

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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# LENT

AND THE LORD SAID TO  
JOSHUA, "TODAY I  
HAVE ROLLED AWAY  
THE REPROACH OF  
EGYPT FROM YOU."  
AND SO THE NAME OF  
THAT PLACE IS CALLED  
GILGAL TO THIS DAY.

JOSHUA 5:9

Sunday, March 30, 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Exchange of Pulpit

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him and bless his name. Welcome to all who join us, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to Rev. Roslyn Hamblin, the Pastor of the Bethlehem and Faith Congregations, who ministers to us for this Exchange of Pulpit. Come, let us walk today in the light of the Lord.*

*Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris*

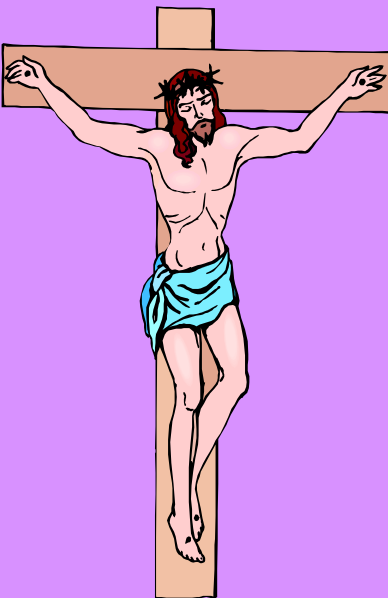
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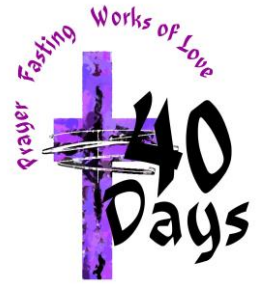


**WATCHWORD:** "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"  
*(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

**Provincial Theme 2025:**

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship:

**L:** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

*R: For his steadfast love endures forever.*

**L:** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

*R: For his wonderful works to humankind.*

**L:** For he satisfies the thirsty,

*R: And the hungry he fills with good things.*

*ALL: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.*

Opening Hymn: 459 – “Rejoice and be glad”

Liturgy: Lent B (p.118 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor. 1 Chron.16:29*

Offertory Hymn: 270 – “He Pardoned My Transgression”

Prayer of Dedication

Song of Dedication: “Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Song:

† “Ancient of days”

† “Shout to the Lord”

† “The goodness of God”

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Joshua 5:9 – 12

Choir Anthem – “Someone Is Waiting”

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11 – 32

Hymn of Preparation: 11 – “Sing Them Over Again To Me,”

Sermon – Rev. Roslyn Hamblin

Hymn of Reflection: 196 – “There Were Ninety And Nine”

Prayer & Benediction

Postlude



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## Organ Prelude

### Introit – Choir

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#### Opening Hymn: 459 –

Rejoice and be glad!  
The Redeemer has come!  
Go look on His cradle,  
His cross, and His tomb.

*Sound His praises! tell the story,  
Of Him who was slain;  
Sound His praises! tell with gladness,  
He liveth again.*

Rejoice and be glad!  
It is sunshine at last!  
The clouds have departed,  
The shadows are past.

Rejoice and be glad!  
For the blood hath been shed;  
Redemption is finished,  
The price has been paid.

Rejoice and be glad!  
Now the pardon is free!  
The Just for the unjust  
Has died on the tree.

Rejoice and be glad!  
For the Lamb that was slain

O'er death is triumphant,  
And liveth again.

Rejoice and be glad!  
For our King is on high,  
He pleadeth for us on  
His throne in the sky.

Rejoice and be glad!  
For He cometh again;  
He cometh to glory,  
The Lamb that was slain.



## Lent B

*All stand*

Come people of God, let us walk with our Lord by following His example.

*We will follow our Lord.*

*Tune: DEM HEILIGEN BLUT – # 88*

Go, follow the Saviour,  
Consider his travail;  
Adore him for ever,  
Ye sinners, and marvel;  
It is for you  
He suffers so.

Behold the Lord Jesus,  
For you he is wounded,  
He bleeds to release us;  
His love is unbounded:  
For evermore,  
His name adore.

*John Cennick (1718 – 1755)*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

***Being justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Him let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, giving thanks to his name.***

God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. We give you thanks for granting the penitent sinner justification through your own sacrifice. Your promise is to deliver us from the control of darkness and transfer us into the Kingdom of Light.

***Thank you God for the gift of freedom which no one could purchase! Jesus paid the price for us and we are very grateful. Hallelujah!***

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

***Grant us sustained peace.***

*All sit*

Let us pray:

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you have enabled us to gather in your name. We are awed by your power and majesty, and touched by your love revealed to us in your Son Jesus Christ. Today, we remember with devotion, his last journey to Jerusalem to complete his work as our Messiah; to suffer, die and rise again. Our spirits are humbled by his obedience to your perfect will. O Father, we confess with shame, our slowness to learn from the example of our Lord. Look mercifully upon us, we pray, as we acknowledge and confess our sins:

***Father, we confess that we have sinned against you, yet we know that you love us still. In your steadfast love, forgive our feeble worship which we offer to you; pardon our paltry praise; extend your mercy to us in our failure to be genuine in our fellowship one with the other, and absolve our tendency to neglect attending to the needs of those who are the least among us within our communities. Reclaim us as your own for we truly repent of our sins as we resolve to follow in the footsteps of your Son. We embrace God's promise to us: A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Amen.***

Jesus, you were tempted in every way as we are yet you did not sin. You triumphed over temptation by the power of your word.

