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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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PARKER PALMER'S REFLECTION ON SEASONS (cont'd)

Spring cont'd

The smallest and most tender shoots insist on having their way, coming up through ground that looked, only a few weeks earlier, as if it would never grow anything again. The crocuses and snowdrops do not bloom for long. But their mere appearance, however brief, is always a harbinger of hope, and from those small beginnings, hope grows at a geometric rate. The days get longer, the winds get warmer, and the world grows green again.

In my own life, as my winters segue into spring, I not only find it hard to cope with mud but hard to credit the small harbingers of larger

life to come, hard to hope until the outcome is secure. Spring teaches me to look more carefully for the green stems of possibility: for the intuitive hunch that may turn into a larger insight, for the glance or touch that may thaw a frozen relationship, for the stranger's act of kindness that makes the world seem hospitable again.

Spring in its fullness is not easy to write about. Late spring is so flamboyant that it caricatures itself, which is why it has long been the province of poets with more passion than skill. But perhaps those poets have a point. Perhaps we are meant to yield to this flamboyance, to understand that life is not always to be measured and meted as winter compels us to do but to be spent from time to time in a riot of color and growth.

Late spring is potlatch time in the natural world, a great

My family in Christ, this month's article of 'From The Pastor's Desk' is a continuation of last month's article, where I shared portions of the document that guided the Spiritual Retreat that was held for our church workers with the hope that it would prompt persons to reflect on their journey with God.

Yours in Pastoral Love,

Hilton J. Joseph
Pastor

Provincial Theme
"Advance the Kingdom:

Thematic Focus
Live as Kingdom Citizens"

Conference Theme
*"Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry"*

Motto:

In Essentials
Unity

In Non Essentials
Liberty

In All Things
Charity

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give-away of blooming beyond all necessity and reason – done, it would appear, for no reason other than the sheer joy of it. The gift of life, which seemed to be withdrawn in winter, has been given once again, and nature, rather than hoarding it, gives it all away. There is another paradox here, known in all the wisdom traditions: if you receive a gift, you keep it alive not by clinging to it but by passing it along.

Of course, the realists will tell us that nature's profligacy always has some practical function, and that may well be so. But ever since I read Annie Dillard on the immoderation of trees, I have had to wonder. She begins with a mental exercise to help us understand how superfluous in design an ordinary tree can be – if you doubt it, she suggests, try to make a faithful scale model of the next tree you see. Then, taunting the realists, she writes:

You are God. You want to make a forest, something to hold the soil, lock up solar energy, and give off oxygen. Wouldn't it be simpler just to rough in a slab of chemicals, a green acre of goo?

From autumn's profligate seedings to the great spring giveaway nature teaches a steady lesson: if we want to save our lives, we cannot cling to them but must spend them with abandon. When we are obsessed with bottom lines and productivity, with efficiency of time and motion, with the rational relation of means and ends, with projecting reasonable goals and making a beeline toward them, it seems unlikely that our work will ever bear full fruit, unlikely that we will ever know the fullness of spring in our lives.

And where in the world did we get that "beeline" metaphor? Just watch the bees work in the spring. They flit all over the place, flirting with both the flowers and their fates. Obviously, the bees are practical and productive, but no science can persuade me that they are not pleasuring themselves as well.



Summer

Where I live, summer's keynote is abundance. The forests fill with undergrowth, the trees with fruit, the meadows

with wild flowers and grasses, the fields with wheat and corn, the gardens with zucchini, and the yards with weeds. In contrast to the sensationalism of spring, summer is a steady state of plenty, a green and amber muchness that feeds us on more levels than we know.

Nature does not always produce abundance, of course. There are summers when flood or drought destroy the crops and threaten the lives and livelihood of those who work the fields. But nature normally takes us through a reliable cycle of scarcity and abundance in which times of deprivation foreshadow an eventual return to the abundant fields.

