

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN
COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

When Christ isn't central in the life of a Christian, his Christianity will always get reduced to theology and rules. It will cease to be the central organizing principle of his life. It will give way to other powerful motivations and move to the fringes of his life... It then becomes little more than an ideology with an accompanying set of ethics. What is incredibly dangerous about this is that if Christ isn't central in our hearts, something else will be. Christianity as theology and rules will allow self to be at the center. – Paul David Tripp

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"Wondrous Love"

arr. Gordon Young

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

October Scripture: Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

{NOTE: Memory Cards for the October Bonus Scripture are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall}

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 119:41-56

Don Coons

*GOSPEL: Matthew 10:32-39

Don Coons

Hymnal #805

Hymnal #60

Bible p. 608

Bible p. 965

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tara Alemany

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

"1000 Reasons to Worship the King"

Myrin/Redman

*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: "Take Time to Be Holy"

Hymnal #540

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Suffering for Christ"

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Bible p. 1166

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: "We Are God's People"

Hymnal #700

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Colossians series continues: Colossians 2:6-15.

HOW HAS CHRIST MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE IT?

In the coming months, we would love to hear what God is doing in the lives of those assembled as The Sherman Church. In the form of a testimony during worship, this brief sharing of how God is at work can be an encouragement to others, boosting faith and desire to seek God more in their lives. Please let Pastor Carpenter know if you are willing to share or if God has been present in your life.

CALENDAR OCT. 12th - 18th
(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Sunday:
Worship at 10 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)
Discipleship Journey at 11:30 A.M. (See Insert)
Sunday School at 4:00 P.M. Children age 5-12
Adult Bible Study

Monday:
Deacons at 6:30 P.M - Online

Tuesday:
Missions at 7:15 P.M - Online

Wednesday:
Investments at 7:00 P.M - Online
AA at 7:00 P.M - FH

Thursday:
Prayer In The Parlor at 6:45 P.M
Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.
AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

Next Week Responsibilities

Flowers:
Megan Tlasky

Announcements:
Aimée Suhie

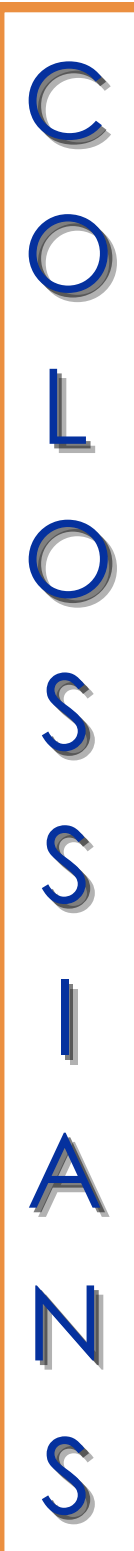
Prayers of the People:
Charles Mastroni

Reader:
Ken Leach

Coffee Hour Host:
Debbie Thorp

Nursery:
Kristin Stephens

Usher:
Kristin Stephens



OUR CHURCH:

Interim Pastor:

Rev. John Loring Carpenter

Ministers:

The Congregation

Minister of Music:

Penny Rose

Moderator:

Charles Mastroni

You may make a prayer request anytime by contacting the church office at info@shermanchurch.org or (860)-354-6114. 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 860-733-9972) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

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. Dial-in information is in the calendar.

