

April 19, 2026

10:00 AM

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

Scripture teaches that the community that matters is a community built by God. We may cultivate it, feed it, protect it, and use it. But we dare not pretend to create it. When in our hubris we set out to “build community,” we risk subverting God’s plans for our churches—and I’m afraid this is something we do all the time. – Jamie Dunlap

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" C. Ore

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN:** "For Beauty of Meadows"

Hymnal #383

***GOSPEL:** John 1:9-13

Bible p. 1049

***NEW TESTAMENT** Acts 2:42-47

Bible p. 1079

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY: "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" M Cabaniss

The Sherman Church Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #808

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: “The Gospel Glue of New Life”

Pastor Loring Carpenter

Colossians 3:12-17

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

Hymnal #384

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

**Come gather for fellowship
following our Worship Service**

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

NEXT WEEK: We continue the series “Made New” Scripture is James 2:14-19

Calendar for April 19th - 25th

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

Sun., Apr.19	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School - With Julie Astbury
Wed., Apr. 22	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study - Fellowship Hall Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Apr. 23	6:00 pm 6:45pm 7:00 pm	Christian Ed - Office Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

Church Responsibilities for April 19th

Flowers: Penny LeMasurier

Coffee Hour Host: Penny LeMasurier

Nursery: Jill Finch

M

A

D

E

N

E

W

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

Gathered In 1744

Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

6 Church Road | Sherman, CT 06784

860-354-6114

info@shermanchurch.org | Shermanchurch.org

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 19, 2026

GATHERED IN 1744

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@shermanchurch.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@shermanchurch.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

Missions Committee Announces Outreach Events for Spring

Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center's 40th Anniversary Benefit will take place Thursday, May 7, at the Waterview, 215 Roosevelt Drive, Monroe, CT. Doors open at 6pm. Please register online. The speaker will be Rev. Cliffe Knechtle, senior pastor at Grace Community Church in New Canaan.

Adult & Teen Challenge will sponsor its annual golf tournament Wednesday, June 10, at Portland Golf Course, 169 Bartlett St., Portland, CT 06480. Please go to its website to register.



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."

SERMON NOTES

April 19, 2026
Colossians 3:12-17

1. Resurrection brings new life.
2. New life offers a new perspective.
3. New life brings a new level of community.

The light of Christ's resurrection makes us children of God, adopted into a new family. *"to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* (John 1:12)

God's grace changes our relationship with God from

_____ to _____; _____ to _____.

The first Christians needed _____.

God's family requires commitment to _____-_____.

Two kinds of community/fellowship:

- _____-_____ community based on _____.
- _____-_____ community based on _____ and _____ of the _____, all centered on _____.

God's community is bonded by _____ and _____ of relationships that reveal God's power to _____ people.

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. (Col. 3:17)