This fact of nature is in sharp contrast to a human nature, which seems to regard perpetual scarcity as the law of life. Daily I am astonished at how readily I believe that something I need is in short supply. If I hoard possessions, it is because I believe that there are not enough to go around. If I struggle with others over power, it is because I believe that power is limited. If I become jealous in relationships, it is because I believe that when you get too much love I will be short-changed.

Even in writing this essay I have had to struggle with the scarcity assumption. It is easy to stare at the blank page and despair of ever having another idea, another image, another illustration. It is easy to look back at what one has written and say, "That's not very good but I'd better keep it, because nothing better will come along." It is difficult to trust that the pool of possibilities is bottomless, that one can keep diving in and finding more.

The irony, often tragic, is that by embracing the scarcity assumption, we create the very scarcities we fear. If I hoard material goods, others will have too little and I will never have enough. If I fight my way up the ladder of power, others will be defeated, and I will never feel secure. If I get jealous of someone I love, I am likely to drive that person away. If I cling to the words I have written as if they were the last of their kind, the pool of new possibilities will surely go dry. We create scarcity by fearfully accepting it as law, and by competing with others for resources as if we were stranded on the Sahara at the last oasis.

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Feed My Lambs

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Zion Junior Choir
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Youth Praise Team
ZMC Steel Band

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Dorcas Ministry
Zion Outreach Ministry
Bus Ministry
Bible Study
Health Care Team
New Believers Class
Moravian Senior Club
Zion Ushers Ministry
Zion Missions' Team
Multimedia Team

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In the human world, abundance does not happen automatically. It is created when we have the sense to choose community, to come together to celebrate and share our common store. Whether the “scarce resource” is money or love or power or words, the true law of life is that we generate more of whatever seems scarce by trusting its supply and passing it around. Authentic abundance does not lie in secured stockpiles of food or cash or influence or affection, but in belonging to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them – and receive them from others when we are in need.

I sometimes speak on college campuses about the importance of community in academic life, one of the most competitive cultures I know. On one such occasion, following my talk, a man stood in the audience, introduced himself as occupant of the “Distinguished Such- and-Such Chair of Biology,” and began what I thought – given his rather pompous self-introduction – would surely be an attack. Instead, he said simply, “Of course we must learn to live in community with each other. After all, it is only good biology.” Biology, the discipline that was once driven by anxious metaphors like “the survival of the fittest,” and “nature red in tooth and claw,” now has a new metaphor – community. Death has not ceased, of course, but now it is understood as a legacy to the community of abundant life.

Here is a summertime truth: abundance is a communal act, the joint creation of an incredibly complex ecology in which each part functions on behalf of the whole and, in return, is sustained by the whole. Community not only creates abundance – community is abundance. If we could learn that equation from the world of nature, the human world might be transformed.

Summer is the season when all the promissory notes of autumn and winter and spring come due, and each year the debts are repaid with compound interest. In summer it is hard to remember that we had ever doubted the natural process, had ever ceded death the last word, had ever lost faith in the powers of new life. Summer is a reminder that our faith is not nearly as strong as the things we profess to have faith in – a reminder that, for this single season at least, we might cease our anxious machinations and give ourselves to the abiding and abundant grace of our common life.

CONGRATULATIONS

Thanks to the Editorial Team of the “Voice of Zion” headed by Sis Myrna Archibald for their continued Service to this vital Ministry of sharing Zion’s activities with the Moravian Families at home, the region and the wider diaspora. In the ten (10) years of Ministry, the Team has never missed an issue... Here’s to 10 Editions and 121 Articles... To God be the Glory!

The Right to Education Means the Right to Be A Qualified Teacher

On 05 October 2018, the day designated worldwide as World Teachers Day, the Ministry of Education recognized several teachers for their longevity and outstanding service in the field of education.

With effect from 1994, World Teachers Day has been commemorated annually on 5th October in recognition of the signing of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO recommendation concerning the status of teachers.

