

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.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

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Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE
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MAY 18, 2025

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BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

World Maritime University (2024 study) researchers concluded that more than a quarter of seafarers did not get any shore leave at all, and a third only got ashore once or twice during their entire contract, based on an average of 6.6 months onboard....An Indian deck officer, after 6 months on board stated: "I have been working in the shipping industry since 2006. I have noticed that all the ports have slowly found ways to deny shore leave to the ship's crew. If they can't tell NO! straightaway, then they will impose heavy charges so that everyone automatically refuses to go ashore. Plus, the workload and the commercial pressure on senior officers are so much that they find it difficult to go ashore.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

May Scripture: Colossians 3:2-3

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 55:22

*Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.*

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:** "How Firm a Foundation"

***OLD TESTAMENT:** 1 Chronicles 29:15-18

***NEW TESTAMENT:** Hebrews 11:13-16

Hymnal #805

**Hymnal #612
Bible p. 423
Bible p. 1192**

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MISSION MOMENT – New England Seafarers Friend

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 #808

***HYMN:** "This Is My Father's World"

Hymnal #384

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Strangers on Earth"

Rev. Stephen Cushing

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Hymnal #721

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

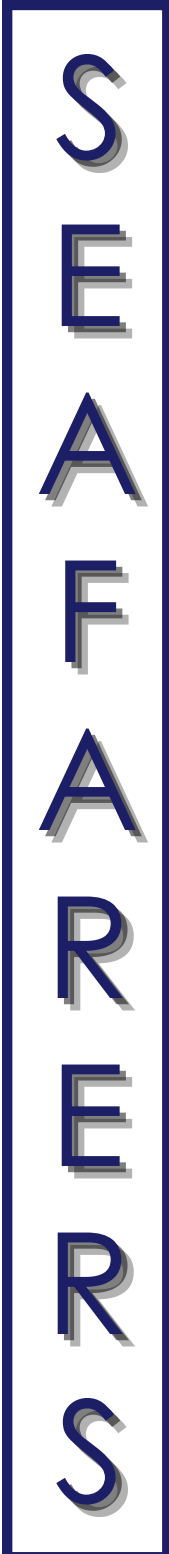
POSTLUDE

*(*Congregation, please stand if able.)*

**FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP**

WE WELCOME Rev. Stephen Cushing, Executive Director/Senior Chaplain of New England Seafarers Mission to share a message with us. Our second collection today will be to support NESM. Also, in the Narthex is information about ways you can assist the mission throughout the year.

NEXT WEEK: Memorial Weekend in which we have a special time of prayer for those we remember have been God's instrument in our lives. The scripture will be Hebrews 11:32-12:3, "We Are Never Alone."



MISSION MOMENT

MISSION MOMENT SUNDAY, MAY 18

A Maritime Ministry Since 1880

Providing hope and advocacy for seafarers from around the world.

New England Seafarers Mission is a ministry to those from over 100 nations who serve on the ships carrying nearly everything we use every day; fuel, cargo, autos, and more.

As one author titled her book, "Ninety Percent of Everything: Inside Shipping, the Invisible Industry That Puts Clothes on Your Back, Gas in Your Car, and Food on Your Plate" (Rose George) comes to us by ships, and over 1.4 million people operate those ships. They are away from home on average of nine months, often many months without touching land. In addition, NESM serves the thousands of crew who come to the port of Boston on cruise ships through a center where they can send money home, talk with loved ones, and more.

NESM is one of over fifty centers serving ports in North America, and over 500 centers serving around the world. They are places of care, compassion, listening, as well as practically serving the needs of the crew. While all have chaplains, they operate essentially through donations and volunteer support. At NESM many volunteers offer a day to assist in the center, conversing and serving the international crew with a smile. Many others spend hours through the year making ditty bags, hats, and sewing kits, thus carrying on a centuries-old tradition of offering a small gift of thanks to seafarers during the Christmas season.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

WATCH a short video of the mission in action at <https://vimeo.com/306541296>

VOLUNTEER in the Boston Center. Make it a weekend in short term missions. "We are hoping you volunteer at the Seafarers Mission this year. We need your help." – The Crew
What will we ask you to do? (More details and scheduling process are on the web page.)



