

August 9, 2026

10:00 AM

THE LORD’S SUPPER  
*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.)  
Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men, and so it must be daily earned  
and refreshed like a flower cut from its life-giving roots; it will wither and die.

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: "Dunlap's Creek" C. Callahan

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

- \* HYMN: "God Has Spoken Through His Prophets" Hymnal #311
- \* OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 40:6-8. Bible p.555  
*(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N” time)*

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

MISSION MOMENT: Joni & Friends

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "I Saw the Light" Hank Williams *Insert*  
*Laura Baxter, solo; Doug Cheatham, guitar*  
*Congregation sings Chorus*

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 can I do for you?" Rev. Willie Needham

- \* HYMN: "Seek ye First” Hymnal #447

THE LORD’S TABLE

- \* HYMN: "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" Ada Habershon *Insert*
- \* BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN  
*(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)*

Come gather for fellowship following our  
Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Pastor John Roy will be preaching next Sunday.

Calendar for Aug. 9<sup>nd</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., August 9   | 10:00 am            | Sunday Worship Service<br>Sunday School                                  |
| Mon., August 10  | 6:30 pm             | Deacons - Online                                                         |
| Tues., August 11 | 6:30 pm             | Youth Group - Fellowship Hall                                            |
| Wed., August 12  | 6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm  | Church Council - Church Office<br>Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall |
| Thur., August 13 | 10:00 am<br>6:00 pm | BOR Annual Meeting<br>Christian Ed Meeting: Office                       |

Church Responsibilities for August 9th

Flowers: Megan Tlasky  
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
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing

# THE SHERMAN CHURCH



# AUGUST 9, 2026

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## WARNING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting  
of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary  
August 23, 2026  
Immediately Following the Worship Service  
In-person and via Google Meet

- To accept the minutes of the Aug. 2, 2026, special meeting of the Sherman Church.
- To vote on the Search Team's recommended candidate for the position of Pastor.
- To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 9th day of August, 2026.

Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

*You're Invited!*

# Women's Potluck

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**   
**12:00 NOON**  
*Sherman Beach Pavilion*

*Bring a favorite dish to share!*

Ladies, you're invited to join us for an afternoon of  
*delicious food, great conversation,  
and wonderful fellowship!*

*Let's celebrate the gift of community!*

**KINDLY RSVP**  
using the link or QR code provided  
or by contacting the  
**CHURCH OFFICE.**

Scan the QR code  
or use the link below  
to respond:

<https://forms.gle/i65a28Ni6fzmrQNa6>

*If you forget to RSVP, come anyway!  
We'd love to see you!*

*Feel free to bring a friend!*



Joni Eareckson Tada Founder, CEO



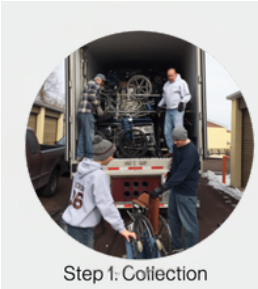
“When a diving accident in 1967 shattered my dreams, I became a depressed and frightened teenager facing a lifetime of quadriplegia. I couldn’t imagine how God would use my life to bring hope through hardship to suffering people around the world. But, as I learned, God sometimes permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves...

We bring practical help and Gospel hope to people with disabilities around the world.

Joni Eareckson Tada is an esteemed Christian stateswoman and respected global leader in disability advocacy. Although a 1967 diving accident left her a quadriplegic, she emerged from rehabilitation with a determination to help others with similar disabilities. Mrs. Tada serves as CEO of Joni and Friends, a Christian organization which provides programs and services for thousands of special needs families around the world.

By fitting a person with a disability to a customized wheelchair, Wheels for the World provides hope for children and adults with disabilities in developing nations. They can attend school, go to work, or worship at their local church. And because we do not just drop off a wheelchair, each person is treated with care and dignity.

How it Works



Through Joni’s House programs, Joni and Friends identifies and meets the needs of people living with disabilities through local, Christ-centered support. At international locations across the globe, Joni’s House is raising the standard of care for people with disabilities, offering physical, economic, spiritual, and social support, all in the name of Jesus.

International Family Retreat offers help and hope to families living with disabilities around the world. In partnership with local churches, we are helping families find hope, dignity, and their place in the body of Christ!

Family Retreat U.S. provides respite and belonging for families living with disability. In a fully accessible camp environment, families are cared for, rejuvenated, and encouraged in Christ. Our Warrior Getaways are designed to serve Veterans and their families by providing a wide range of accessible family activities, powerful speakers, worship, and fellowship with other Veterans.

At Marriage Getaway you and your spouse will experience rich community with other couples who understand the unique challenges of disability. This is a unique opportunity for Christ-centered encouragement through biblical teaching, worship, dinners, activities, and optional marriage counseling.

Joni provides Radio Ministry where she answers questions on living with disabilities.



## **I SAW THE LIGHT**

Song by Hank Williams

[Verse 1]

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**[Chorus]**

**I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

[Verse 2]

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**[Chorus]**

[Verse 3]

I was a fool to wander and a-stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**[Chorus]**

## **WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN?**

Song by Ada R. Habershon

There are loved ones in the glory Whose  
dear forms you often miss. When you  
close your earthly story, Will you join them  
in their bliss?

**Chorus:**

Will the circle be unbroken, by and by, by  
and by? Is a better home awaiting in the  
sky, in the sky?

In the joyous days of childhood Oft they  
told of wondrous love Pointed to the dying  
Saviour; Now they dwell with Him above.

**Chorus**

You remember songs of heaven Which  
you sang with childish voice. Do you love  
the hymns they taught you, Or are songs  
of earth your choice?

**Chorus**