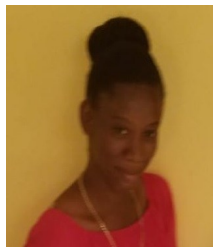
Among the teachers recognized were the following members from Zion: -



Sis Sonia Hector (Washington Archibald High School) – forty (40) years of service;



Sis Jamila Henry (Dean Glasford Primary) – twenty (20) years of service;



Sis Charmaine Seaton (Tucker Clarke Primary) – twenty (20) years of service;



Bro Damon Bacchus (Basseterre High School) – ten (10) years of service;

World Teachers’ day 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, recognizing ‘education as a key fundamental right, establishing an entitlement to free compulsory education and ensuring inclusive and equitable access for all children’. This year’s theme “**The right to education means the right to be a qualified teacher**” was chosen to remind the global community that the right to education cannot be achieved without having trained and qualified teachers.

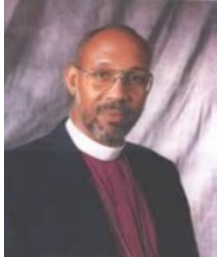
The Leadership and members of Zion commend our members for their role in moulding the minds of the Nation’s children. As they continue in the field of education, may they look to God for guidance, particularly in this era when there is so much distraction and when expectation from our Youth is at an all-time high





PEC REPORTS

Message from the Bishops of the Eastern West Indies Province for Ministers Covenant Day



Rt. Rev. Kingsley Lewis



Rt. Rev. Conrad Spencer

Saviour in this office. At the outset of our deliberations we opened the new Text Book. There we read on one page: ‘May our door be open unto Christ,’ and on the other: ‘Thus saith the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask of me the things that are to come; concerning my sons and the work of my hands, command ye me. To your Jesus—He’s our safeguard—Jesus will ever protect you—Against all who would afflict you—He’s our shield.’ [The Watchwords for 24 and 25 March 1742.]

Immediately all of us reached the decision not to appoint anyone but him to be our Chief Elder. And he approved this [by the lot] ... Hamilton continues, “The Watchword for the day also seemed singularly appropriate to them: “The glory of the Lord filled the house,” Ezekiel 43:5. “We bow ourselves before thee—who appearst as the Lamb!” Revelation 21:23.”

From that time our church has recognized no earthly head—Jesus only is the Head of our Church—our Chief Elder. Since then, 16 September has been observed as ministers’ covenant Day in our Church when we renew our covenant with our Chief Elder and with one another. We renew, as it were, our ordination vows to Christ and acknowledge our covenant relationship with one another. As we mark this day, let us seek to work in harmony with our fellow ministers and to be supportive of them. Let us continue to pray for each other and for each other’s ministry. The ministry we have is not our ministry, but Christ’s ministry.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We greet you all on this historic day in the life of the Moravian Church in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ our Chief Elder.

Today holds additional significance for us as ministers of the Moravian Church for it is on this day that we renew our covenant with God and with one another as ministers of His church.

We are often together as ministers in this Province when we meet in retreat. This year we are not having a retreat. We trust, however that we are meeting in our Conferences or respective islands at least to share in the Cup of Covenant. More often than not, it falls on a day other than a Sunday and so perhaps because 16 September this year falls on a Sunday some of us may not meet in this fashion.

However we mark this day, let us remind ourselves of the significance of the memorial day.

At the end of the Synod of Marienborn in December of 1740, Leonhard Dober, the Chief Elder of the Brethren’s Church, asked to be relieved of the Chief Eldership of the Church. After much prayer and seeking for a replacement proved fruitless. The synodical conference held in London at Zinzendorf’s Apartments on Red Lion Street from 11 to 13 September 1741 addressed the matter, but the lot negative all those proposed.

