

November 2, 2025

10:00 AM

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

“As Christians, we ought never to overlook our heritage. It helps us to understand our identity, and it gives us a sense of where God is leading us. The Israelites had a rich heritage. Their nation began as a result of Abraham and Sarah’s faithfulness...Your spiritual heritage is even richer than that of Isaiah’s generation. Your spiritual ancestors include Mary mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, the disciples, the apostle Paul, and a host of saints through the ages. More important, you look to Jesus as the author and finisher of your faith...Your obedience today will provide a legacy of faithfulness to the generations that follow.” – Henry T. & Richard Blackaby

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

November Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

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

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES - “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” arr. C. Callahan
CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***HYMN:** “For all the Saints”

Hymnal #751 v1,2,5,6

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

***OLD TESTAMENT:** Psalm 119:73-88

Bible p. 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

When the Saints go marching in.

Congregation joins in on the final chorus.

Arr. J. Rutter

***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:** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #291

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Dressing From Within”
Colossians 3:1-17

***HYMN:** “Shall We Gather at the River?”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Pastor Carpenter
Bible p. 1165
Hymnal #687

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** “Let us Break Bread Together”

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**
POSTLUDE

Hymnal #776

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

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Our series on Colossians continues. Sermon Scripture is Colossians 3:18-4:1. We also will be collecting donations for Thanksgiving Food Baskets as our Mission Moment.

Reminder: Church Business Meeting after worship

GATHERING OF THE SHERMAN CHURCH FAMILY
FOR PRAYER AND PASTOR’S SHARING
FRIDAY, NOV 7, 6:30 PM.

Following discussion at the last Church Council meeting, the pastor has asked we gather in prayer and a chance to share some observations as we seek Pastor Next for our church. After three years as Interim Pastor, and 18 months in the search process, this is a chance for discussing God’s future as we wait on His timing. Dessert will be supplied by the Council. Format for the evening will be:

- Sharing of God’s Word – 10 Minutes
- Pastor’s Observations & Discussion – 30 Minutes
- Guided Prayer – As God leads.

All are encouraged to attend as we seek the Spirit’s leading in our life together as the body of Christ.



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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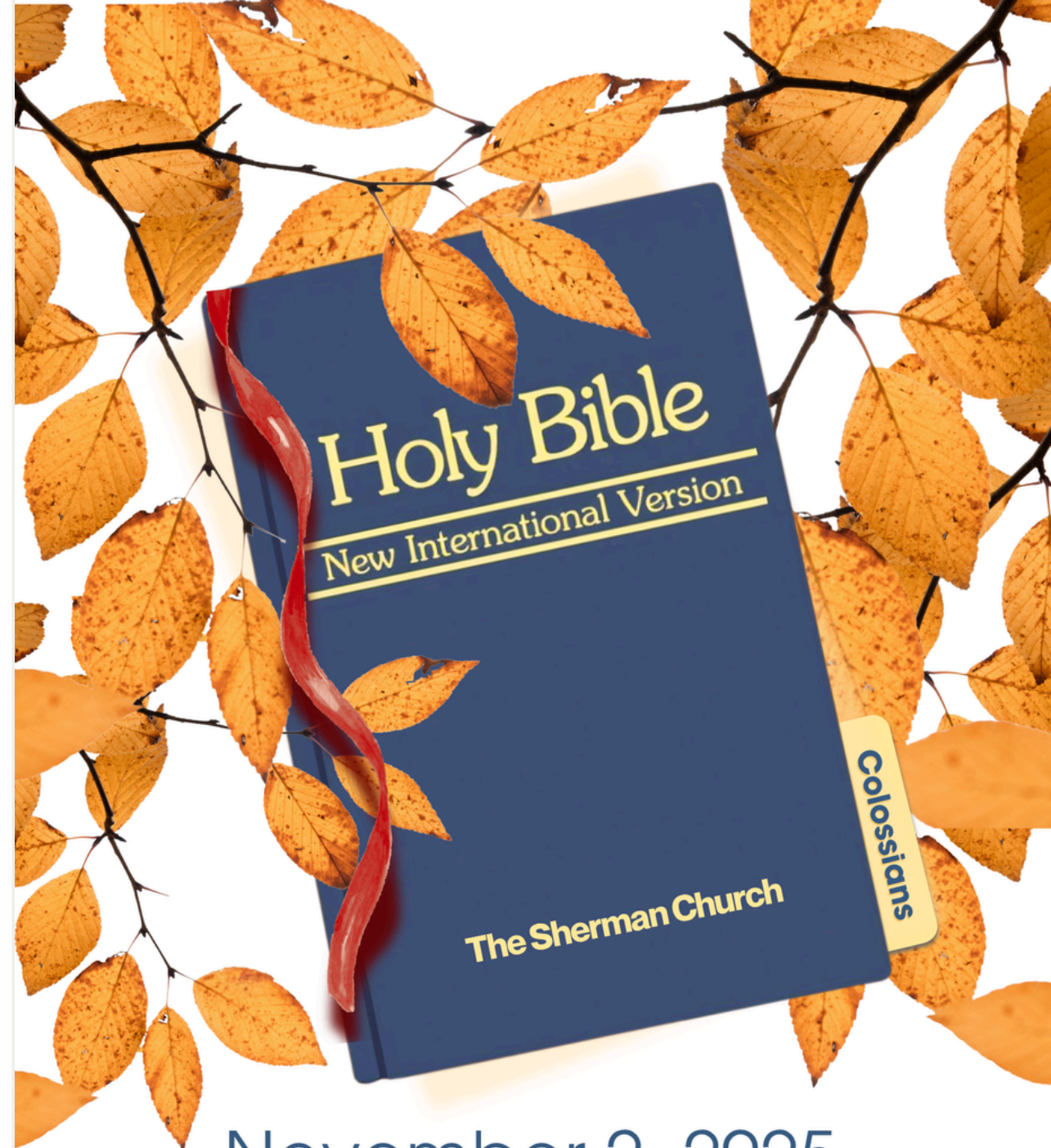
A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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.



