

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)
(The church is a body.) Each of these parts is supposed to function. The foot is to walk. The hand is to grasp and hold. The ear is to hear. The eye is to see. The nose is to smell. We who are church members are all supposed to function in the church. The concept of an inactive church member is an oxymoron. Biblically, no such church member really exists...When you become a Christian, God expects you to be a part of His church. But when you become a part of His church, He wants you to be a unifying presence there. Let's state that a bit more strongly. He demands that you become a unifying presence there. – Thom Rainer

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **Luke 10:2***
(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

- * **HYMN:** “God Is My Great Desire” **Hymnal #336**
- * **THE PEACE**
- * **OLD TESTAMENT:** Deuteronomy 31:1-13 **Bible p.202**
- * **GOSPEL:** Mark 13:32-37 **Bible p.1007**
(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N” time)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "Balm in Gilead" for Cello and Piano
Laura Baxter, Cello

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: “A Way Forward – What’s Next?” **Pastor Loring Carpenter**
Acts 20:17-35

- * **HYMN:** “I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock” **Hymnal #349**
- * **BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**
(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

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 through 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 of 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...

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter will be away. Charlie Mastroni is preaching. Pastor Carpenter back for September 13 as we move to a new era in our ministry at The Sherman Church.

A NOTE FROM THE CCCC:

During the Annual Gathering of our conference this August Charlie Mastroni was recognized as a Lay Preacher in the CCCC. It recognizes his giftedness to share God’s Word through preaching and teaching beyond our congregation. It is an encouragement to his growing further in Christ’s mission.

SAVE THE DATE: Sept 13 is First Responder Sunday

We offer our thanks for the dedicated service of those in Sherman who spend many hours preparing and helping our community in times of need. This year ahs been an especially difficult year as there have been many downed power lines as well as the usual EMT and fire calls. Come gather and thank God there are people willing to serve us in this way.



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

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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
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing

LOVE GOD • LOVE OTHERS • MAKE DISCIPLES

THE SHERMAN *Church*

*This is the day
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and
be glad in it.*

PSALM 118:24

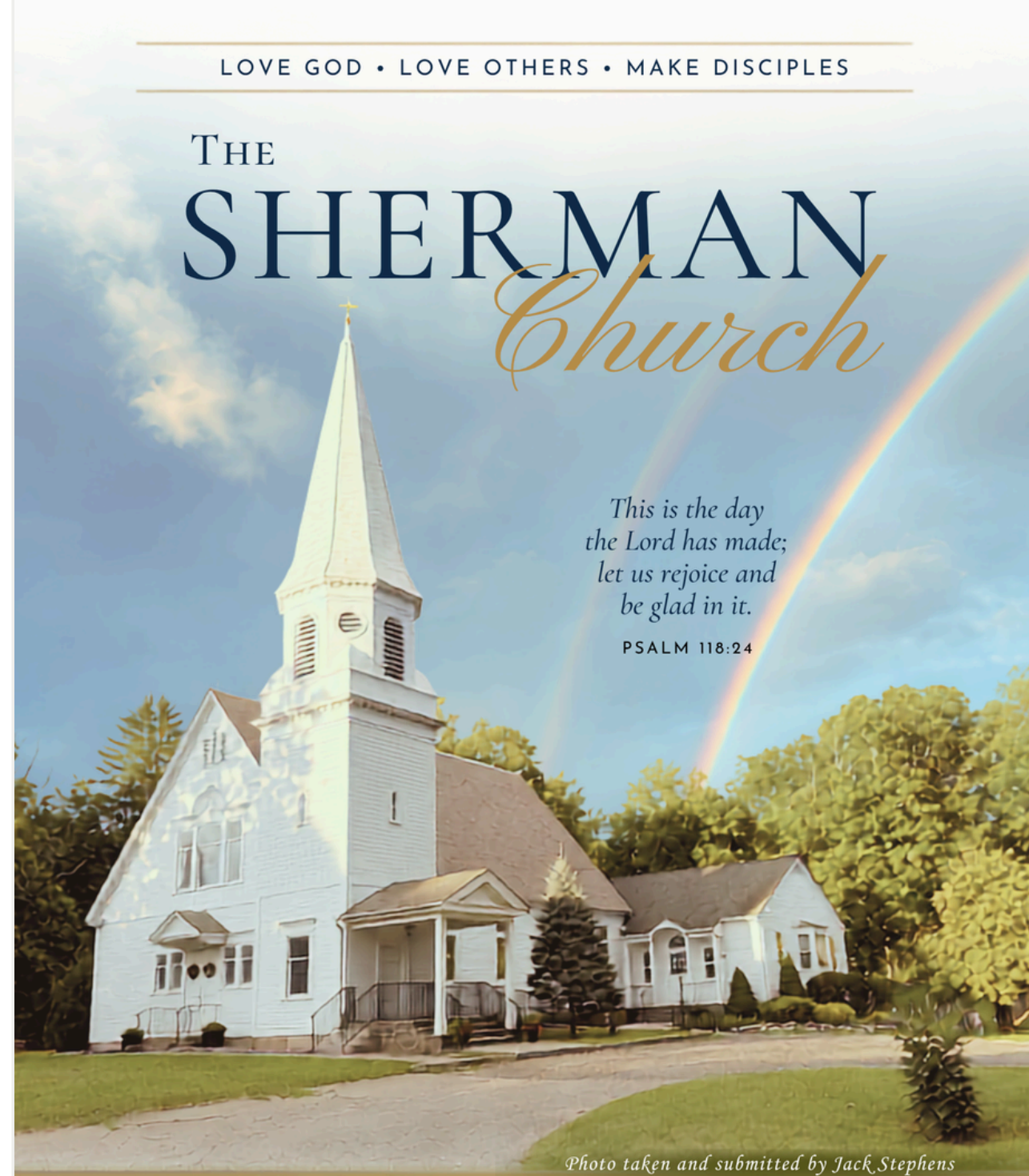


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BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER

Why consider formally joining a church? Just a few thozughts.

- It’s biblical. Jesus established the church, the apostles did their ministry through it, and throughout the New Testament life in Christ is life in a community of faith, in a church.
- Paul mentions throughout his letters that Christ lives in his church, and the church is its members. Membership declares your commitment to one another to grow in your Christian walk, to support one another in the bonds of love, and to serve, warn, and encourage one another.
- Becoming a member encourages a deeper level of commitment beyond being a consumer. It declares affirmation of the local church’s mission, vision, and ministry – and support through serving and investing in the life of others.
- Being a member is one way of witnessing to the world what it means to obey Christ, living out the depths of Christ-like love, and reflecting what it means to let Christ rule in your lives. (Colossians 3:15 – “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP – AFTER WORSHIP IN THE PARLOR

There is so much more to living out one’s commitment to Christ through becoming part of a local church. Want to know more? Come to the Parlor after worship 30 to talk more about an opportunity to explore the meaning of church membership. Whether you want to consider becoming a member of this church or want to rekindle your understanding of church membership, join Pastor Carpenter in this thirty-minute session that will outline and set dates for the four sessions.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We are in need of more Coffee Hour Hosts. Hosting coffee hour is on a rotation, so you would be assigned once every 2-3 months, depending on how many are in the rotation.

Barbara Hoag or any other member will be happy to assist you, especially on your first time.

Please see Barbara or Edna after church or call the church office 860-354-6114 and speak with Jess to sign up. Thank you!!

Calendar for Aug. 30th - Sept. 5th
(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Sun., August 30	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service No Sunday School	
Tues., September 1	6:30 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Wed., September 2	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Woman’s Bible Study Alcoholics Anonymous	Prayer Only; Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Thurs., September 3	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Alcoholics Anonymous	Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Fellowship Hall

Church Responsibilities for August 30th

Flowers: Anna Galasso
Coffee Hour Host: Megan and CJ Tlasky
Nursery: Jess Jacques

Parsonage Furniture

When the Carpenters arrived, many donated furniture for the parsonage. As we move forward with a new pastor, we want to know if those things you donated are to be returned. Please let Barbara Hoag or Pastor Carpenter know your wishes so we can assess the new pastor's arrival.

Women's Bible Study will be back September 2nd at 10:00 am for prayer only. The women will meet on September 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Julie Astbury will be back to lead Bible Study sessions on September 30th. All women are invited.

Hearts and Crafts will be back starting Monday, September 14th at 9:00 am, meeting at Fellowship Hall.

Choir rehearsals have begun. If you are interested in becoming part of The Sherman Church Choir, please get in touch with Penny Rose.