Bishop Kenneth Hamilton tells us that on 16 September, to quote Zinzendorf’s words, the idea came to them “to accept the

Today, let us say and pray with Zinzendorf:

Come, then, come,

O flock of Jesus, Covenant with Him anew;

Unto Him who conquered for us,

Pledge we love and service true;

And should our love’s union holy

Firmly linked no more remain,

Wait ye at His footstool lowly,

Till He draw it close again.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction,

Love each other, we comply,

Aiming with unfeigned affection

Thy love to exemplify;

Let our mutual love be glowing,

Thus will all men plainly see,

That we, as on one stem growing,

Living branches are in Thee.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Kingsley Lewis

Rt. Rev. Conrad Spencer

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PEC RPORTS

Visit of the General Secretary of the WCC to the Caribbean Region



The General Secretary, of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit visited the Caribbean Region from 29 September to 11 October 2018. Part of his interest is to interact with the member churches of the WCC and to discuss the ecumenical witness in the region and WCC's role and commitment, to this end.

He visited the following countries:

- ⇒ Jamaica – 29 September to 02 October;
- ⇒ Barbados – 02 to 04 October;
- ⇒ Trinidad – 04 to 06 October;
- ⇒ Antigua – 06 to 09 October; and
- ⇒ Haiti – 07 to 11 October.

He was featured on radio and television in some of the countries. He also interacted with the Christian Councils/ National Council of Churches and possibly Governor General/ President of the islands. Of vital importance, he delivered the word to the worshippers in which ever island he found himself in on Sundays.

He was welcomed to the region with open arms and pray God's anointing was upon him.



Hymn of the Month – September 2018

The hymn for the month of August is # 435 – *Servants of God, do not lose hope*. The text was written in 2000 by Sis. Constance L. Patmore from the Jamaica Province. The name of the tune, *Eleanor*, was scored by Bro. Ulston Smith in 2017.

It's been said that the human body can go several days without food or water. We can also continue living for a few minutes without air. But it has been suggested, and rightly so, that even though we can do without some of those essential things that keep our bodies alive, we face almost immediate death should we lose hope even for a few seconds.

Though it may not be physical death, the loss of hope can crush our spirits and destroy our souls. We can feel abandoned and forgotten and may even get to the point where we question if life itself is worth living anymore. The central message of this hymn is to counter that loss of hope and to rekindle within us an optimism and desire to keep faith and hope alive. Each verse offers some concrete means as to how that can be achieved.

These include: being courageous, continuing to believe God's promises, removing fear and doubt, standing firm and doing what we know to be right in God's sight. In the last verse we see that hope is tied to a mindset in which we resign ourselves ultimately to embracing God's will for our lives. We see then that to remain hopeful we must look beyond the current circumstances and be reminded that the sovereign God still controls the affairs of our lives.

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for October: -

*Servants of God, do not lose hope,
Learn the hard lessons through the wrong –
That God is gracious and will help
You to have courage and be strong.*

*2 God's promises we must believe,
Cast fear and doubt now to the wind.
Watch as they fly and be relieved,
Your faith will take you to the end.*

*3 As servants, don't be pushed aside
Stand firm in God and do what's right,
Lean on the Lord who will provide,
All that is needed for the fight.*

*4 Help us, O Lord, to know your will,
Knowing on you we can depend.
And in our struggles, hear 'Be still,'
Then we can cry a loud 'Amen!'*

2000. Constance L. Patmore





SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Whether your need is small or great, you are welcome to use God's direct 24-hour hotline — prayer!

His promise is, "Call to me and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons listed below and be reminded that "you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22)

Sisters Laverne Huggins, Gloria James, Carmen Powell (USVI) and Veronica Stevens; Bro Whitley Williams (USA) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Eileen Mills, Sylvia Samuel, Urlie DeSilva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, Heather Demming and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie, Alphonso Archibald and Mr. Walter B Simmonds (St. Kitts).

