!” Welcome to all as we honour God today in our worship. Wherever you are at – here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – he is worthy of all glory and praise. May God richly bless us.



Today: *Mencha Collymore*

Advanced: *Winston Gibbs (2nd), Barbara Murphy-Rock (4th), Lelia Gibbs (6th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Deighton & Sis. Ketra Davis who will celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary on August 3, 2022

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: **GREEN SUNDAY**

† Divine Worship & Infant Baptism at 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† Gracehill's 140th Anniversary Service at 4:00 p.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 & Tuesday: Public Holiday**

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

† **Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre**



In the Month of August 2022:

† **Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.**

† **Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 8 – 31, 2021.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC): The 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province recessed on July 22, 2022. Synod will reconvene at a time to be announced to deliberate on outstanding matters. During the business sessions held from July 17 – 22, 2022, a new Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) was elected. The new PEC is as follows:

† **Bro. Algernon Lewis – Chairman; with responsibility for Administration, Finance, Ecumenical Relations, Church Redevelopment (Antigua Conference)**

† **Bro. Adrian Smith – Vice Chairman; with responsibility for Theological Education, and Social Media Engagement (Barbados Conference)**

† **Bro. Jeremy Francis – Secretary; with responsibility for Discipleship, Mission, and Evangelism (Virgin Islands Conference)**

† **Sis. Evannie Jeremiah – Lay Member; with responsibility for Christian Education (Virgin Islands Conference)**

† **Sis. Deborah Moore-Miggins – Lay Member; with responsibility for Development and Innovation (Tobago Conference)**

† **Sis. Elisa Hodge – Treasurer (Virgin Islands Conference)**

† **Sis. Lisa Maryse Robert – Assistant Treasurer (Antigua Conference)**

† **Please pray for the new Provincial Board as we take up the mantle to lead the people of God in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province for this inter-synodal period.**

2. The Provincial Board is pleased to announce that Sis. Chioma Henry of the Zion Congregation in St. Kitts has been accepted to be a ministerial student of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP). Sis. Henry will serve in the ministry of Christian Education. Sis. Henry will attend the United Theological College of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica and is expected on campus on August 17, 2022. The Provincial family is invited to pray for Sis. Chioma Henry as she begins the formal process of theological education and formation.
3. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
4. Our Song & Chorus leaders are on break for the month of July.
5. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
6. Repairs were completed to our Church Organ and we have the joy of its use in worship today.
7. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
8. We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - ✠ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
 - ✠ Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - ✠ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
9. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus will be back on Route as of Sunday, July 17, 2022. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.),

Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.

10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.

✚ 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.

✚ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✚ 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/) 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



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✚ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*

3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for:*

✚ Bro. Winston Gibbs and the entire Gibbs family on the passing of his grandson. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held yesterday.

✚ Sis. Verve Alleyne and family (of the Bethlehem congregation) on the passing of her husband, Bro. Earl Alleyne. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life is being planned for Friday, August 5, 2022 at Bethlehem, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

✚ The family of Sis. Geraldine Carmichael-Roberts on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Saturday, August 6, 2022 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

✚ The family & friends of Sis Carol St. John on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life is being planned for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 commencing at 2:00 p.m.





4. **Our nation:** *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
5. **God's covering during the Hurricane Season**
6. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.**
- † **Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- † **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- † **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- † **Books:**
 - 📖 **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25; Provocation– \$20.**
 - 📖 **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.**
 - 📖 **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water– \$35.**
- † **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**





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

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

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

