

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.)

It is only when my heart is owned by Christ that I will be free from the driven and anxious pursuit of things that I cannot properly hold, cannot control, and that will quickly evaporate... In order for the kingdom to be a place of glorious new life, it has to be a place of death. Jesus calls you to die to all that you treasure so that he can be the central treasure of your heart.

– Paul David Tripp

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "What Wondrous Love is This" C. Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN: I Know that my Redeemer Lives

*OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55:1-7

MISSION MOMENT: VBS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY: "Carol of St. Thomas" arr.A. Greening

The Sherman Church Choir

*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

SERMON: “New Life Looks Ahead in Faith”

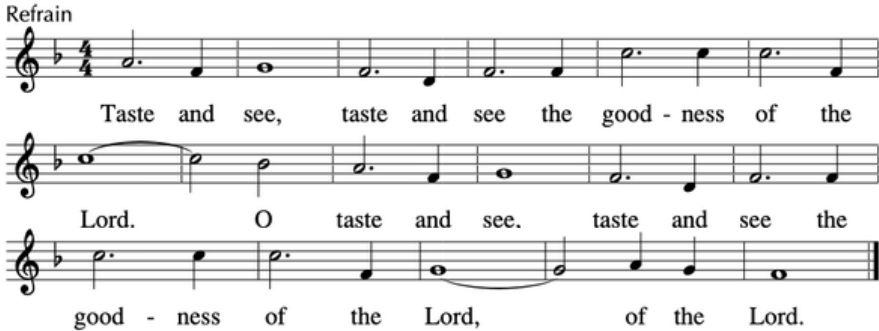
*HYMN: "Taste and See"

Hymnal #239

Bible p. 733

Hymnal #808

Pastor Loring Carpenter



THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN: "Christ is Alive"

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

Hymnal #243

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

(** We use grape juice, bread, and gluten-free crackers.)

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

April Scripture Cards are available on the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables.

NEXT WEEK: Next week we continue the series “Made New”
Scripture is John 1:9-13; Acts 2:42-47.

Calendar for April 12th - 18th

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

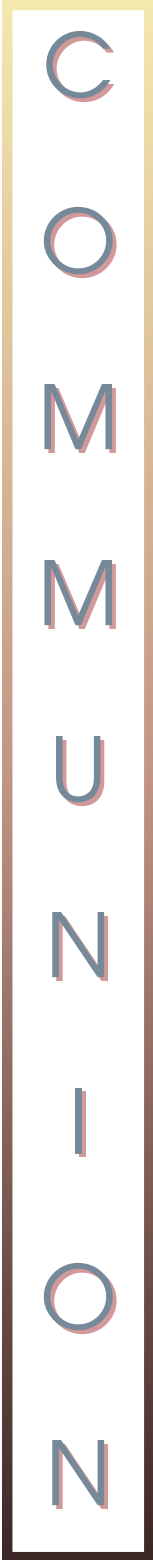
Sun., Apr. 12	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Mission Collection Sunday School with Heather Rand
Wed., Apr. 15	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study - Fellowship Hall Church Council - Online Investments - Online Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Apr. 16	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Fri., Apr. 17	6:30 pm	Trustees - Office
Sat., Apr. 18	2:00 pm	Celebration Of Life for Rev. Michael Smith

Church Responsibilities for April 12th

Flowers: MaryAnne Carpenter

Coffee Hour Host: CJ & Megan Tlasky

Nursery: Jessica Jacques



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.

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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.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, health, strength in the care of her mother
- Debbie Whittaker, Dawn Langworthy's sister. Healing and growing faith.
- Jill Finch, Strength and healing during troubled times.
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing
- Bereaved Family of Rev. Michael Smith.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH



APRIL 12, 2026

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CONTINUING TO INVITE ALL TO KNOW THE LOVE OF JESUS

PLEASE JOIN OUR

Women's BRUNCH

SATURDAY | MAY 16 | 10:00 AM
2026

"Be still and know I am God"

PSALM 46:10

RSVP to:

<https://forms.gle/UPV3uMhiunmihWws5>

Email: Info@shermchurch.org

Or Call 860-354-6114



ANN VAN HINE

The Missions Committee will host a Women's Brunch Saturday, May 16, from 10am to noon in Fellowship Hall. Christian speaker **Ann Van Hine** of Lititz, PA, the widow of New York firefighter Bruce Van Hine killed in 9/11, will speak on "Stillness in a Chaotic World."

The brunch is free and open to all, but RSVPs are needed through

<https://forms.gle/UPV3uMhiunmihWws5>, Church Email (info@shermchurch.org), or by calling the church office at 860-354-6114.

Van Hine is the author of *Pieces Falling: Navigating 9/11 with Faith, Family & the FDNY*. She has spoken throughout the country as well as internationally in Japan, Belgium, England and Northern Ireland about experiencing personal loss amid a national tragedy. She has led walking tours of the National 9/11 Memorial, and participated in a hearing at the European Parliament. Her story is included in the Netflix documentary *Turning Point 9/11* which was released in 2021.