***As we are bombarded daily by temptations of the body, mind and spirit, may we see ourselves as overcomers because of the power of your Holy Word which we have hidden in our hearts so that we may not sin against you.***

Empowering Holy Spirit of God, the source of all that is good and true in this life:

***Give us the courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ our Lord.***

***Tune: NEAR THE CROSS***

Jesus, keep me near the Cross;  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all – a healing stream –  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the Cross, in the Cross,  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadow o'er me.

***Fanny Crosby (1820 – 1915)***

***All stand***

By your agony and passion;  
By all your sacred wounds;  
By your cross and precious blood;  
By your innocent suffering and dying;  
By your stripes which heal;  
By your rest in the grave;  
By your triumphant victory over death;  
By your resurrection and ascension.

***Bless us and save us, O Christ, our Redeemer.***

***Tune: POWER IN THE BLOOD***

Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

*There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the blood of the Lamb;*

*There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

*Lewis E. Jones (1865 – 1936)*

Our Saviour in his living never failed to teach, heal, encourage and befriend all people. May we, even as we follow his perfect example and bear our own crosses, likewise demonstrate Christ's compassion to all we meet.

***May we become aware that we are channels of God's grace, not magnifying our troubles or forgetting our blessings. May God give us a ready mind to minister to others on their journey, to share our gifts with those in need, and to be always willing to proclaim to all, the good news of salvation.***

We give you thanks for the obedience of Christ, who by his death on the cross purchased our redemption; to the same one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honour and power for ever.

***Amen***

***Tune: ROCKINGHAM – # 87***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)***



### **Worship In Tithes & Offerings:**

**Offertory Sentence:** *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor. 1 Chron.16:29*

### **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**

**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 –

#### *“Ancient of Days”*

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From every nation, all of creation,  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

#### **Chorus:**

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory  
Every knee shall bow at your throne in worship,  
You will be exalted, O God  
And your kingdom shall not pass away  
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth,  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days



#### *“Shout to the Lord”*

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my life I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath  
All that I am  
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the  
Promise I have in You.*

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Nothing compares to the  
Promise I have in You. (Repeat till fade)*



### ***“The Goodness of God”***

I love You Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest nights  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

***Bridge***

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me*



**Ministry of the Word:**

**First Scripture Reading: Joshua 5:9 – 12**

9. And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.
10. And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.
11. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.
12. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.



**Choir Anthem – “Someone Is Waiting”**



**Second Scripture Reading:     Luke 15:11 – 32**

11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.
13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:
23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:
24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
25. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

26. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
27. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
28. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.
29. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
30. But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
31. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
32. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.



### Hymn of Preparation: 11 –

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,  
 Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
 Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,  
 Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

Christ, the blessèd One, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
 Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
 All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
 Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
 Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.



### Sermon – – *Rev. Roslyn Hamblin*



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn of Reflection: 196 –

There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the fold;  
But one was out in the hills away,  
Far off from the gates of gold,  
Away from the mountains wild and bare,  
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

'Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine;  
Are they not enough for thee?'  
But the Shepherd made answer, 'This of mine  
Has wandered away from me;  
And, although the road be rough and steep,  
I go to the desert to find my sheep.'

But none of the ransomed ever knew  
How deep were the waters crossed,  
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through,  
Ere he found his sheep that was lost.  
Out in the desert he heard its cry,  
Sick and helpless and ready to die.

'Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way,  
That mark out the mountain's track?'  
'They were shed for one who had gone astray,  
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back,'  
'Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?'  
'They are pierced to-night by many a thorn.'

And all through the mountains, thunder-riven,  
And up from the rocky steep,  
There rose a cry to the gate of heaven,  
'Rejoice, I have found my sheep!'  
And the angels echoed around the throne,  
'Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!'



## Benediction



## Organ Postlude



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Today: Gwendolyn Oke, Krifnaly Padmore & Yvette Taitt

Advanced: Cheryl-Ann Hope-Greenidge & Muriel Todd (31<sup>st</sup>), Keiana Maynard (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), Brenda Mascoll (4<sup>th</sup>), Nathaneal Joseph (5<sup>th</sup>)



*Congratulations to Bro. Ronald & Sis. Lucine Baker who will celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 4, 2025.*



*Flowers today were donated by Sis. Mechelle Lewis-Downer in memory of the late Bro. Michael Lewis and the late Sis. Shirley Nicholls.*