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Please remember in prayer our Zion Shut-Ins. Their names are as follows:

Sisters Connie Smith, Brenda Manners, Iris Mc Donald, Eugenie Belgrove-Gumbs, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthday Celebrants

1st - Sis Daria James (USA); 6th - Bro Hashim Bertie; 8th - Alexandria Hook; 12th - Sis Chioma Henry, Bro Hasani Lapsey, Sis Nadia Francis; 14th - Bro Stevan Francis and Sis Charlene Warner; 16th - Sis Emelda James-Christopher; 19th - Sis Dian Sargeant; 21st - Sis Akila Moore (USA); 23rd - Sis Arlene Herbert and Bro Tonito Lee (UK); 25th - Sis Annette Hodge, Bro Gerron Dore and Sis Cleovona "Pinky" Mitcham; 26th - Sis Kadeema Blanchette; 27th - Sis Sandra Byron; 28th - Sis Caroline DeSuza, Sis Marilyn Liburd and Sis Vivian Morton (Huggins); 29th - Sis Vernesia Williams (USA); 30th - Sis Dalila Woodley



November Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

15th November Bro Ernest & Sis Emelda Christopher
20th November Bro Oliver Glasford
21st November Bro Pedro & Sis Shirley Douglas



COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12 (NIV)). Studying abroad and being away from family and loved ones is a stressful time for many students. Hence, this is why the Zion Community is asking members of the Congregation to bear up in prayer our student members studying overseas. Their names are as follows:-

UNITED STATES

Sis Ycole BonCamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Sis Akila Moore
Sis Tarhia Slack
Bro Christian Nathaniel
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Daria James
Sis Xarielle Blanchette

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

ST. THOMAS, USVI

Sis Jamilla Connor

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Sis Junika Berry

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Tonya DeSuza





FOR YOUR CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2018



CONGRATULATIONS

Shut-in Communion
Shut-in Communion was held on **Tuesday 06 November 2018** from **09:30 am to 12:00 noon**.

Church Ministries

- **Moravian Senior Club** meets on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street, Basseterre from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** continue on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Junior Choir** meets on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** meets on Friday at 7:15 pm. All youth are invited.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians were responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the period **05 to 09 November 2018**. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Zion Missionary 2018

Zion Missionary 2018 was launched Sunday 01 April 2018. During the Service for each month, a colour offering will be taken. Please note the colour offerings which are to be taken monthly from April to December 2018.

- Green – April and September
- Blue – May and October
- Purple – June and November
- Orange – July and December

The colour for the month of November is '**Purple**'.

Chief Elder's Celebration 2018

Adult Conference under the theme "Victorious Living" from 09 to 11 November 2018. On Friday 09, the Opening Service of the Conference will commence at 6:00pm. The Speaker will be Pastor Wingrove Spencer of Precision Centre, Antigua. Cost to attend the Conference is \$100.00. Registration forms are available at the Church's Office.

The Youth Conference will be held

under the theme "*The Process Continues... Wazup*" from 09 to 13 November 2018. The cost is \$135.00. Registration forms are available from the Church's office.

Combined Service and Luncheon will be held at the Estridge Moravian Church, Mansion on Sunday 11 November at 9:30am.

Conference Bible Study

Conference Bible Study will be held at the Bethesda Moravian Church on 13 November at 7:00 pm. Come and be enriched.

Ministry to the Sick

Ministry to the Sick will take place on Wednesday 07 November 2018 starting at 9:00 am. Family members please take note.

Missionary Sunday

Zion Missionary Sunday 2018 will be held on 25 November 2018, under the theme, "The Church Has Left the Building". Divine Service will start at 8:00am. 9:30 am to 10:45 am will be a time of preparation for mission project. 11:00am to 2:00pm is Mission in Action.

Harvest Festivals

Estridge Harvest Festival will take place on 18 November at 4:00 pm. All are invited.
New Dawn Harvest Festival and Dinner will take place on 23 November at 7:00pm

Island Conference

Island Conference will be convened on Thursday 29 November 6:00pm. Delegates are asked to take note of the date and time.

Pastor's Walk, Prayer and Breakfast

The Zion Moravian Pastor's Walk, Prayer and Breakfast will take place on Saturday 17 November 2018 from 6:30am. Come walk with the Pastor from the Frigate Bay Lawn to the Zion Moravian Church Yard. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am to 10:30am. The cost is \$25.00. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and worship.

