

10:00 AM

COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

“We confess our faith in God, our heavenly Father, and our reverent love for Jesus Christ, our Savior, and our willingness to be guided by the Holy Spirit. We promise as members of this Church, to walk together as Christian brethren, obedient to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and to submit to the government and discipline of this Church until we are regularly dismissed therefrom. And this we do for the glory of God, for the good of our fellowmen, and for our mutual growth in Christian grace, seeking to do all in faith, fellowship and service, in the spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "I am the Bread of Life"
S. Toolan/ arr. J.Carter

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

* **HYMN:** All Creatures of Our God and King"
(Words of St. Francis-b1226)

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" S. Temple
The Sherman Choir v.1-Ann Muoio; v. 2- Choir; v. 3-all sing

*v.3 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

DOXOLOGY

*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*

(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N.” time)

*** OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 23:1-7** **Bible p.385**

*** NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 8:7-12** **Bible p.1189**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

*** HYMN: "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go" Hymnal #531**

SERMON: “A Way Forward – Covenant Life is Kingdom Life”
Matthew 26:26-29

Pastor Loring Carpenter
Bible p.985

THE LORD'S TABLE

*** HYMN: "We are Called to be God's people" Hymnal #710**

*** 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; place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.
Above all, please...

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Greg Flower will be preaching. He will start a new series, “The Abundant Life”.

Church Responsibilities for October 4, 2026

Flowers: Megan Tlasky
Coffee Hour Host: David and Vickie McClintock
Nursery: Megan Tlasky

Calendar for Oct. 4th-10th

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

Sun., October 4	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School	Discipleship Journey: Part 2 after service
Mon., October 5	6:30 pm	Deacons	Online
Tues., October 6	7:15 pm	Missions	Online
Wed., October 7	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Woman's Bible Study Youth Group Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall Church Office Fellowship Hall
Thurs., October 8	6:45 pm	Prayer In The Parlor	Dialing 667-770-1484; use access code 357664#.
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Sat., October 10	11:30am	Burial and Bench Dedication for Rev. Michael Smith	The Sherman Church - Sherman North Cemetery

LAST SUPPER

OUR CHURCH:

Pastor:

Greg Flower

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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OUR MISSIONARIES:

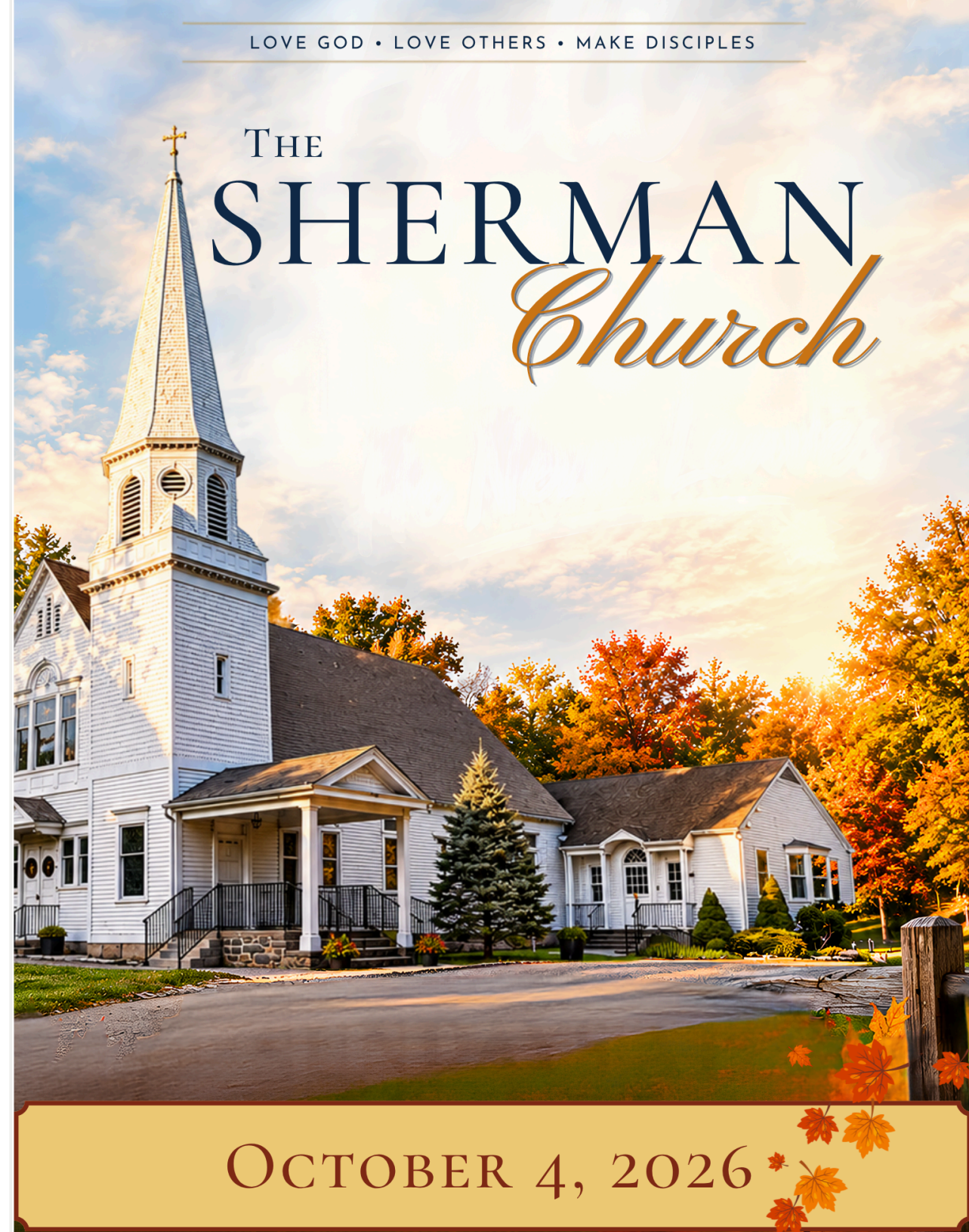
- **Mesa Global:** Robert & Nina Bruneau;
- **CCCC Church Re-Planting:**
Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT,
- **Lion of Judah Academy,**
- **Hope Academy of the Bronx.**

