



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome to all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. May our soul-thirst be quenched and our spirits ignited to the glory of God. Welcome!

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WATCHWORD: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! *(Psalm 95:6)*

Provincial Theme 2026:

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

SEASON OF
LENT

Create in me a clean
heart, O God,
and renew a right
spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10

ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – The Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1 – 2)

L. O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

C. *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.*

Liturgy: Lent B p. 117 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

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

Offertory Hymn: 235 – *“Take My Life, And Let It Be Consecrated”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1 – 7

Second Scripture Reading: John 4:5 – 14

Choir Anthem – *“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”*

Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*

Hymn of Reflection – *“As The Deer Panteth For The Water”*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 580 – *“My Heart Is Resting, O My God”*

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.



Prelude

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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: Aus Der Tiefe (Heinlein)

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we Thy sorrows share,
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer.
Glad with Thee to suffer pain?

So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by Thy side;
That with Thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

1856. George H. Smyttan.

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: *“If you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you do not have” (2 Cor. 8:12).*

Offertory Hymn: 235 –

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

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



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 17: 1 – 7

1. And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.
2. Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?
3. And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?
4. And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.
5. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.
6. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?



Second Scripture Reading: John 4:5 – 14

5. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
6. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
7. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
8. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9. Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
10. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
11. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
12. Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
13. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.



Choir Anthem – “*Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*”



Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection –

As the deer panteth for the water
 So my soul longeth after Thee
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
 To you alone doth my spirit yield.
 You alone are my heart's desire
 And I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
 Only you can satisfy.
 You alone are the real joy giver
 And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are my King
I love you more than any other,
So much more than any thing.



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Hymn 580 –

My heart is resting, O my God,
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
No hand but Thine shall fill;
For the waters of the Earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy
That yet I must not see;
The hand that bled to make it mine
Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth
To long loved music set:
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.
Who hast made all things mine;
O draw my captive will to thee,
And make it one with thine.



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Today: Melik Carmichael, Cowyn Franklyn, Jenyre Maynard & Jean Straker

Advanced: David Greenidge, Earlyne Walrond & Shirnelle Yorke (9th), Kailani Armstrong & Steve Garnes (10th)



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Cynthia Odle in celebration of her birthday.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- † Fish Cake Sale – After worship. On sale will be fish cakes and bread & twos.

THIS WEEK

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women’s Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
 - † Board of Stewards Meeting in Sanctuary – 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Lenten Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Thursday: Meeting of the Benevolence Ministry at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: 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 Mt. Tabor at 3:30 p.m.



Activities in the Month of March 2026:

- † Harvest Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 8th
- † Mount Tabor Harvest Fair – Saturday, 14th, 11:30 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor – Sunday, 15th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 21st, 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Theological Education Sunday – 22nd.
- † Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday, 22nd, 3:30 p.m.
- † Women’s Fellowship Health Fair – Saturday, 29th
- † Barbados Conference Palm Sunday Production – *Worthy Is The Lamb*. Featuring the Moramus Singers – Sunday, 29th, 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street. An offering will be received.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 6th and we look forward to the support of the congregation that the venture could be a success. Tickets will soon be available, and we will ask each member and friend to sell at least two tickets.
2. Our Joint Board and Delegates to Island conference are as follows:

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Stewards</u>
Sis. Hazel Carter	Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle

Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
Sis. Merville Franklyn
Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
Sis. Waveney Hinds
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Bro. Victor Hurdle
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
Bro. Anthony Ifill
Bro. Steven King
Bro. Edwin Sandiford
Sis. Grace Sandiford
Sis. Ismay Straker

Sis. Joy Best
Bro. Patrick Cadogan
Sis. Jennifer Clarke
Sis. Sian Cumberbatch
Bro. Darwin Dottin
Sis Charlene Ellis
Sis. Evelyn Greenidge
Sis. Sonia King
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Brenda Mascoll
Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard

Delegates To Island Conference

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

3. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



**MORAVIAN
HISTORY
GRACE HILL**



Grace Hill Moravian Church Part 1

Churches and schools existed in Barbados, but they served only the white population, as priests from the established Churches neglected the enslaved people.

Having reached Barbados in 1765, the missionaries set about with their mission, to bring the gospel to the slaves, and to educate them. The Grace Hill church would have been one of those churches, established by the early Moravian missionaries to the island. Spooner's Hill is close to Bridgetown and surrounding working-class communities. The Moravians strategically established congregations in areas inhabited by individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, including those who were formerly enslaved.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

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. 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.
6. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 6.1. 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.
 - 6.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 6.3. 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.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

7.1. 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.

7.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

7.3. 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>).

7.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes.*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences and pray for:*

✠ *Sis. Tracy Barker and family on the passing of her husband Louis Linton. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at the Abundant Life Assembly, commencing at 10:00 a.m.*

✠ *Sis Angela, Bro Terry and Sis Shada Applewhaite on the passing of Everton Applewhaite; brother to Sis. Angela and father to Bro. Terry and Sis. Shada.*



4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2026 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- † Moravian Daily Text 2026: **SOLD OUT**
- † 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.



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

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

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





REGISTRATION

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2026 Semester

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**THE MORAVIAN CHURCH
BARBADOS CONFERENCE**

PALM SUNDAY

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2026
5:00 P.M**

**Calvary Moravian Church
Roebuck Street
St. Michael**

**Featuring
Moramus Singers of
Barbados**

**Ericka Griffith (Flautist)
Groups from Calvary
Moravian Church**

An Offering will be taken

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO OUR

EASTER

FISH FRY & FUN DAY

6TH APRIL
1:00PM - 6:00PM



TICKETS
\$35.00

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD & FUN

jumping tent | face-painting

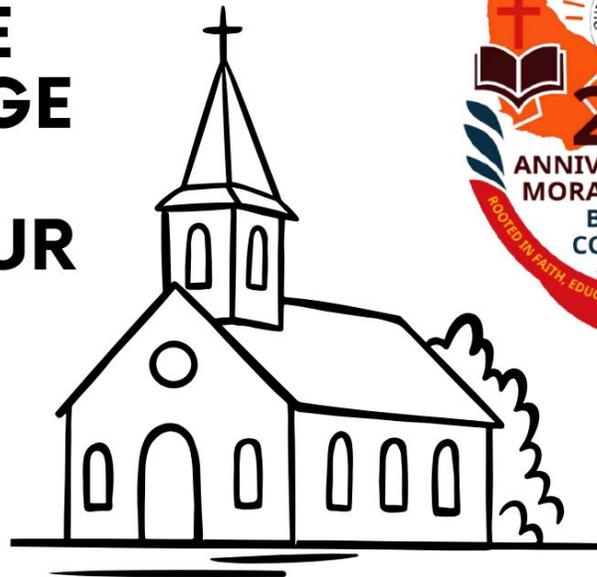
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TREATS & MORE



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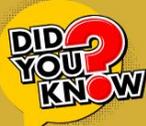
CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)	❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)
❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964)	❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)
❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)	❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834)
❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)	❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825)
❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)	❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)
❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)	

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