<https://neseafarers.org>



- We operate a small but very busy crew market. Volunteers will help to price items, stock the shelves, and run the cash registers.
- We let crew use our address to drop ship packages. Volunteers can help us process the parcels in and then help to sign them out to the seafarer when they come to pick them up.
- We offer FREE coffee, so we need to keep our hospitality station neat and well stocked.
- Volunteers who can commit to repeat visits can help us process money transfers for the crew so they can send their money home.
- Typically, we start our day at 8:30 AM and go until mid-afternoon. See our schedule for more date specific times.
- Dress very comfortably and bring a bagged lunch. We provide free drinks and chips.

PRAY – for the seafarers, their families, and those dedicating their lives to serve us.

- Prayer concerns are on the web page. However here are some general prayer thoughts.
- Seafarers, as they work in cold and dangerous conditions during winter months.
- Chaplain visits to area churches as they share the story of NESM.
- Our Chaplains – Steve, Ashley, and our ship visitors – Bob and Dennis.
- Pray that they may bring the Good News on board each vessel they visit.
- Pray that God brings the seafarers hope and encouragement, as well as the joy of the Gospel.
- Pray for the strength of the Mission – for our vision, outreach and resources. Our God is able to provide all our needs!



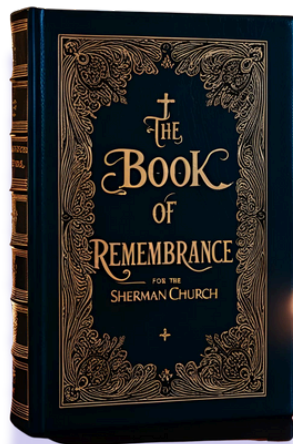
COLLECT AND SEND MATERIALS TO SUPPORT THE SEAFARERS

- Spiritual Formation Materials (year-round)
 - Bibles (new/like new condition)
 - Financial Donations for NEW Bibles in English and Native Language
 - Bible Studies
 - CD's and DVD's
- Ditty Bag Christmas Project
 - Winter Hats, Sewing Kits, Toothbrushes (single packaged), Ditty Bags
 - See web site for more information

DONATE

Our Mission Moment on May 18 will be to support NESM. Rev. Steve Cushing will be with us to share more about this ministry.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



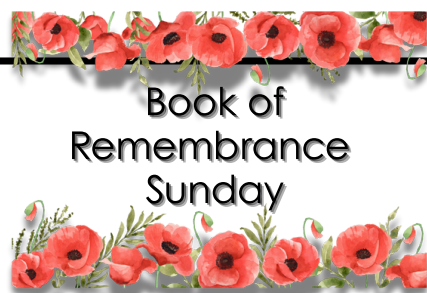
Book of Remembrance Sunday

The Book of Remembrance has a long history in the Sherman Church. It began in 1943 as a memorial fundraising effort to help build the Fellowship Hall. Today it continues to honor loved ones and to raise funds for projects of a lasting nature – adding to the beauty of the sanctuary and keeping the memorial garden.

Donations to the Book of Remembrance may be made at any time during the year, but the names are always held for public reading during the worship service on Memorial Sunday. This year the memorial reading will take place **May 25th**. Deadline for donations to be included in the 2025 reading is **May 18th**.

Donations may be made to the BOR “in honor” of the living or “in memory” of loved ones who have passed. Please make checks out to “BOR,” and put the form and your check in the collection plate or give it to Penny, Anna or Edna. You also may mail them to the church office. A donation form is enclosed for your convenience.

Edna Coons, Chair, BOR



My Name: _____

My Address: _____

Enclosed find my donation to the Book of Remembrance. Please make this donation in honor or in memory of the following.

The following person(s): (please print clearly)

In Memory of..

In Honor of..

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:

Anna Galasso

Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

Prayers of the People:

Tara Alemany

Reader:

Dawn Langworthy

Coffee Hour Host:

Debbie Thorp

Nursery:

Aimée Suhie

Usher:

Aimée Suhie



CALENDAR

MAY 18-24TH

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

Sunday:

Worship Service at 10 A.M.
(Also Live Streamed)

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study
at 10:00 AM - FH
AA at 7:00 P.M FH

Thursday

Prayer In The Parlor
at 6:45 P.M

(See dial-in Info. on the back of the bulletin)

Confirmation Class
at 6:00 PM - FH
AA at 7:00 P.M FH

JOIN US FOR VBS 2025
MAGNIFIED!
 PSALM 59:5
 DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

WHEN:
 June 16-20
 9am to 12:30pm

WHERE:
 The Sherman Church
 6 Church Road
 Sherman, CT 06784

THE SHERMAN CHURCH
 Early Registration and Volunteer sign up are open!
www.myvbs.org/ShermanChurchVBS/