Her talk will be based on *Psalm 46:10* -- "Be still and know I am God." Van Hine will discuss the Biblical concept of stillness and how we need stillness to be able to connect to God. "I share parts of my September 11th story and how God was who He says He is," she explained. "I believe the stories of September 11, 2001, are like a mosaic. The stories don't fit together like a puzzle. Instead, they lay next to each other to form the larger narrative of what happened that day and since."

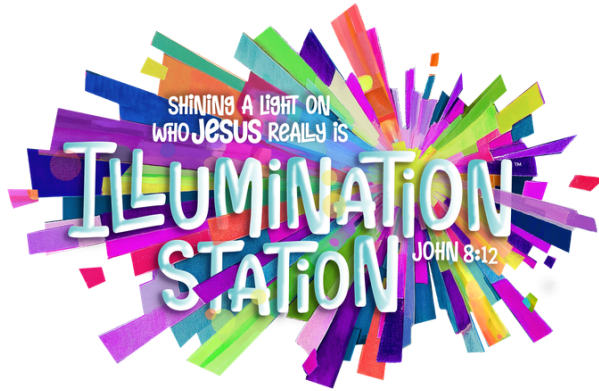
The brunch menu will include casseroles and quiche, homemade muffins and fruit, pastries and beverages. A freewill donation will be taken.



RSVP

Mission Moment

The April 12 Mission Moment will be for Vacation Bible School to take place July 20-24 this year. The Christian Education Committee is working hard planning the five-day event. It will lead directly into an evening “Christmas in July” movie night which was such a success last year. Kristin Stephens will present the Mission Moment with a video compiled by Laura Baxter of last year’s fun and inspiration. A second collection will be taken. Checks can be made out to The Sherman Church with VBS in the memo line or donated online at www.shermanchurch.org under Tithes and Offerings with VBS in the Comment line. Thank you for supporting VBS!



July 20 – 24

Many claim to know Jesus, but remain in the dark—at Illumination Station VBS, kids explore how light reveals who He truly is.

Update from Hopeline

Monthly Needs

Hopeline Pregnancy Center is a Gospel-centered, pro-life ministry. We have regular ongoing needs that need to be met. Below is our list of needed items this month.

- Diapers size 3, 4, and 6 - 6 is priority!
- Boys/girls clothes size 18-24m
- Bibles - Spanish and Portuguese
- Twin girl items
- Spring/summer clothes
- Bottles
- New car seat (s)

Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2SEHD7QUUDCKAX?ref_=wl_fw_le



Our church members bought items for a virtual shower for an Ecuadorian mother in December, and she had her little boy Jeremy, born via C-section, right before Christmas Day weighing a healthy 8 lbs 3 oz. As the new Hopeline director Juliemar Ortiz said, “He was indeed a miracle baby. Throughout the pregnancy he had fluid in his kidneys but was born fluid free. Praise God! Thank you all for your prayers and support.”

Information regarding Rev. Michael Smith



We’d like to share a few updates as plans continue to come together.

A website has been created with details for Michael’s **Celebration of Life on April 18:**

<https://celebratemichaelsmith.com/>

On the site, you’ll find an RSVP form for the service. If you have already shared your plans to attend through the April 1 CaringBridge post, there is no need to RSVP again.

Many have asked how they can support Kristyn and the boys in practical ways. **A meal train** has been set up here:

<https://www.giveinkind.com/inkinds/l4J5L4S/loving-on-michael-smith-s-family>

If you would like to provide a meal, you can sign up for a date on that page. All meals should be gluten-free. Kristyn mentioned that the boys enjoy meals with plenty of meat, but otherwise have no specific preferences. Gift cards or meal deliveries from places like Shake Shack, Maggie McFly’s, or Chipotle are also appreciated.

For those who may be too far from Sherman to deliver a meal, a caterer recommended by Andromeda Turre is available to prepare and deliver meals that meet the family’s dietary needs. You can learn more here: <https://healthynourishedbody.com/> If you choose this option, please remember to note the delivery on the Give InKind page so meals remain well coordinated.

Thank you for the continued outpouring of love, prayers, and support. It has been a steady reminder of the body of Christ surrounding this family with care, compassion, and hope.

The Sherman Church

In Memory:

Frederick & Gertrude Coons

Donald & Edna Coons

Elizabeth Frey

Lynn Paulovicks

George L. & Patricia Toms Merrill

Lynn Paulovicks

Jack & Edna Ormiston

Donald & Edna Coons

J. Paul Ormiston

Donald & Edna Coons

Betty Cox Paulovicks

Lynn Paulovicks

Rev. Michael Smith

Maradee Smith

Christine Coons Thorne

Donald & Edna Coons

Hubert and Matilda Voorhees

Paul & Carol Voorhees

Mildred & Edward Wells

Paul & Carol Voorhees

J. Leslie & Grace Robinson Merrill

Lynn Paulovicks

Easter Flowers