

COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts.)

One of our chief evangelical blind spots has been to overlook the central importance of the church. We tend to proclaim individual salvation without moving on to the saved community...our message is more good news of a new life than a new society." John Stott

The church is not immune to the consumer mindset (in our society)... A continual focus on feeding "me" rarely creates the more biblical and unifying "us." – Kevin Ford

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

April Scripture: (Eph 1:18-19)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, open our hearts to what you have done for us, what you are doing even now, and what you promise for the future. You have elected us from before time, adopted us in Christ, and continue to unify us in your Kingdom family as we grow in your way and yield to your will. We can only praise your name, for we owe you everything as our Lord. May our time together remind us of your grace and send us in your power, as you have shared your very heart in the prayer you taught, Our Father, ...

***HYMN:** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

***OLD TESTAMENT:** Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Hymnal #263

Bible p.176

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir
(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

***DOXOLOGY:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

***HYMN:** "Take Time to Be Holy"

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #540

PREACHING THE WORD

***GOSPEL:** Ephesians 1:1-14

SERMON: "Made for More: God's Plan – Part 1"

Bible p.1156

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** "We Are God's People"

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

Hymnal #700

POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)
(** We use grape juice)



FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

NEXT WEEK: We continue our sermon series, a walk through the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. The first chapters outline God's plan for every believer. The last three chapters speak to the implication of this plan – the church as a reflection of the Kingdom. Next Sunday we look at Ephesians 1:15-23.

SAVE THESE DATES

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd



National Day of Prayer, an annual observance throughout our country praying for God's wisdom and guidance for our nation's leaders. We will have a special service of prayer starting at 6:00 PM.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Nicole Thorp, health.
- Amos Munch, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Willis Stephens, (Jon Stephens' father), health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Penny LeMasurier, health

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Nic & Christy Brenner; Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Planting; Lion of Judah Academy.

DEACONS of the church are always available to meet with you, pray with you, and hear your concerns.

PRAYER TEAM

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at the Sherman Church. A Prayer Team meets every Thursday to pray for our Church Family. If you have an immediate prayer concern, please call or email the church office or the Pastor. We will share the need with the Prayer Team.

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

DONATIONS FOR THE VETERANS HOSPITAL

The church continues collecting items for the Veterans Hospital in West Haven. There is a list of needed items in the Fellowship Hall.

HOPELINE is in need of several items. Please bring them to church and place them in the basket in the narthex.

(List of needed items is in the Narthex)

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A MEMBER CHURCH OF
THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE
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UPCOMING:

Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday. 10:00 a.m.

Hearts and Crafts

Apr. 15th, 9:00 am

Third Thursday Prayer

Apr. 18th at 7:00 pm



THE SHERMAN CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024

APRIL MISSION MOMENT

THIS YEAR'S VBS THEME!

April's Mission Moment is dedicated to this year's VBS Week.

Breaker Rock Beach Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 17th. We are blessed to have special guests Abby Henderson, Chloe Burns, and Harper Knapple lead VBS and help our children to study God's Word. Abby, Chloe, and Harper are high school students who are active members of Walnut Hill Church in Bethel. They have embraced leadership roles at Walnut Hill, volunteered for Mission trips, and attended and volunteered at Walnut Hill's VBS through the years.

Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

VBS brings energy to our church in a way nothing else can. It's fun for kids, and it's great for families. You'll see conversations about Jesus happen in a natural setting and hearts changed for an eternity.

In addition to daily worship and scripture, kids will participate in singing, dancing, arts & crafts, games, recreational time, and snacks. VBS will run from Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will celebrate on Friday with a potluck lunch and fellowship with the children and their families.

VBS is FREE to children ages 5-12.



OUR CHURCH:

Pastor:	Rev. John Loring Carpenter, Interim Pastor
Ministers:	The Congregation
Minister of Music:	Carolyn Kopsick
Moderator:	Edna Coons
Chair of Deacons:	Charles Mastroni
Co-Chair of Trustees:	Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
Flowers:	Anna Galasso
Announcements:	Aimee Suhie
Prayers of the People:	Debbie Thorp
Reader:	Tara Alemany
Greeter:	Barbara Hoag
Coffee Hour Host:	Jon and Kristin Stephens
Nursery:	Jill Finch
Usher:	Charles Mastroni

CALENDAR

April 14 - April 20, 2024

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

SUNDAY:

WORSHIP SERVICES at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY:

HEARTS & CRAFTS at 9:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

CHRISTIAN ED at 3:00 PM -

WEDNESDAY:

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

INVESTMENTS at 7:00 P.M. - Online

AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY:

THIRD THURSDAY PRAYER at 7:00 p.m. - In-Person

AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY:

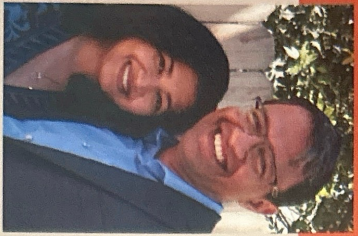
TRUSTEES at 6:30 PM - Office

2024 ANNUAL GATHERING - THE GREAT MULTITUDE

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice:

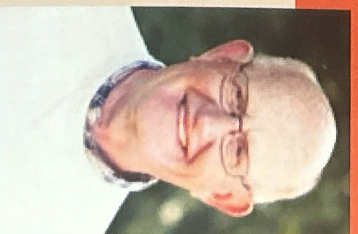
“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”
(Revelation 7:9-10)



Rev. Matthew P. John,
Senior Pastor,
Lake Avenue Church -
Pasadena

The theme of this year's Annual Gathering is centered on our value of "A Membership Reflective of the Harvest Field's Diversity". It is our desire impact our current generation with the message of the Gospel. We are confident that this will lead to a more diverse membership, with churches and pastors who are younger and represent new ethnic groups coming to our country.

The theme scripture reminds us that our focus as a Christ-centered Congregational Conference remains the same, even as our membership becomes more diverse.



Rev. Ron Hamilton
Conference Minister,
CCCC

July 30-August 2, 2024
Crowne Plaza - Warwick, Rhode Island

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SERMON NOTES

April 14, 2024

Ephesians 1:1-14

WHO IS PAUL – WHO AM I?

What are signs of disunity in our world?

WHO ARE WE AS DISCIPLES?

As God's chosen people we are _____.

As God's children we are _____.

As God's community of faith, we are _____.

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF OUR BLESSING?

OVERALL THEME OF EPHESIANS: