

February 16, 2025

10:00 AM

THE LORD’S SUPPER
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

“Jesus isn’t merely interested in good behavior; He wants us to be good people. After all, a person with excellent driving skills and complete control of the car doesn’t need guardrails.” – Skye Jethani

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

February Scripture: Romans 12:18-19
If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO PRAYER AND WORSHIP (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***GLORIA PATRI**
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***THE PEACE**
***HYMN:** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS

***NEW TESTAMENT:** Hebrews 12:1-11
MISSION MOMENT: Hopeline Pregnancy Center

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER
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

Hymnal #805

Hymnal #669

Bible p. 1193

Hymnal #808

***HYMN:** “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”
PREACHING THE WORD
SERMON: “Putting A Finger in the Dike”
Matthew 5:27-37
Bible p. 959
PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST
***HYMN:** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**
Hymnal #433
POSTLUDE
(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

NEXT WEEK: We will continue to look at Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount; scripture Matthew 5:38-48. What do we define as love in action? “Love’s True Meaning” is our focus.

OUR CHURCH:

Interim Pastor:
Rev. John Loring Carpenter
Ministers:
The Congregation
Minister of Music:
Carolyn Kopsick
Moderator:
Charles Mastroni
Chair of Deacons:
Laura Baxter
Co-Chair of Trustees:
Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
Flowers:
Penny LeMasurier
Announcements:
Barbara Hoag
Prayers of the People:
Tara Alemany
Reader:
Ken Leach
Coffee Hour Host:
Lynne Gomez
Nursery:
Anna Galasso
Usher:
Suzanne Browning

PRAYER FOR SEARCH TEAM: Following worship we invite those willing to meet in the front of the church and share in brief prayer that God will guide and empower our Search Team as they seek to discern God’s leader, pastor next, for the church.

CALENDAR

February 16th - 22nd, 2025
(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Sunday:
WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.
(Also Live Streamed)
Monday:
CE at 4:00 P.M - Office
Wednesday
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM - FH
INVESTMENTS at 7:00 P.M. - Online
AA at 7:00 P.M Fellowship Hall
Thursday:
PRAYER IN THE PARLOR at 6:45 P.M
AA at 7:00 P.M Fellowship Hall
Friday:
TRUSTEES at 6:30pm - Office

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.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Penny LeMasurier, health
- James L., health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Mesa Global: Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT.; Lion of Judah Academy, Hope Academy of the Bronx.

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

PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church.

You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church on a telephone conference call by **Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.**

You may also make a prayer request anytime by calling the church office. Our Church Administrator will ensure the prayer request is communicated to our Pastor and Deacons. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-921-1952) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

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.

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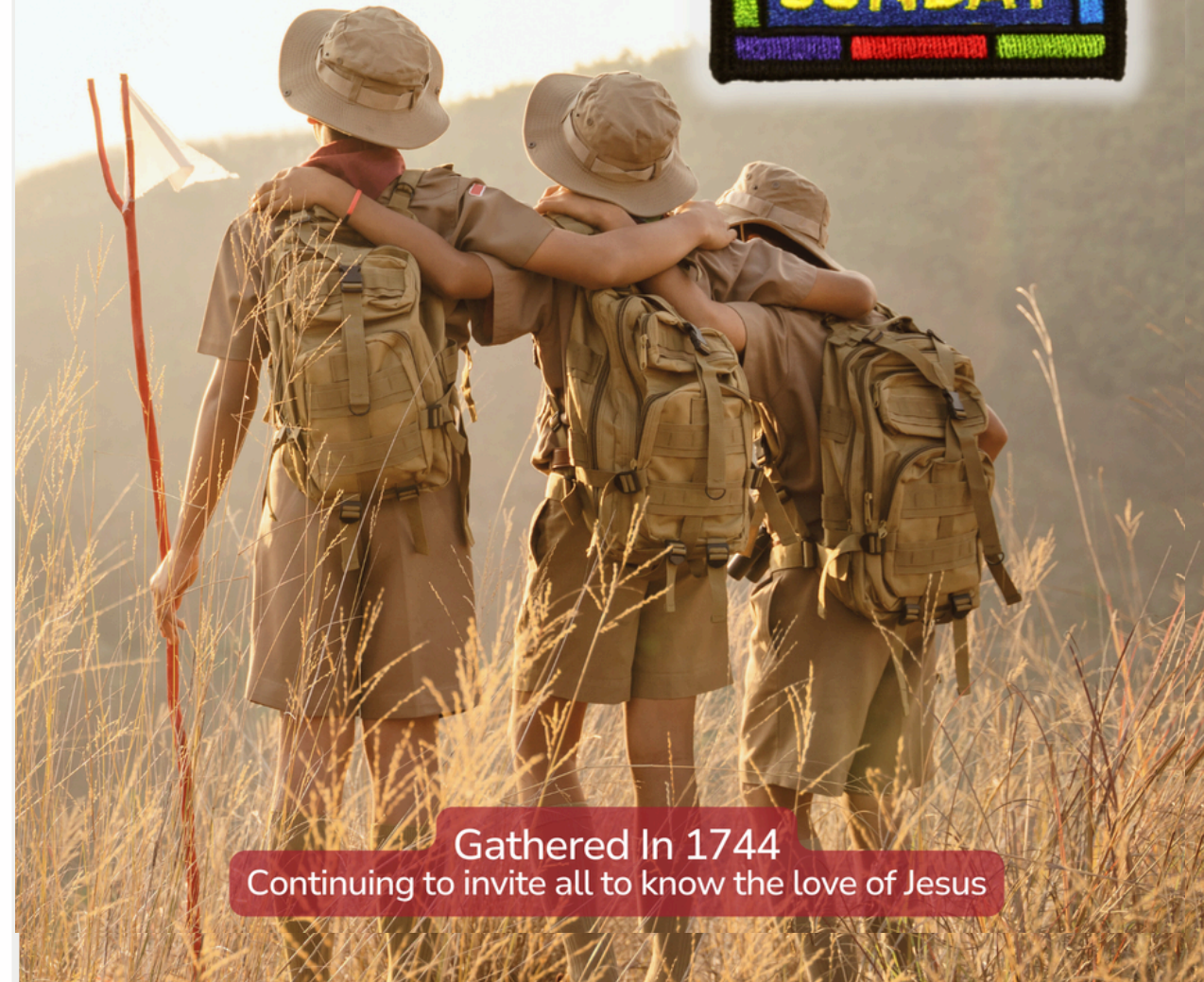
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WELCOME SCOUTS AND LEADERS

