

Cornerstone Connection October 2011

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45am (starting 10/2)

Fellowship

9:45 - 10:00am

Worship

10:00am

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CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Message from our Pastor

At a recent Tuesday Morning Bible Study, we were asked to share how we had felt God's Presence or God's Grace recently in our lives. In the discussion, it was amazing to hear the stories of where God is at work in the lives of Cornerstone members. Some of them shared how God was present in keeping them calm in stressful situations, others shared the witness of God's love through signs in His creation, where others shared how God had answered prayers of concern.

Today is the day each of us should be asking ourselves — where is God at work in your life? Where has God's grace been experienced by you and/or the ones you love? In addition to asking this question, it's also significant that we take action in response to where God has made Himself known to us. Perhaps we offer up thanksgiving in prayer. Perhaps we share the story where God is at work with others to bless them with the story of God's work in this world and in our congregation. You've probably never yet left a gift unopened or at least not intentionally, so why would we fail to use the gift of God's presence in your life? And why would we not take time to share the gift of God's presence with others reminding them that God is always with us even to the end of the age.

As we enter into October and deeper into the Fall Season, I pray that you find ways to respond to the grace of God in your life. Maybe it will be weekly worship, participation in a Bible study, changing a habit that is not healthy (spiritually or other-wise), offering service to others, or whatever way that might help you to live out your faith and your gratitude. I can confidently say that living into grace will not be an added burden, but instead, will become a source of great joy for you and those around you. Be blessed!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Courtney



Mike Morrow, 10/1 Sean Kas, 10/1 Jane Hassinger, 10/1 Arne Ildsgaard, 10/3 Vernice DaConceicao, 10/3 Dominique Robert, 10/4 Zachary Tunis, 10/6 Ryan Kas, 10/6 Rachel Mamola, 10/9 Sueli Paes De Barros, 10/11 Joe Mamola, 10/13 Sean Morrow, 10/14 Meg Milligan, 10/16 Donnette Hubert, 10/17 Crystal Palmeri, 10/17 James Hughes, 10/21 Kit Davis, 10/26 Bob Daniels, 10/29 Elizabeth Hughes, 10/31



Don & Michele Welch, 10/3 Ann & Paul Sarti, 10/10 Lisa & Nevin Mann, 10/12 Kristen & Michael DiGirolamo, 10/18 Kellie & Michael Pushko, 10/24 Mike & Brooke Morrow, 10/28

Cornerstone Community

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

- 2011 Bob Wegner Marye Barbagallo Joan Mallison Dominique Robert
- 2012 Sharron Smith Jim Ryan Barbara Dougherty James Hughes
- 2013 Okoro Okparaeke Denise Mudalel Lisa Capurso Ray Schleckser

BOARD OF DEACONS

- 2011 Michele Calhoun, Laura Tunis
- 2012 Laura Stone, Alice Jones
- 2013 Betty Thompson

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.

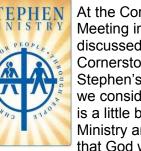
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10/23

The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 23rd, 2011 immediately following the worship service for the purpose of nominating 4 elders for the class of 2014; 3 Deacons for the class of 2014; and the election of 4 members to the Cornerstone Nominating Committee.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month. If you have something for the newsletter, please email to Elizabeth Hughes at: administrative@cornerstonepcusa.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephens Ministry



At the Cornerstone Deacons' Meeting in September, it was discussed how nice it would be if Cornerstone were to have a Stephen's Ministry Program. As we consider this possibility, here is a little bit about Stephen's Ministry and we ask you to pray that God would guide us

whether Stephen Ministry is for us and whether God might be calling you to be a Stephen Minister:

The Stephen Series from Stephen Ministries is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around a congregation. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of care-giving training in order to provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or going through a tough time.

Please talk to Pastor Courtney for more info.

Wish List

We have a need for three new laptop computers for staff and for worship. With sale prices and promotions recently advertised, it is believed that all three could be acquired for around \$1500. It is our hope that these purchased could be made over the next three to six months. If you are willing to donate to this wish list, please contact Pastor Courtney.

Get to Know Your Pastor!

There are two upcoming opportunities for small group fellowship in members' homes where you can get to know Pastor Courtney better. Please RSVP to the host of the gathering if you can attend:

- **10/12**, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Gordon & Joyce Connelly, Westlake, 10 Turnberry Place , 732-833-4264
- **10/23**, 11:45-1:15pm, Don & Michele Welch, 11 Durell Drive, 732-928-4806

Outreach/Evangelism Committee

Pastor Courtney would like to organize some efforts to reach out to the community to join Cornerstone Presbyterian for worship, study, mission, and fellowship. There are many ways to show hospitality in inviting others to join us. Jesus says, "Go Therefore and Make Disciples…" If you hear the call to respond to this need at CPC, let Pastor Courtney know.

Be Sure to Visit our New Website!

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

New Photo Directory

We are planning to put together a new photo directory for the church! If you can, please email a current photo of your family to administrative@cornerstonepcusa.com with any updates to your contact information. We will also set up dates after church in November to take photos.

"How Do I Join Cornerstone Presbyterian Church?"

If you are interested in making an official step to connect to Cornerstone Presbyterian by joining our church family as a new member, we invite you to attend an upcoming new member/inquirer class. Membership is for those who seek to belong, to be encouraged by other believers in Jesus Christ, and to find ways to develop your gifts for ministry. Joining a church is the right step for a person who has made the decision to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord. Christians are designed by God to need to belong to a community of believers for encouragement and growth in their life of faith.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Courtney or Elder Lisa Capurso.

New Worship Schedule for the Fall!

We will continue worshiping at 10:00 a.m. throughout the Fall. Sunday School classes for children and adults will be from 9:00-9:45, with fellowship from 9:45-10:00.

Upcoming Sermons:

10/2 World Communion Sunday, "What We Believe: The Holy Spirit our Sustainer," Week 3 of 3, John 14:15-31

10/9 "Sister Rivalry," Luke 10:38-42, Moment for Mission: Guest from Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey

10/16 Christine Tegeder will preach

10/23 "Series on Stewardship: Week 1 of 4: The Gift of Time"

10/30 Reformation Sunday, "Series on Stewardship: Week 2 of 4: The Gift of Faith"

Installation Service for COURTNEY B. CROMIE

as Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

At: Jackson United Methodist Church

68 Bennetts Mills Road

Jackson, NJ 08527

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Four o'clock p.m.

Reception Following the Service

Sermon Series on Stewardship

October 23rd will begin a 4-part sermon series on Stewardship. For a detailed description, see page 10.

Prayer Buckets

The Worship Team voted that on a few Sundays a year, we will use prayer buckets for people to write down their prayer requests during church. The prayers will be emailed and shared. We will use prayer buckets on October 2nd, but most Sundays of the year we will continue to verbalize our prayer requests during church.



Children's Creation Play on 9/18

Peace cranes in remembrance of 9/11

Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club

Meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm., at DeBows United Methodist Church. This group is for children in First Grade through Fifth Grade, but children in Kindergarten and Sixth Grade may participate. Each month there will be a Missions theme with an associated craft or trip. A fun evening of Christian fellowship through bible lessons, music, crafts, holiday plays, games and field trips. The theme for the fall is "The Life of Jesus."



HELP NEEDED

Adult Youth and Children's Ministry Volunteers are needed, so if you are interested in helping on Sunday nights with Youth or Thursday nights with Children, please let Pastor Courtney Know. See our website www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org for detailed Youth and Children's Schedules of Activities



Cornerstone & DeBows Youth Ministry

This group, led by Pastor Betty and Pastor Courtney meets on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm at DeBows United Methodist Church. The group is open to youth Grade 6-12. A wonderful schedule of Bible Discussion, opportunities for mission and outreach, as well as FUN with other youth and youth leaders.

Saturday Overnight Retreat on Novermber 12th at the Oakhurst Methodist Church. Includes Midnight communion on the beach! Adult volunteers are needed.

See Pastor Courtney for more information about Youth Group.

Cornerstone Confirmation Class Starting in February 2012

Confirmation Class for High School Youth in 9th grade and above will be offered from February – May 2012. This class is a time for youth to confirm the love that God has expressed for each of us in Jesus Christ. It is important that both the youth and the family are involved in this journey.

On **Sunday, January 29th from 11 -11:30 AM**, there will be an informational meeting in which youth and parents are invited to learn more about the Confirmation Process here at Cornerstone Presbyterian. If a youth decides they are ready to join our church or would like more information about membership, we hope the youth and parent will attend this meeting.

Confirmation Classes will be taught by the pastor, Courtney Cromie, Elder Lisa Capurso, and adult mentors. **Adult mentors are needed!** If you can be a mentor, please talk to Pastor Courtney.

Youth will be confirmed during worship on Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday, May 27th.

Rally Day!

October 2, 2011

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m. Classes for Adults and Children!

Adult Classes

"Living Life as a Christian in the 21st Century" will be taught by Pastor Courtney and others. In this individualistic society where everyone seems out for themselves, how will we be a community together? In this time in history when everyone spends and no one is disciplined to save, what will our future be like? When our young people are denied opportunity for arts & culture in schools as well as creativity and innovation, will we progress? This course will take a look at Scripture passages, literature, and other sources to use as a discussion for how can Cornerstone be faithful in our expression as Christians in the 21st century. Hope to see you there. If you would like to teach one Sunday, let Pastor Courtney know!

