

April 26, 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.)

“The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go God’s love for us does not.” “Faith is the art of holding on to things in spite of your changing moods and circumstances.” – C.S. Lewis

The question is not “what is faith?” or “Do we have faith?”

The real question of life is:

“Who or what do we trust” or “Where do we place our faith?”

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us". R. Powell  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER**

\***HYMN:** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

**Hymnal #492**  
**Bible p. 1197**

\***NEW TESTAMENT** James 2:14-19

**SHARING NEXT STEPS** (Where is God Leading from Here?)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

**OFFERTORY:** "Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy" Shane Barnard

Refrain: Surely goodness, surely mercy right beside me all my days.

And I will dwell in your house forever, and bless your holy name.

*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:** “Faith Moves Our Heart and Guides Our Feet”

Luke 7:1-10

\***HYMN:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Hymnal #522**

\***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 celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Charlie Mastroni is preaching. We gather around the Lord’s Table.

**Calendar for April 26<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

(Links for online meetings may be found at [shermanchurch.org](http://shermanchurch.org))

<b>Sun., Apr.26</b>	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Wed., Apr. 29</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b> - Fellowship Hall <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> - Fellowship Hall
<b>Thurs., Apr. 30</b>	6:45 pm	<b>Prayer In The Parlor</b> Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#.

**Church Responsibilities for April 26th**

**Flowers:** Penny LeMasurier

**Coffee Hour Host:** Barbara Hoag

**Nursery:** Kristin Stephens

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:deacon@shermanchurch.org) or 860-733-9972) or the Pastor ([pastor@shermanchurch.org](mailto: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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## 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 26, 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@shermanchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.



A promotional poster for a golf tournament. On the left, a golfer is captured mid-swing on a green field. To the right, a green box contains the following text: **JUNE 10** WEDNESDAY | 2026, **PORTLAND GOLF COURSE** 169 BARTLETT STREET PORTLAND, CT 06480, **\$180 PERSON** **\$670 FOURSOME**, REGISTRATION @ 9:00AM, SHOTGUN START @ 10:00AM. A logo in the top left corner reads "U.S. Adult & Teen Challenge Golf Tournament" with "EST. 1987" and "2023" on either side.

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.

# THE SHERMAN COMMUNITY EXPO



A sign for the Sherman Community Expo. At the top, a silhouette of a horse and rider is shown on a decorative beam with the year "2026". Below this, a rectangular sign reads: "THE THIRD ANNUAL SHERMAN COMMUNITY EXPO", "SATURDAY MAY 2 · 11AM - 3PM", "TOWN GREEN · ROUTE 39 NORTH", "RAIN DATE: MAY 3".

Join Us at the 2026 Sherman Community Expo!

The Sherman Church will be participating in the 2026 Sherman Community Expo.

Stop by to say hello. We will be passing out information and connecting with the community!



A vibrant purple poster for "Illumination Station VBS". At the top, two spotlights shine down on the text "SAVE THE DATE". Below this, a colorful burst of light contains the text "SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS" and "ILLUMINATION STATION" in large, stylized letters. To the right, "AGES 5-11" is written in a glowing font. The Bible verse "JOHN 8:12" is also present. The word "VBS" is written in large, light blue letters. At the bottom, it says "AT THE SHERMAN CHURCH" and "6 Church Road, Sherman, CT". The dates and times "JULY 20 - 24TH" and "9:00 AM - 12:30 PM" are displayed in large, glowing blue letters. The bottom text reads: "Many claim to know Jesus, but remain in the dark—at Illumination Station VBS, kids explore how light reveals who He truly is." The entire poster is decorated with yellow stars.