

May 3, 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.)

However, the Bible is clear that Christians’ practical love, their generous justice, is not to be confined to only those who believe as we do. Galatians 6:10 strikes the balance when Paul says: “Do good to all people, especially... the family of faith.” Helping “all people” is not optional; it is a command. – Timothy Keller

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES:** "Jesus, Lead Thou On" Paul Manz

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

**Hymnal #101**

**\*NEW TESTAMENT:** Romans 7:21-25

**Bible p.1118**

**\*GOSPEL:** Matthew 7:24-27

**Bible p. 961**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

**OFFERTORY:** "Down to the River to Pray" Trad. arr. S. Naylor

*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:** “What Road Are You On?”

Deacon Emeritus Charles Mastroni

**\*HYMN:** "The Lord Is Here!"

**Hymnal #777**

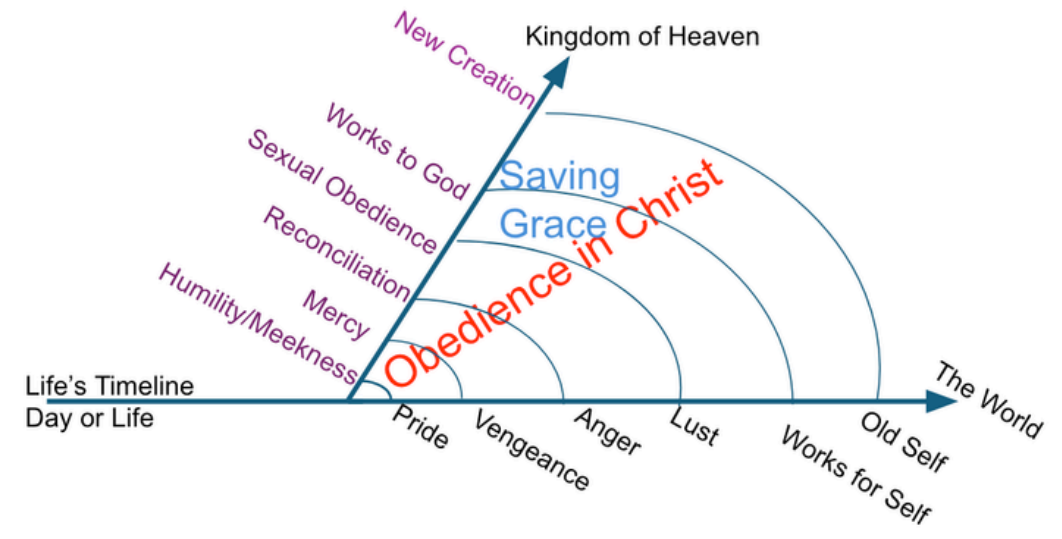
**THE LORD’S TABLE**

**\*HYMN:** "Christ Be My Leader"

**Hymnal #107**

**\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)



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

**NEXT WEEK:** Spring is here, and Pastor Carpenter will begin a 4-week sermon series, “Rooted.” What is the life of a disciple to look like? What are the roots we need to allow to grow deep for us to experience the fruits of the Spirit? Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23.

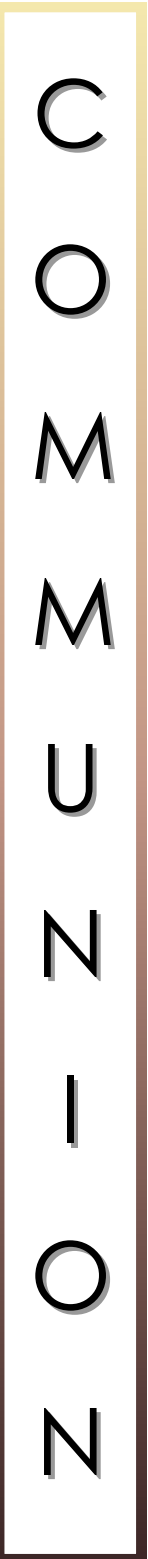
**Calendar for April 26<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

(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 May 3rd**

- Flowers:** Anna Galasso
- Coffee Hour Host:** Anna Galasso
- Nursery:** Barbara Hoag



## 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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### 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

# THE SHERMAN CHURCH



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# SAVE THE DATE

SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

## ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

AGES 5-11

# VBS

### AT THE SHERMAN CHURCH

6 Church Road, Sherman, CT

## JULY 20 - 24TH

## 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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

### THIS MONTH, MAKE PRAYER A PRIORITY!

As mentioned in the last RevNotes, it is important that we “re-boot” and essential to any renewal is **PRAYER**. Between **May 10 and June 13**, you are encouraged to deepen your prayer life, as a community of faith. There will be the following opportunities:

**PRAYER TRIADS** – We have offered this before and are encouraging you to engage in prayer with two or three others for the month. Though in person is best, gathering in prayer is most vital to seeking God’s wisdom as we renew the search for a pastor. You can meet any day or time that works for the three of you. Each Sunday in the bulletin and Friday email a Prayer Guide.

**PRAYER GATHERING** – Some call this a “Concert of Prayer.” Corporate prayer periodically is a vital way to keep our community and faith alive and vibrant. We will be holding a gathering for all our church family tentatively on May 21, however details will be sent to all after the Deacon meeting tomorrow. This will be designed as an hour of focused, guided prayer.

### MINISTRY INSIGHT TOOL (MIT) begins May 17!



Over the past few years there have been new people sharing in worship and ministry at The Sherman Church. In addition, there has been evidence of spiritual growth in many. We are not necessarily the same church today as when the transition and search process began. The MIT is a way of assessing where we are as a congregation, providing an

opportunity for each person in our church family to review important aspects of our ministry through an online survey (paper copies will also be available). The anonymous survey will provide valuable insight into the mission of the church, and when compared with the previous results will help the search team understand the needs for pastor next. The online survey will launch **May 17 and be available through May 31**. Please prayerfully participate, much like you would have periodic physicals from your doctor. If the church is the Body of Christ, we too need a health check-up.

### Missions Committee Announces Outreach Events for Spring



**JUNE 10**  
WEDNESDAY | 2026

**PORTLAND GOLF COURSE**  
169 BARTLETT STREET  
PORTLAND, CT 06480

**\$180** PERSON  
**\$670** FOURSOME

REGISTRATION @ 9:00AM  
SHOTGUN START @ 10:00AM

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.

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



## Book of Remembrance Sunday

The Book of Remembrance has a long history in the Sherman Church. It began in 1943 as a memorial fundraising effort to help build the Fellowship Hall. Today, it continues to honor loved ones and to raise funds for projects of a lasting nature – adding to the beauty of the sanctuary and keeping the memorial garden.

Donations to the Book of Remembrance may be made at any time during the year, but the names are always held for public reading during the worship service on Memorial Sunday. This year, the memorial reading will be held on May 24. Deadline for donations to be included in the 2026 reading is **Sunday, May 17.**

Donations may be made to the BOR “in honor” of the living or “in memory” of loved ones who have passed. Please make checks out to “BOR” and put the form and your check in the collection plate or give it to Penny, Anna, or Edna. You may mail them to the church office. A donation form is enclosed for your convenience.

Edna Coons, Chair, BOR

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My name, phone and address:

Enclosed find my donation to the Book of Remembrance.

Please make this donation: (circle one): **in honor of** or **in memory of** the following

person or persons: (please print clearly)

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