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

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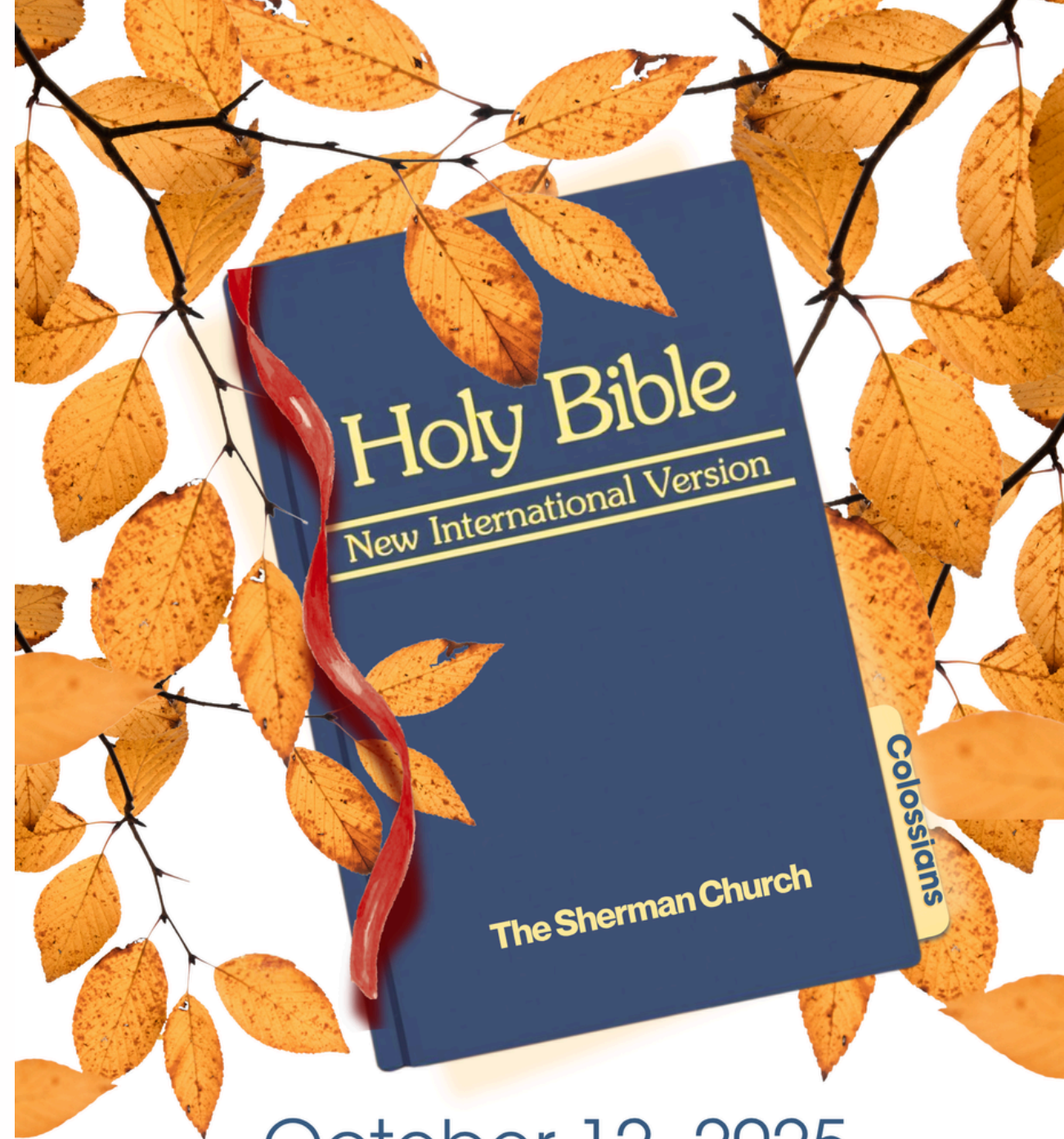
A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother
- Debbie Whittaker, Dawn Langworthy's sister. Healing and growing faith.



October 12, 2025

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October Mission Moment - Oct. 19th

The Missions Committee this fall will once again join in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, with a choice of both physical boxes or online donation. We welcome shoebox donations which will be blessed in November during the worship service.

The brochures with instructions on how to fill a box, labels for the boxes and requested \$10 donation for each box will be available in early fall. If you would like to fill a box, we will have sturdy shoeboxes, or use one of your own and decorate it if you can. Please note when you get your brochure what is acceptable and not acceptable; this year **NO SOAP** may be included in the boxes due to customs regulations in different countries.

If you opt to donate online, you may choose what items you want Samaritan's Purse to put in your shoebox or you may just ask them to choose items. You may also follow your shoebox online to its destination. If you donate online, please do so through the Sherman Church website so we can track how many boxes were filled online.

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.

The Missions Committee

Materials for how to pack a shoebox and gift ideas can be found by the Missions Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

IN NEED OF EMPTY SHOEBOXES.

Please bring in any shoeboxes so they can be wrapped and prepared to be filled. Any shoeboxes can be left in Fellowship Hall.



Help the Sherman Church Achieve Our 2025 Annual Goal!