Scouts have been a part of developing character in our young people for over 100 years. Instrumental in the success has been the willingness of many volunteer leaders who guide and instruct young people in both attitudes and activities. Thank you to all those who give their time to mentor these scouts.

SURPRISE BOOK SIGNING



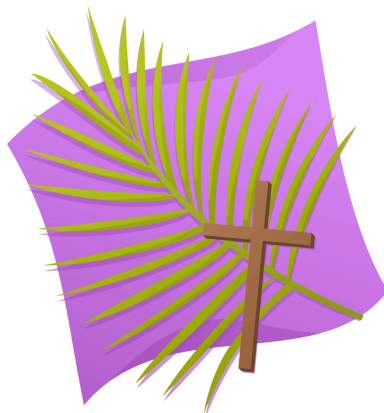
Rev. Dr. Dan Morton will talk about his book, **Just Plain Stories by Dan Morton**, and sign copies Friday, Feb. 21, from 11am to 2pm at Candlewood Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center, 30 Park Lane East, New Milford. Rev. Morton is a member of the Sherman Church who is now living at Candlewood Valley. He and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Barbie Howland of South Kent, attended our church for several years. Rev. Morton has written for a local newspaper in Globe, AZ, called The Silver Belt for several years, and his wife and friends compiled the articles into a book available on Amazon. There will be a limited number of copies available at the book signing for purchase. If you can't attend the book-signing and order a book online, you may visit Dan at any time after that date, and he will sign it for you.

Barbie is hoping to make this a surprise, so Shhh!

LENTEN LUNCHEON

Lent begins March 5th. Our First Lenten Luncheon Series will begin March 9th following worship and each Sunday during Lent.

A sign up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to bring soup and bread. You can sign up to be a host or helper as well.



MISSION MOMENT

Hopeline Pregnancy Center has been helping women in Connecticut for over 30 years. Our faith-based organization is committed to caring for women and their families through our free and confidential pregnancy services.

- Pregnancy Testing
- Options Coaching
- Ultrasounds
- Abortion Information
- Adoption Information
- Parenting Information
- Recovery Care
- Healthy Relationships
- Education



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Your generosity does so much:

- Rescues babies from abortion.
- Gives women & men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy a safe place to discuss their options.
- Provides healing that can only be found in Christ for those who have experienced abortion, sexual trauma, and pregnancy loss.

Is in need of...

- Bibs (boys and girls)
- Socks (boys and girls)
- Sleep sacks
- Baby blankets (thick/thin)
- Baby bottles
- Hooded towels
- Wash cloths
- Infant toys
- Toiletries for babies
- Onesies (N. & O-3 months for girl and boy)
- Winter long sleeve onesies/tops
- Infant cloth carrier
- Pacifiers
- Size 1 diapers



SERMON NOTES for February 16, 2025

Sermon on The Mount

Matthew 5:27-37

KEY CONCEPT: Small leaks can cause large problems.
Keep your lens focused.

What is Love?

Matthew 5:27-30

Is the world any different today?

_____ and _____ were/are novel concepts.

Matthew 5:31-32

The Marriage Covenant was _____,

it demanded _____.

Matthew 5:33-37

Define Oath:

An oath before God meant _____ of life

to ensure _____.

Lying about an _____ is lying to _____!

Genuine _____ for God leads to wholehearted _____.

PRAYER & DIALOGUE GUIDE

Week of February 16, 2025

SHARING: What has happened since we last met; how is God at work in your life today?

SCRIPTURES: Matthew 5:27-37

DIALOGUE IDEAS:

In case you haven't noticed, we live in a sex-saturated society. The church has tended to offer two responses to this fact—condemnation or accommodation...Both condemnation and accommodation assume we are passive victims of desire, and both place all of the blame for our struggle "out there" in the culture, but Jesus' words ...offer a more nuanced view...If our hearts are transformed,...the trans-formation will be manifested in new behaviors, including the practice of "stern discipline," as Chambers writes, in the avoidance of sin. – Skye Jethani

PRAYER: Prayer Psalm – Read Psalm 149

If praying aloud is new to you, try the **A-C-T-S** format.

Brief prayer sentences: these questions can help as guides.

- Begin with **ADORATION** praising God for who God is.
 - If I could write a new song to praise you, it would be about your...
- Move to **CONFESSION**, acknowledging failures and our selfish willfulness.
Lord, I confess my impatience with you bringing justice to...Help me to trust in your timing
- Offer **THANKS** for what God has done in your life and in the life of the church.
 - My maker and King, thank you that I can be glad and rejoice even when...
- Conclude with **SUPPLICATIONS** asking God for the things you need.
 - Lord, because you delight in me, please save me from...
 - O Lord, bring your humility and salvation to

Insights from this Gathering: