

May 24, 2026

10:00 AM

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

Pentecost

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

"Nowhere are we ever led to believe that we can use Jesus as a Savior and not own Him as our Lord. He is the Lord, and as the Lord He saves us, because He has all of the offices of Savior, Christ, High Priest, and Wisdom and Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption!"

"The Spirit does not have to be begged—He comes when the Savior is honored and exalted!" – AW Tozer

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

John 4:23-24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)

INTROIT + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: Veni Sancte Spiritus Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN: "Come Down, O Love Divine!"

Hymnal #304

THE PEACE

*NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 9:15-23

Bible p.1134

SHARING THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY: "A Prayer for our Time" Martin

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: "Pruning with Purpose"

John 15:1-8

Pastor Loring Carpenter

Bible p.1068

*HYMN: "Eternal Father Strong to Save"

Hymnal #358

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

NOTE: Our Fellowship time will be brief today as the Sherman Parade closes the highway for the Sherman Parade.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter is away next week. Charlie Mastroni will be preaching. June 7 we will continue with the final week of the series "Rooted: The Harvest." Scripture: Matthew 9:27-36 and 1 Corinthians 9:15-23.

Calendar for May 24th - 30th

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

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Rows include Sun., May 24 (10:00 am Sunday Worship Service, 12:15 pm Sunday School, Sherman Memorial Day Parade), Wed., May 27 (10:00 am Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous), Thurs., May 28 (6:45pm Prayer In The Parlor, 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous).

Church Responsibilities for May 24th

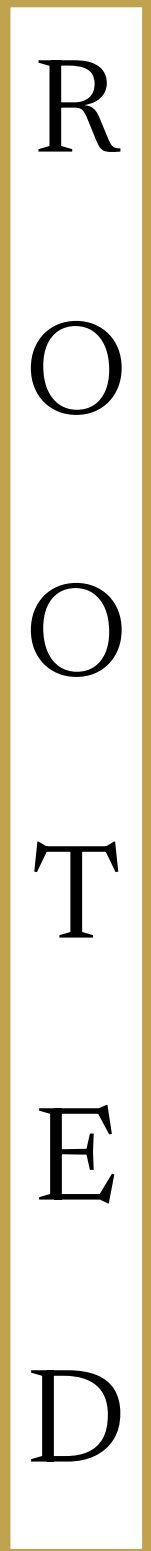
Flowers: Edna Coons

Coffee Hour Host: Edna and Don Coons

Nursery: Anna Galasso

Celebration of Life for Paul Astbury – Saturday, June 6, 2:00 PM.

Many were blessed with the ministry of Paul who served this church for 14 years. All are invited to join in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of God experienced in the life of Paul Astbury.



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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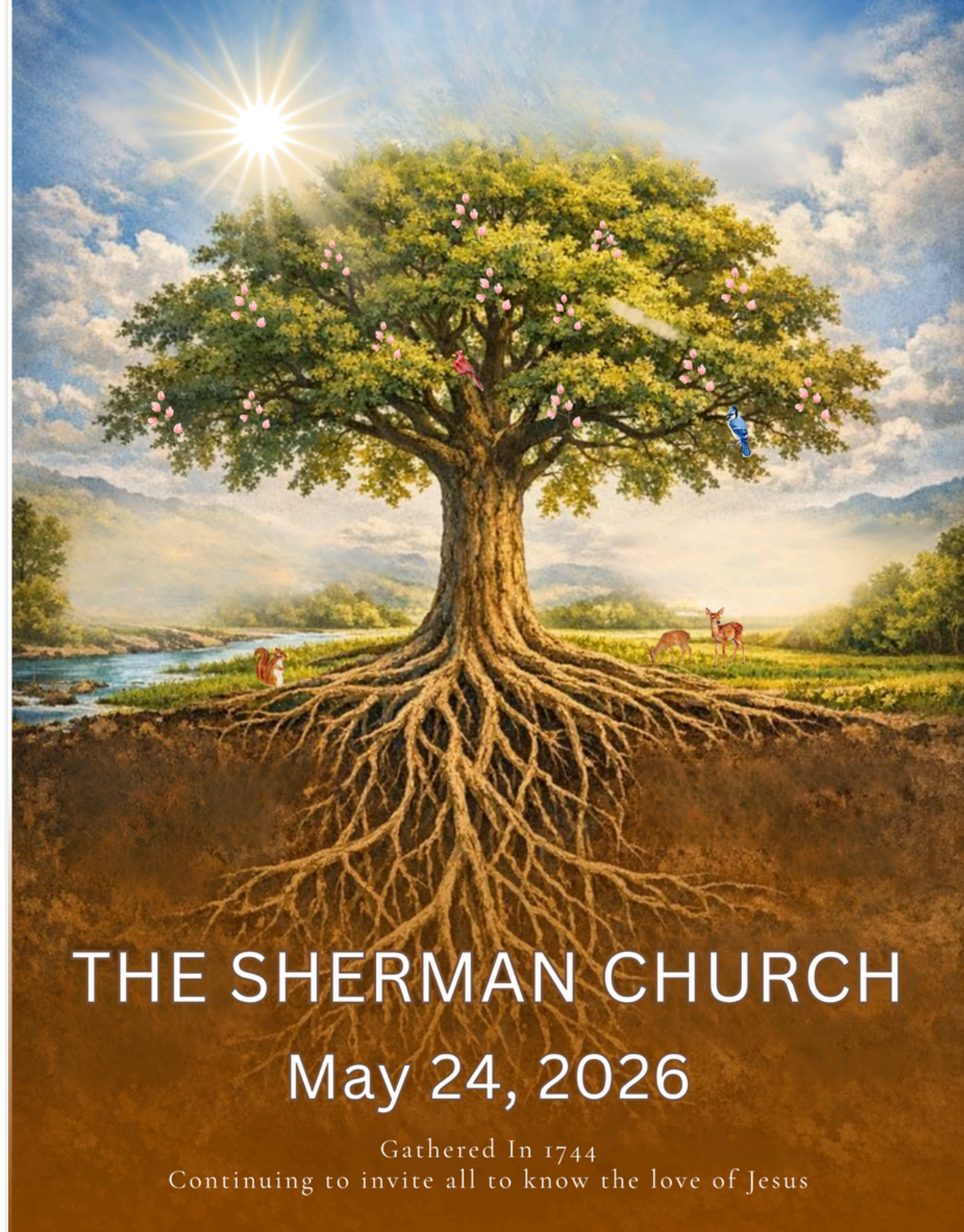
A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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.
- Bereaved Family of Rev. Paul Astbury



