

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts reflecting on this.)
Evangelism is not one ministry among many. It is central to the identity of the church.
When a church neglects evangelism, the issue is not merely methodological—it is theological. What we do consistently reveals what we truly believe. Churches may affirm sound doctrine on paper, but when evangelism is absent or minimized, a deeper theological drift is taking place.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

1 John 2:24
²⁴ As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.
(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***HYMN:** "How Firm a Foundation" M. Burkhardt **Hymnal #612**
(Children dismissed for “Jesus is Fun” time)

***THE PEACE**
***OLD TESTAMENT:** Deuteronomy 6:1-12 **Bible p.178**
***NEW TESTAMENT:** John 14:23-31 **Bible p.1068**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" *Tom Fetke*
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: “Beware, Christians Are Contagious” Rev. Loring Carpenter
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 **Bible p.1169**

***HYMN:** "Shine, Jesus Shine!" **Hymnal #721**

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**
(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR

Our choir begins it two -month hiatus next Sunday, and we certainly want to offer our appreciation for their service during the past season! Rehearsals will resume late August, and it's a good time now to consider joining this fine group of singers: Tara Alemany, Cindy Moschitta, Aimee Suhie, Annie Muoio, Laura Baxter, Penny LeMasurier, Donald Coons, and Charlie Mastroni.

Come gather for fellowship following our
Worship Service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We gather to praise God and listen to God’s Word. We are a fellowship knit together by Jesus Christ, who has called us and seeks our worship each and every day. We are a people devoted to “Becoming Like Christ.” We would love for you to join us in worship, growth groups, prayer, and study, as well as fun and fellowship throughout the year.

LET US KNOW...

... if you have a prayer request or wish to share a comment with church leaders.
... if you are new to The Sherman Church and wish to know more by receiving emails or planning a visit to answer questions about this ministry.

... BY COMPLETING THE CONNECTION CARD
Available in each pew rack or speaking with someone before you leave today. Above all, please...



NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter will be away the next few weeks. He will return July 19. We are blessed to have Pastor Willie Needham share with us next Sunday. Rev Cushing will join us to share New England Seafarers Mission on July 12.

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!

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
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing

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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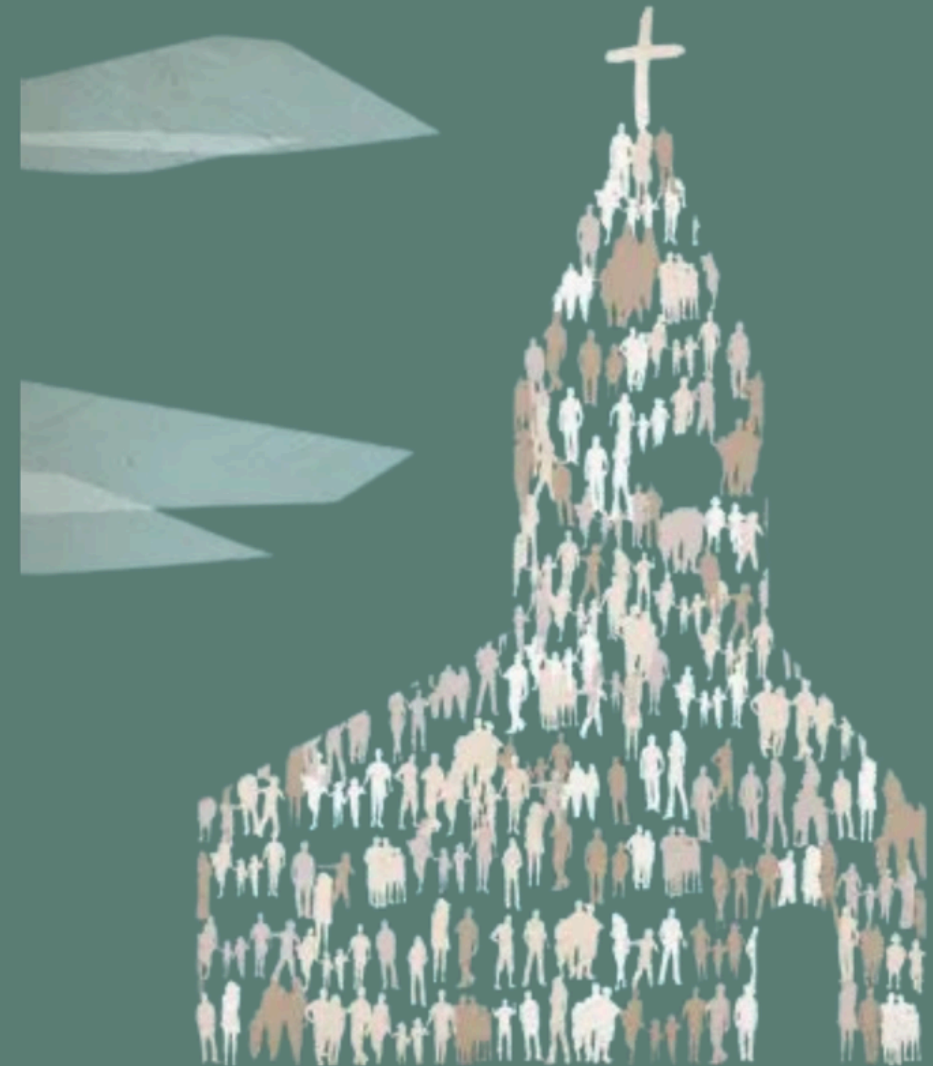
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AGES 5-11

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AT THE SHERMAN CHURCH

6 Church Road, Sherman, CT

JULY 20 - 24TH

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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Calendar for June 28th - July 5th

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

Sun., June 28	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School
Wed., July 1	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., July 2	6:45pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#.
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

Church Responsibilities for June 28th

Flowers: MaryAnne Carpenter

Coffee Hour Host: Penny LeMasurier

Nursery: Jess Jacques

The West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Haven is in desperate need again of toiletries, boxers and T-shirts. If you would like to order from Amazon and send a box, here is the address:

Mr. Dan Hadlock, Director of Volunteers
450 Pool Road
North Haven, CT 06473

Please note: When items were sent directly to the VA, they have been lost, misdirected or just misplaced. So Mr. Hadlock is asking for things to be sent to his home so he is sure they get there!

Needed Items

- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant, men and women
- Shave cream, men and women
- Razors, men and women
- Boxers all sizes
- T shirts all sizes



SERMON NOTES June 28, 2026

What have you done in recent weeks that brought glory to God?
How much have you thanked/praised God publicly?

What has happened to the witness of those called by Christ?

Reasons we hesitate to share our faith:

1. Fear of Rejection, Disapproval, and Cultural Dislike.
2. Feeling that we lack the skills needed. Not sure of our convictions or how to describe the gospel that has transformed us.
3. Presume people know what Scripture teaches.
4. Saturated Schedules leave little time to build relationships.
5. Lack of Urgency; Apathy about Eternal Consequences.

Steps to grow as a witness:

- **AWARENESS** - Pray regularly for awareness of God at work in your life; be alert. Know your identity and calling in Christ.
- **SCRIPTURE** – Spend time in scripture understanding the importance of eternal life, God’s promises, your calling.
- **PRACTICE** -- Define why and how Christ is a transformative presence for you. What is the basic gospel message to you?
- **IDENTIFY** – What 2-3 people do I know who need to know of Christ’s love? Pray often that God will open their hearts.
- **INITIATE** – Seek to build relationships with those people. Be present, grow in compassion, let the Spirit open conversations.