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
- Claire Seibert, health and healing
- Sean McGarry, friend of Caitlin Hicks, health and healing

LOVE GOD • LOVE OTHERS • MAKE DISCIPLES

THE SHERMAN *Church*



OCTOBER 4, 2026

SAVE THE DATE -- SPREAD THE WORD

October 18 at 10:00 AM we will have a Service of Installation for our new pastor, Greg Flower. A reception will follow. This is a wonderful chance to invite friends and neighbors to meet Greg and his family.

Goodbye Party for the Carpenters

We have been so blessed to have these last four years with Pastor Loring and MaryAnne Carpenter alongside us as we searched for our next seated pastor. It has been a journey! Now is the bittersweet time to say goodbye with a wonderful potluck 'Goodbye' party. Please mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 16, at 6pm for a fabulous churchwide potluck dinner sendoff. Please sign up through the church office at info@shermanchurch.org, or by calling church secretary Jessica Jacques at 860-354-6114. Please plan to make a main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert for four. We will provide coffee, tea, and other beverages.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Fellowship Hour is in need of extra hands!! Our volunteers are scheduled every 2 months and that is too frequently. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING.** Contact Jess in the office at 860-354-6114 or speak with Edna or Barbara. WE have members who are happy to help you. Below are the BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Check the refrigerator the week before to see if we have milk or half and half and juice (nothing red so it doesn't stain carpet). If not, purchase these items.
2. Purchase or bring something sweet such as cookies or coffee cake, muffins, etc., and something healthy like fruit. *It is NOT necessary to do any more.*
3. Make coffee; heat water for tea; put out cups, sugar, sweeteners, milk, and juice.
4. Set up the table with snack, napkins, plates, or plasticware if needed.
5. Clean up

If you want a partner, let us know, and we can find one for you. Thank you!!

rightnow MEDIA

The great commission calls us to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. But how do we actually do this? In Part 2 of Our Discipleship Journey, we'll continue to discover how Jesus made disciples, and how He gave us all we need to do the same. The discipleship journey isn't always straightforward, and it will take you out of your comfort zone, but nothing beats participating in the grand adventure of seeing lives transformed and communities renewed by the power of the Gospel. You needn't wait another moment to join God's disciple-making mission.

8 WEEK Series

OUR
DISCIPLESHIP
JOURNEY

PART 2

MEETING AFTER SERVICE

OCTOBER
4,11,18,25
NOVEMBER
1,8,15

Watch the
Trailer



Rev. Michael Smith

at his burial and bench dedication.



Rev. Michael Smith's burial and bench dedication
will take place:

Saturday, October 10, 2026

11:30 AM

North Cemetery

Following the service, we will gather at
The Sherman Church for refreshments and fellowship
as we continue to celebrate Michael's life, ministry,
and the lasting impact he had on so many.



*We hope you will join us for this special time
of remembrance, reflection, and fellowship
as we honor a beloved pastor, friend,
and servant of God.*

Mission Moment

By Aimée Suhie

Operation Christmas Child

The Missions Committee will
once again join in the Samaritan's
Purse Operation Christmas Child
shoebox collection, with a choice of
both physical boxes or online donations.

The Oct. 18 Mission Moment collection will be for this worldwide outreach. We
welcome shoebox donations which will be blessed in November during the
worship service.

The brochures with instructions on how to fill a box, labels for the boxes and
requested \$10 donation for each box will be available in October. If you would
like to fill a box, we will have sturdy shoeboxes, or use one of your own and
decorate it if you can. Please note when you get your brochure what is
acceptable and not acceptable; NO SOAP may be included in the boxes due to
customs regulations in different countries.

If you opt to donate online, you may choose what items you want Samaritan's
Purse to put in your shoebox or you may just ask them to choose items. You
may also follow your shoebox online to its destination. If you donate online,
please do so through the Sherman Church website so we can track how many
boxes were filled online.

The Sherman Church Goal Page

<https://gqr.sh/24LS>

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.
The Missions Committee