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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

AGES 5-11

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

VBS

AT THE SHERMAN CHURCH

6 Church Road, Sherman, CT

JULY 20 - 24TH

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTER NOW!

[HTTPS://WWW.MYVBS.ORG/
2026-SHERMANCHURCHVBS](https://www.myvbs.org/2026-ShermanChurchVBS)



MIT Week 2 – May 24

“Are we there yet” is often the cry of those wondering if we’re making progress on a journey. Repeating the Ministry Insight Tool is one of the ways to measure our progress on the things we’ve been working on during this pastoral transition journey.

The results will be compared with our previous MIT and provide helpful insights on issues vital to our church. This is the last full week to participate!

Please enter this link in the address bar of your web browser: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShermanChurch2026. All paper copies must be submitted by next Sunday, May 31.



Strengthening churches
during pastoral transition
for greater effectiveness!



Sherman Memorial Day Parade

Join us after church to walk and/or sing in the Sherman Memorial Day Parade. We will meet at 12:15 across from Sunny Lane, filing in behind the 'politicians'. We expect to have folks carpooling or shuttling over from Church since parking is limited.

We will walk with a banner, and those that want to sing can sing (or hum along!) As the Saints Go Marching In, which we hope is familiar. Lyrics will be handed out, and we will have a musical recording. Blue Sherman Church tee-shirts will also be available if you don't already have one. Attending the parade together promises to be a special time, honoring those who gave their lives in combat, and reminding the community that we are here. We'd like to have a strong showing!

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

PRAYER GUIDE – ROOTED

Week of May 24-30, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

REVEREND PAUL ASTBURY

Julie Astbury
Jill Finch
Barbara Hoag
Anna Galasso
Donald & Edna Coons
Edward & Claire Seibert



BRIAN BARNIER

Donald & Edna Coons

JACK DUBE

Jean Dube

BRUCE HOAG

Barbara Hoag
Jill Finch

CLARENCE & FRANCES HILBRANDT

Ed & Claire Siebert

GEORGE MCGLAUGHLIN

Barbara Hoag
Jill Finch

GEORGE L. & PATRICIA MERRILL

Lynn Paulovicks

JOHN L. & GRACE ROBINSON MERRILL

Lynn Paulovicks

RUSSELL MERRILL

Lynn Paulovicks

BETTY COX PAULOVICKS

Lynn Paulovicks

LINDA RISBERG

Donald & Edna Coons

KEN & ALICE ROGERS

Vernon & Carol Burns

ADAM & MYRTLE SIEBERT

Edward & Claire Siebert

REVEREND MICHAEL SMITH

Donald & Edna Coons
Jill Finch
Barbara Hoag
Anna Galasso
Maradee Smith
Vi Sudhipong
Helen Sullivan

JEANNE TOMS

Lynn Paulovicks

MATILDA & HUBERT VOORHEES

Paul & Carol Voorhees

MILDRED & EDWARD WELL

Paul & Carol Voorhees

CLAY WINTERS

Jill Finch
Barbara Hoag

IN HONOR OF:

MARGOT FORSTER

Tony & Lynne Gomez

RACHEL & ERIC FORSTER

Tony & Lynne Gomez

Psalm 66 – Read the passage aloud together slowly, reflectively.
When in your journey with God was He testing you?

REVERENCE – After a brief silence, identify, celebrate, and share God’s praiseworthy attributes as your Father.

- I praise you, O Lord, for your great work of How awesome are your works!

RESPONSE – He is Lord; where might I allow him to rule that I often have held onto for myself?

- Let me not forget the lessons you taught me when you were refining me, especially the lesson of

REFLECTION – Ask the Spirit to guide your prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships.

- Knowing that you keep us in this life and do not let our steps slip, I pray for (name) today, that you will
- Lord, let me always be mindful of the promises I made to you, especially Give me grace to obey.

READINESS – Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle.

- Because you keep watch over the nations, I trust you to watch over me, especially when I face

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

What can you do differently next week to display Christ is Lord of your life? What small thing can you attempt to show he is King?

“Corporate prayer isn’t an extra credit assignment for the spiritual overachievers.”
– Daniel Henderson.

Prayer is the life-source for all believers, multiplied when shared together as in the early church (see Acts 2)