November 1, 2026 **10:00 AM**

All Saints Sunday ~ The Lord's Supper

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST *AND* MAKING HIM KNOWN

COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

"I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear." John Ortberg

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "God So Loved The World" Stainer
Piano, Organ duet - Kris George on piano

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

* **HYMN:** "For All the Saints" **Sing Hymnal #478**

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "Shall We Gather at the River"
The Sherman Choir
Choir sings v.1; Choir sings verses and all join on refrains

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

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

* **OLD TESTAMENT:** Proverbs 10:9-12 **Bible p.633**

* **NEW TESTAMENT:** 1 Peter 4:7-11 **Bible p.1203**

* **GOSPEL:** Luke 16:10-13 **Bible p.1036**

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

* **HYMN:** "As the Deer Pants" (Choir sings; all repeat) **Sing Hymnal #538**

SERMON: "The Abundant Life: Arising Faithful Stewards" **Pastor Greg Flower**

* **HYMN:** "Jesus Paid It All' **Solo, Cheryl Mandracchia**

THE LORD'S TABLE

* **HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **The Sing Hymnal #561**

* **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. Continuing the series, "The Abundant Life:"Reclaiming the Clock", based on Psalm 90:12.

Church Responsibilities for November 1, 2026

Flowers: Lynne Gomez
Coffee Hour Host: Lynne Gomez
Nursery: Jessica Jacques

Calendar for Nov. 1st - 7th

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

Sun., Nov. 1	10:00 am	**Sunday Worship Service** **Sunday School**	Discipleship Journey: Part 2 after service **Daylight Saving Time - Turn your clocks back!**
Mon., Nov. 2	6:30 pm	**Deacons**	Online
Tues., Nov. 3	7:15 pm	**Missions**	Online
Wed., Nov. 4	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	**Woman's Bible Study** **Youth Group** **Alcoholics Anonymous**	Fellowship Hall Church Office Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Nov. 5	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	**Prayer In The Parlor** **Alcoholics Anonymous**	Dialing 667-770-1484; use access code 357664#. Fellowship Hall
Sat., Nov. 7	9:00 am	**Fall Cleanup Day**	The Sherman Church

ABUNDANT

OUR CHURCH:

Pastor:
Greg Flower
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

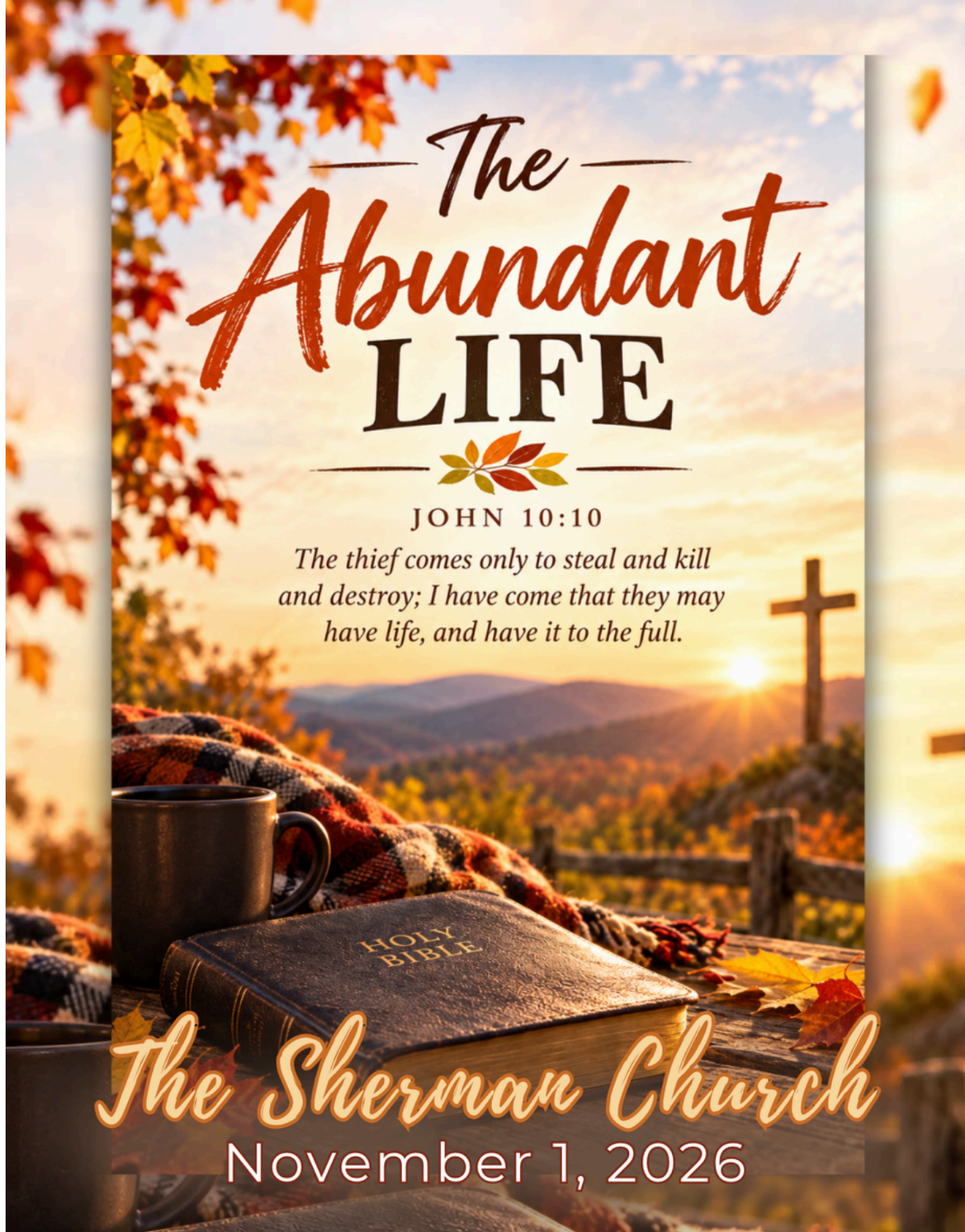
- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, health, strength in 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
- Claire Seibert, health and healing
- Sean McGarry, friend of Caitlin Hicks, heath and healing
- Dr. Richard Suhie, 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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Gathered In 1744
Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

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Mission Moment

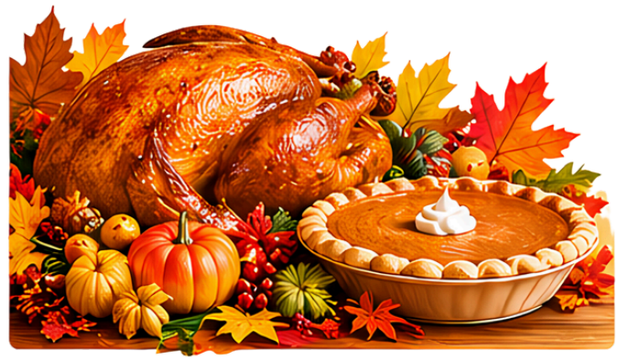
By Aimée Suhie

The Missions Committee will ask our congregation to help families in need in Sherman this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Nov. 8 Mission Moment will be for donations for grocery gift cards for Sherman Social Services. Our own Sherman Church member Lynne Gomez, Social Services Director, is organizing this year's Thanksgiving outreach including a turkey, a pie and a $50 gift card for each of the 45 households in need. The turkeys are donated by Rich Parente at The Daily Market. The pies are donated by American Pie. The $50 gift cards are from The Salvation Army. The funds raised by our Mission Moment will supplement the $50 for each household.

For Christmas outreach, Lynne will set up a Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall with names such as "Family of two children, aged 4 and 8" or "Two parents" or "Senior Couple," etc. Ages and gender will be listed, but not names. Our congregation will be asked to choose a card and then purchase a gift card/cards for the family. The tree will be set up by Nov. 22. Lynne said she hopes to have the gift cards ready for distribution by Dec. 8. She added, "Thank you for helping the people of Sherman."

In addition to our collection for Community Relief on Christmas Eve, the Missions Committee will have a box in Fellowship Hall during the month of December for donations. A special collection will also be taken Sunday, Dec. 6, during the worship service when the Christmas pageant will be presented by the children of the church.



Thank you, Sherman Church, for your generosity as always at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

WARNING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Elections Meeting
of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary
November 8, 2026,
Immediately Following the Worship Service
In-person and via Google Meet

1. To approve the minutes of the September 18, 2026, emergency special meeting (church roof) of the Sherman Church.
2. To act upon the 2027 slate of officers, board and committee members as presented by the Nominating Committee.
3. To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 25th day of October 2026.
Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Fellowship Hour is in need of extra hands!! Our volunteers are scheduled every 2 months, and that is too frequent. **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!!

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 and online donations. 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 Fellowship Hall. 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



The Abundant Life
Arising Faithful Stewards
1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

A recap from last week…
God gives us good _____. (James 1:17)

Some gifts are _____ (money and/or stuff). (Acts 11:29-30)

Some gifts are _____. (1 Corinthians 12:4-5)

Either way, God expects us to use those gifts _____. (1 Peter 4:10)

FAITHFUL STEWARDS KNOW…

Everything we have comes from _____.
Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. (James 1:17)

He expects us to take care of those _____ so that we may use them well.
God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1 Peter 4:10)

He gives us gifts to _____ others and to bring _____ to Himself.
Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)

A FAITHFUL STEWARD IS…

***C*_____.**
Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

***H*_____.**
Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. (Ephesians 4:2)

Trusting and _____.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. (Luke 16:10)

F_____.
Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. (Proverbs 17:9)

O_____.
Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. (Colossians 3:23)

A FAITHFUL STEWARD WILL…

_____ resources.
The master said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" (Matthew 25:23)

Account for _____.
Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. (Ephesians 5:16)

_____ for others.
And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" (Matthew 25:40)

_____ with integrity.
Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.
(1 Corinthians 4:2)

Living as a _____ steward is part of how you live out the abundant life Jesus offers.
So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Arising Faithful Stewards
1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

I remember the year I got a bike for my birthday. It was green. It had the cool banana seat and the super cool high handlebars. I was so excited about it. That bike was everything I had wanted. But what I remember most about it is not so much for the day I got it, but the day it was taken away. This amazing gift, this super cool bike that made me so happy had only been mine for two days when I forgot all about it and left it outside overnight. In the rain. My dad took it away. He said if I couldn't take care of the gift, I shouldn't be allowed to have it. I was mad. Not because he took it away, but because he was right.

God gives us good gifts as well. James 1:17 tells us, *"Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow."* When He gives us those gifts, He expects us to use them well for the Kingdom of God. Part of using them well includes taking care of them. Not abusing them or wasting them. We are to be good caretakers, or stewards of God's gifts.

A faithful steward knows that everything we have comes from God. A faithful steward knows that we are expected to care for those gifts because we are to use them to serve others. A faithful steward is confident not just in the gifts and how to use them, but in the One who gives the gifts. A faithful steward is humble, understanding that the gifts do not make the person better than others, but are to be used to make others better. A faithful steward is both trusting and trustworthy. A faithful steward is forgiving and obedient. What will you need to do, or do differently, to be a faithful steward of the gifts you have received?

Questions:

What spiritual gifts or resources has God entrusted to me, and how am I using them to serve the Sherman Church and advance the gospel?

When I serve or give, am I doing so out of gratitude to Christ and obedience to Scripture, or for recognition and personal gain?

How can I better steward my time, talents, and treasure so they reflect Christ's lordship and meet the needs of others in my congregation and community?

Who do I know that can help me discern and develop my gifts, and what practical steps will I take this month to be a more faithful steward?