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CALENDAR Nov.2nd - 8th

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

Sunday:

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

Discipleship Series after Worship

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:

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

Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted

use access code 357664#.

AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

**Next Week
Responsibilities**

Flowers:

Edna Coons

Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

Coffee Hour Host:

Ken Leach and Susan Browning

Nursery:

Aimée Suhie

**FALL
CHURCH
CLEANUP
DAY**



**Saturday
November 8th
9:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M**

HAS GOD BEEN PRESENT IN YOUR LIFE?

Has God been especially visible in your life recently, taught you through life experience of his presence, provided healing of your heart, mind, or body? Part of the value of gathering in community is hearing how God is present as others share what he is doing in their life, encouraging one another in faith. In November we are seeking people willing to share a brief testimony of God working in their life. Let the pastor know you are willing to encourage others this way. Timid about public speaking. He can come and interview you for a video testimony if that is more comforting than speaking before a group. Email him today and arrange a time.



Hopeline Mom Needs Baby Items

Thank You for Helping a Hopeline Mom

The Missions Committee has collected most of the needed items identified by Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center of Danbury for a patient who is having a baby boy in late December. The 31-year-old mom works part-time and currently lives in a multifamily home where she rents out one room.

Our congregation will provide a baby bouncer, play mat, bassinet, newborn bottles, pacifiers and a baby carrier. We can still use baby toiletry (lotion, shampoo, body wash), newborn and size 1 diapers. If you would like to purchase any of these, please let Aimée Suhie know at suhieaimee@gmail.com, and feel free to leave them in the parlor. Hopeline will come to pick up the items in November. Hopeline will provide her with blankets, swaddlers, infant car seat, and as many items of clothing as they have.

Thank you for helping this 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!

WARNING - Today

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary

November 2, 2025,

Immediately Following the Worship Service

In-person and via Google Meet

1. To accept the minutes of the January 24, 2025, annual meeting of the Sherman Church.
2. To approve expenditure of no more than \$20,000 for reroofing of the church office.
3. To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 19th day of October 2025.

Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

WARNING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Elections Meeting of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary

November 16, 2025, at 11:30am

Immediately Following the Worship Service

In-person and via Google Meet

1. To approve the minutes of the Nov. 2nd 2025, special meeting (office roof) of the Sherman Church.
2. To act upon the 2026 slate of officers, board and committee members as presented by the Nominating Committee.
3. To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 2nd day of November 2025.

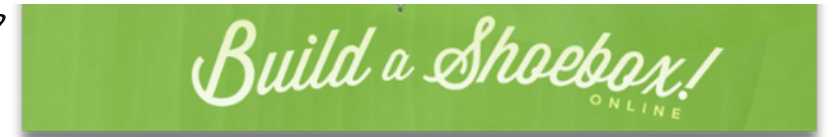
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Mission Moment - Collection Nov. 9th

Thanksgiving Meals

With many families in need in Sherman, Social Services has identified 40 to be helped this Thanksgiving. The Mission Moment and **collection Nov. 9** will be dedicated to defraying the costs of meals. The Country Market and American Pie will provide the turkeys and pies. By participating in this effort, you have the opportunity to help provide a meal, but also to foster a spirit of gratitude and connection among neighbors. Your generosity will make a tangible difference, spreading joy and thanksgiving to those who need it most.

Checks may be made out to The Sherman Church with "Thanksgiving meals" in the memo line, or donate online under Tithes and Offerings and please put "Thanksgiving meals" in the Comment line. Thank you!



Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child will be blessed **November 16** during the worship service. Anyone who

completes a box before then may leave it in the parlor. The brochures with instructions on how to fill a box, labels for the boxes and requested \$10 donation for each box are in Fellowship Hall. 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 Goal Page so we can track how many boxes were filled online.

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.

The Missions Committee

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



SERMON NOTES – November 2, 2025

Colossians 3:1-17

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Is there a difference in your life before Christ vs. after?

What evidence is there that your life is set on heavenly things?

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature:

“Things above” = A new set of Values.

G _____ above G _____

S _____ above R _____

F _____ above R _____

⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these:

A new attitude: ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ **rule** in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let God's peace be U _____ in your heart and mind.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.