It's that time of year again when we will be supporting **Operation Christmas Child!**

You can create your own shoebox. Instructions will be available in below and at the Church.

Alternatively, you can request a pre-built shoebox for \$30 each.

Begin your contribution and build your shoebox by clicking the link or scanning the QR Code below.

Let's unite to support Operation Christmas Child and assist The Sherman Church in reaching a new goal for 2025!



<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanaspurse.org/view/394725bb-6ad0-47be-9f0c-9c63930b54dc>



Hopeline Mom Needs Baby Items

Missions Committee has heard from Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center of Danbury that they have a patient who is having a baby boy in late December. She has made a decision for life, but she needs some help. She is 31 years old with three young boys in Ecuador ages 6, 12, and 15. Her three boys live in Ecuador with her former partner. She has no family here or other support, only her boyfriend who is the father of the baby. He originally was pushing for her to have an abortion, but he had a change of heart and asked her for forgiveness. He is now supporting her during and after the pregnancy. She works part-time and currently lives in a multifamily home; she rents out one room where she lives alone.

If you would like to purchase any of the following items, please let Aimée Suhie know at suhieaimee@gmail.com so we can try to get everything she needs without duplicating. Hopeline will come to pick up the items in November.

- Newborn and size 1 diapers (Hopeline says they are extremely low and not sure what their inventory will look like in November)
- Play mat
- Bassinet
- Newborn bottles
- Pacifiers
- baby toiletry (lotion, shampoo, body wash, etc)
- Baby carrier

Hopeline will provide her with blankets, swaddlers, infant car seat, and as many items of clothing as they have.

Thank you for helping a mother in need.

The Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven is in dire need of items on the list below.

They can be ordered on Amazon and sent directly to:

Veteran Resource Center
West Haven VA Medical Center
950 Campbell Ave
West Haven, CT 06516-2770



Or bring them to church, and we will make sure to have them picked up by the VA van when it comes to Sherman.

Body wash
Deodorant men and women
Razors men and women
T shirts all sizes

Tooth paste
Shave cream men and women
Boxers all sizes

Thank you!



OUR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

How do we become a disciple of Jesus? How can we share our faith? Our Discipleship Journey: Part 1 invites you to discover where God is already at work making disciples in your corner of the world so you can join Him. Explore all the facets of Jesus' approach to disciple-making in a way that is understandable and doable! The discipleship journey isn't always straightforward, but it is something we can incorporate into our everyday lives. Nothing beats participating in the grand adventure of seeing lives transformed and communities renewed by the power of the Gospel.

Starts **SEPTEMBER 14TH**
Join us **Weekly, After Worship**

"Our Discipleship Journey" video series from RightNow Media will be presented with a light lunch.

Series will be led by Deacons Charles Mastroni, Suzanne Browning, and Laura Baxter



Watch the Trailer here!

<https://gqr.sh/BDHy>

rightnow MEDIA.

This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos on a variety of topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more.

WEB:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/TheShermanChurch>

TEXT:

ShermanChurch
To: 49775



Church Newsletter Survey *Please place in offering plate.*

We'd love your input! This short survey will help us know how you'd like to receive our monthly newsletter and what you'd most like to see in it. Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

1. How would you prefer to receive the monthly church newsletter?

- Email
- Church website/social media
- Text message link
- Other (please specify): _____

2. What would you most like to see included in the newsletter? (Check all that apply)

- Upcoming events/calendar
- Pastor's message or devotional
- Member stories/testimonies
- Prayer requests & praise reports
- Volunteer opportunities
- Community outreach updates
- Photos of church life (submitted)
- Other (please specify): _____

3. How often would you like to receive the newsletter?

- Once a month
- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Other (please specify): _____

4. What format do you prefer?

- Short highlights (bullet-style updates)
- Longer articles & stories
- A mix of both

5. Any other ideas, topics, or suggestions you'd like included?

SERMON NOTES October 12, 2025

Colossians 1:24-2:5

What is “the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (1:26-27)

Paul sees his suffering as:

What is the goal of the Church's ministry? Your ministry?
“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (2:2-3)

APPLICATION – “How then should we live?”:

Christians, especially leaders, are called to PROVIDE means for the growth of each person and the Church. We are “build up one another.”

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--- John Maxwell