Most Outstanding Female Overall in CCSLC Examinations



The Youth of Zion have made us proud once again through their performance in the May/June Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence (CCSLC) examinations. Last year, The Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) presented Sis Kadeema Blanchette with the award for being the **Most Outstanding Female Overall** in the CCSLC examinations in **CARICOM**.

This year, **Sis Daria James** of the Washington Archibald High School will receive a similar award at the St Vincent and the Grenadines Community College on 6th December for her outstanding performance in the CCSLC 2018 examinations. Sis Daria wrote ten (10) CCSLC subjects and received ten (10) distinctions. In addition to the 10 subject passes for 2018, she sat two other examinations in 2016 and 2017 with Grade one passes in both subjects, thus making it twelve Grade One CCSLC passes.

The Leadership and members of Zion wish to commend Sis Daria on this outstanding performance; we also wish to commend her parents, grandparents and her teachers for their input in Sis Daria's performance. As she continues her tertiary level education in the United States, may she ponder on these biblical words from Philippians 4 verse 13: '**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me**'.





COMBINED SERVICE AT ESTRIDGE

On 7 October 2018, in the middle of its two-week revival services (Revive Convo), the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference held two worship services simultaneously – one for Adults and the other for Youth.

The Combined Service for Adults was held at Estridge with Rev. Hilton Joseph and Rev. Binta Mgonela being the officiating Pastors. Rev. Erwin Warner officiated at the other service, which was held at Bethesda.

The service at Estridge was in line with the theme of the revival services “The Breaking” with the sermon based on Acts 3:19:

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Rev. Joseph spoke about the birth of Revive Convo, sharing that it was during the St. Kitts Pastoral Retreat in January that staff received the message that it was time to “raise the bar” since God deserves the best. The decision was then made to have a time of revival.

Although funding was a major concern, after intercession, Rev. Joseph received the Word that God would provide (Jehovah Jireh). From this encounter Rev. Joseph implored that we should take God at His Word.

One definition of revival is God pouring Himself out on His people, with His Spirit giving us new energy and strategy to ‘up our game’. However, Rev. Joseph added that revival must start from a personal perspective and he shared the following:

Revival is not an automatic experience; it is something to be desired and prayed for.
God is the source of revival.
Refreshing results are experienced when revival comes.

Therefore, God is whom we need to look to for refreshing, not our Pastor; His love and salvation will never fail. We need to base our faith on God and the Holy Spirit, not on people. These are all supported by the words of the following verse:

*My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device nor creed;
I trust the Ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

Rev. Joseph ended by declaring that **“The race is not about winning but about completing it.”**





WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS





YOUTH CONNECTION

“GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL HIS BLESSING”



Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Memory Verse: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.*

Psalm 100:4

The photo above is called a cornucopia. It is also sometimes called a horn of plenty. It is usually filled with many kinds of foods like apples, oranges, grapes, squash, and ears of corn. It is a symbol of an endless supply of food. Today, the cornucopia is usually made from woven dried grass into a basket shaped like a horn. Many years ago, it was a goat's horn that was hollowed out and filled with food. We see cornucopia often at this time of year (harvest thanksgiving) because this is the time when many food crops are harvested. In other countries like the United States, it is used as a decoration around Thanksgiving time because the cornucopia is a symbol of all of the good things that we have to enjoy.

As humans, we have a lot to be thankful for, don't we? What are some of the things you are thankful for? Whom should we thank for all that we have? We should give thanks to God for providing for us not only at harvest time but all through the year. The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God. When someone gives you a gift, you say, "Thank you". When do you think we should say "Thank you" to God? Should we have one day each year that we give thanks? Should we have one day each week that we give thanks? I think **EVERY DAY** should be a day of thanksgiving. Don't you agree?