## 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:**           **Exchange of Pulpit**  
    † **Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**  
    † **Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**  
    † **Harvest Festival at Faith at 3:30 p.m.**
- † **This Week:**  
† **Office Hours – Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).**
- † **Tuesday:**       **PROVINCIAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
    † **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 Fellowship & Sports Day at Briar Hall Playing Facilities, Christ Church, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- † **Next Sunday:** **Divine Worship & Holy Communion 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 2025:**

- † **Provincial Day of Prayer – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>**  
† **Conference Fellowship and Sports Day – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 4:00 p.m. at the Briar Hall Playing Facilities, Christ Church.**  
† **Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Thursday, April 10, 10:01 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Ince, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.**  
† **Palm Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup>**  
† **Green Sunday (at Sharon) – 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.**  
† **Holy Week Services – Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Monday – Wednesday – 7:00 p.m., Online.**
  - **Holy Thursday – 6:00 p.m. In-sanctuary, including the Lord’s Supper.**

† **Resurrection (Easter) Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup>**



- ‡ Annual Fish Fry – Easter Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre. **Pledge Forms are available – please collect one.**
- ‡ Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>, online via Zoom.
- ‡ Youth Convention – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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.
2. 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.



### 3. From the Superintendent:

#### 3.1. Delegates to Provincial Synod:

3.1.1. 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

3.2. The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from April 03 – April 17, 2025. The Barbados Conference will keep the prayer chain going as follows:

3.2.1. Calvary / Gracehill – Wednesday April 09, 12 Noon – 12.00 Midnight. [12hrs]

3.2.2. Bethlehem / Faith – Thursday April 10, 12:01 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. [10hrs]

3.2.3. Sharon / Dunscombe – Thursday April 10, 10:01 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. [12hrs]

3.2.4. Fulnec – Thursday April 10, 10:01 p.m. – Friday 11, 2:00 a.m. [4hrs]

3.2.5. Clifton Hill / Centenary – Friday April 11, 2.01 a.m. – 12.00 Noon. [10hrs]

3.2.6. Mount Tabor / Penuel – Friday April 11, 12.01 p.m. – 12:00 Midnight. [12hrs]

3.2.7. Special Prayer concerns are: Healing; The Growth of the Church; The Financial Position in of the Barbados Conference; The Leadership in our Congregation; The Provincial Board; Synod 2025; That God would raise up men & women for full time ministry; Peace in the World; The Worldwide Moravian Church.

3.2.8. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, the world, and ourselves.

3.3. Our Conference Annual Sports and Fellowship Day will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Briar Hall Playing Facilities, Christ Church.

3.3.1. Events will include: Races of all sorts – 100, 200, 400, 800, Relays, Walking Race, Potato Race, Going to Church; Tug-of-War, and more.

- 3.3.2. Come with family and friends and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.
- 3.4. Synod:
- 3.4.1. 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.
- 3.4.2. 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.
- 3.4.3. 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.
- 3.4.4. Please begin to make preparations and to pray for the Synod.
- 3.5. You can sign up for the upcoming courses offered by the Moravian Institute for this Semester 2. Classes will resume on Saturday, March 15, 2025. The courses offered this semester are:
- 3.5.1. Introduction to the New Testament 1
- 3.5.2. Introduction to Counselling 1
- 3.5.3. Mission and Discipleship
- 3.5.4. Acts of the Apostles
- 3.5.5. You can learn more and register by following this link: <https://bit.ly/TheMoravianInstitute2025>
4. From the Provincial Board:
- 4.1. Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on April 1, 2025, at 5:00 a.m., led by the Antigua Conference. The link for this prayer meeting will be shared later. Let us pray!
- 4.2. The funeral service for Rev. Yvanne Jean takes place on Friday, April 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, Antigua. Her body will be interred in the cemetery at Gracebay Moravian. The link for the funeral service is available through your pastors. Let us continue to pray for her family – Rev. Moise Jean, Evans, Althea, their

extended families, and the Gracebay & Urlings family – in their time of grief and loss.

- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. 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.
5. Synod Advisory from the Provincial Board:
  - 5.1. 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.
  - 5.2. The Opening Service for the 34th Provincial Synod, will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad at 9:00 a.m. The service will be streamed live.
  - 5.3. 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 Piarco, Trinidad. This service will be streamed live.
  - 5.4. Please continue to pray for the 34th Provincial Synod that the purpose of God is established.
6. 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.

7. We are thankful for your financial support.
  - 7.1. 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.
  - 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - 7.3. 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](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.
  - 8.1. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
  - 8.2. 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>).
  - 8.3. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)
  - 8.4. 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*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
  - † *Of our congregation: Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Sis. Edna Taylor.*
3. 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.

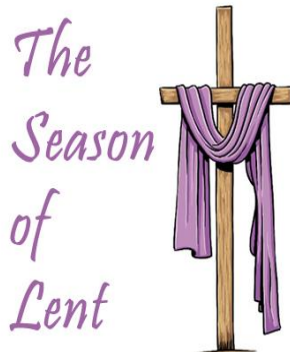


**Provincial Theme 2025**

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

**The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.**

***“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***



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**APRIL 5TH, 2025**  
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**BRIAR HALL, CHRIST CHURCH**  
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