Our Bible lesson today says: -

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Let us stop right now and give thanks and praise God for all He has done for us.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for You for all the good gifts you give to us. Most of all, we thank you for Your love and for the gift of Your son, Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- A short piece of music that is sung
- To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
- A small animal with a woolly coat
- The planet where people live

DOWN

- To express one's love and adoration for God
- A field covered with grass where animals eat
- An expression of appreciation
- A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP	SONG	JOY	THANKS
PASTURE	EARTH	SHOUT	SHEEP

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

B	Y	O	I	V	W	A	E	Z	F	Q	K	H	M	J	G	S	N	X	L	C	U	R	T	D	P
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 17-13-3-22-24 _____
- 20-3-23-25 _____
- 8-7-23-24-13 _____
- 6-3-23-17-13-4-26 _____
- 16-20-7-25-18-8-17-17 _____
- 24-13-7-18-12-17 _____
- 16-3-3-25 _____
- 20-3-5-8 _____

LORD	GOOD	EARTH	GLADNESS
WORSHIP	THANKS	LOVE	SHOUT





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Story Behind the Hymn

Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, ‘Therefore I hope in Him!’”

Lamentations 3:22-24

You do not need to be rescued from life-threatening danger or see God’s miraculous provision in the direst of financial crises to truly know the faithfulness of the Lord. God remains faithful day in and day out in the largest and smallest of circumstances.



Thomas Chisholm wrote the hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” as a testament to God’s faithfulness through his very ordinary life. Born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, Chisholm became a Christian when he was twenty-seven (27) and entered the ministry when he was thirty-six (36), though poor health forced him to retire after just one year. During the rest of his life,

Chisholm spent many years living in New Jersey and working as a life insurance agent. Still, even with a desk job, he wrote nearly twelve hundred (1,200) poems throughout his life, including several published hymns.

Chisholm explained toward the end of his life, “My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness.”

Just think, with each new day, God gives us the chance to prove His faithfulness. And throughout history, He’s never once been proven wrong, for His mercies are new every morning, no matter what.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm – 1925

*Great Is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Though changeset not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great Is Thy faithfulness,
Great Is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for Sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*



The Leadership and Membership of the Zion Moravian Church express condolences to: -



Sis Paulette Eddy, Sis Tonya Watts and Family on the passing of:

Sis Ida “Livi” Eddy
(Mother, Grandmother)

Bro Gerard Brown and Family on the passing of:
Bro Michael (Kebo) Brown
(Brother)

“The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your stronghold.”

Brothers and Sisters, may the Lord grant you peace in these trying times.





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*The Voice of Zion:
Empowered to do Ministry*



Sunday 04 November 2018
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Watchword for the Week: - *Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6: 4-5.*

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 1 - 9; Psalm 119: 1- 8; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. **Deuteronomy 6:5.**

Paul wrote: I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. **Ephesians 3: 15-17.**

Prayer: *God of love, may our love for you mirror love for us. May others know us to be your disciples—through our love for our enemies and those with whom we differ—as well as for those with whom we feel affinity. Amen.*

Sunday 04th November 2018 (24th Sunday after Pentecost)
Pastor & Celebrant: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph

ORDER OF SERVICE

Centering on God

Songs *Here I Am To Worship*
..... *As The Deer Panteth*

Call to Worship

Hymn #466 *Praise To The Lord The Almighty*

Prayer of Adoration

Song *Nara (What Shall I Render)*

Prayer of Confession

Song *In Moments Like These*

Hymn #377 *For All The Saints Who From Their Labour Rest*

Prayers of Intercession Sis. Tryphena James

Welcome

Song *The Breaking*

Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Dept of Energy Rep.

Solo

NT Lesson: St. Mark 12:28-34 Sis. Aslyn Broadbelt-Warner

The Sermon

Altar Encounter

Worship in Giving

Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle, Missionary Offering (Purple), Free Will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration & Notices

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Reflection & Preparation

Hymn #250 *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Words of Consecration for Bread

Chorus *Thank You for the Cross Lord*

Hymn #165 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Words of Consecration for Wine

Hymn #272 *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

578 *According To Thy Gracious Word*

Covenant Hymn #240 *I'm Pressing On The Upward Way*

Benediction