Financial Peace University course will be taught by Dominique Robert. The free preview will be held on 10/2 at 9:00 a.m. and the first class will begin on 10/16 at 8:00 a.m.

Children's Church

Beginning October 2 during the 10 AM worship, children are encouraged to stay in worship the whole time. If younger children are restless, they are invited to attend Children's Church. All children age 8 and above are asked to stay for the entire worship service. During Children's Church, the younger children will have a bulletin, will listen and learn to sing Christian music, they will hear a Bible lesson, and they will worship in an environment that is appropriate to their age. Volunteers are needed to assist one Sunday, multiple Sundays, or all the time with Children's Church. The curriculum will be easy to follow and use. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please let Pastor Courtney know.



Sunday School for Kids!

Young Elementary (K-2nd grade) Teachers: Allyson Moyer, Kellie Pushko Older Elementary (3rd-5th grade) Teacher: Patti Miller

This fall, the elementary children will be learning from the We Believe series called "God's People Together." They will learn about key relationships in the Old Testament, including Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Ruth and Naomi, David and Goliath, and more!

Middle School

Teachers: Elizabeth Hughes, Kristen DiGirolamo

The Youth class will be starting a Bible Survey course, which will involve an in-depth study of the books of the Bible in the Old and New Testament. The fall will focus on "The Beginning," starting with the Creation story and continuing until the story of Abraham and his son Isaac.

High School

Teacher: Don Welch

Bible Explorations for Older Youth will give youth access to the Bible in a way that challenges them to discover meaning in the Bible for their own lives.

Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be weekly on Thursdays, starting on September 8th, from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at DeBows Methodist Church. If you are a **high school youth or adult** who would like to participate in the choir, please speak to our Music Minister, Christine Tegeder. All are welcome—no experience necessary!





Looking for Instrumentalists!

Please talk to Christine if you can share your gift and play a role in our music ministry! All ages and instrument types are welcome!

Children's Music at DeBows

As part of the Children's Ministry Program with DeBows on Thursday nights, the children will be learning songs about Jesus and will be singing in worship. For more information, see page 5.





MUSIC



Crop Walk—October 16



CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – and right here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River. Talk to Ike Okparaeke if you would like to participate with Cornerstone!

New Mission Committee

Contact Pastor Courtney if you are interested in being a part of a Mission Committee to help organize local and international mission efforts. We are blessed in so many ways by our Lord who is gracious. We are taught to follow Christ as He reaches out to those in need by sharing our resources, our time, our energy, and our love. If you would like to help Cornerstone be more engaged in Mission, step forward today to help organize such efforts.

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ)

Since 1993, CVCJ has been providing free supportive services to our community's friends and neighbors who wish to remain independent. We have many rewarding opportunities to share your gifts with others and become part of our caring mission.

Visit caregivervolunteers.org for more info.

Operation Christmas Child

The Church Ladies will once again be coordinating this



program to provide shoe boxes filled with toys and other items to children in need, both around the world and locally. Take home a wrapped shoe box to fill, or donate \$7 to pay for the shipping of one box. **Suggested donations to fill the boxes:**

- Small toys
- Wrapped hard candy or gum
- Pens, pencils, markers, sharpeners
- Toothbrush or toothpaste, soap
- Hair clips
- Jewelry
- Sunglasses

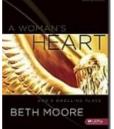
Please talk to Joan Mallison for more info.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. Visiting Nurse Association Health Group Hospice is providing training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey.

Training and support will be provided by members of the VNA Health Group Hospice team on 3 consecutive Thursdays October 13, 20,and 27th from 9:30am to 2:00pm at our VNACJ office 1100 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls . There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, administrative support and special projects to support our mission of caring and compassion. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions.

To register, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933. For more info: www.vcanj.org.



Women's Bible Study

The Tabernacle of the Heart

"Have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them."

Exodus 25:8 NIV

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. You are still welcome to join the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at the home of Elizabeth Hughes and led by Courtney Cromie. The women are studying a curriculum by Beth Moore on the tabernacle and how God pursues us and dwells with us. For more information contact Pastor Courtney.

Holy Bible

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 p.m.

The Men's Bible study meets at Bob Wegner's home, 413 Leesville Road, on Wednesday evenings. All men are welcome! Please contact Bob Wegner for more information. Pastor Courtney is starting a new fellowship group for individuals interested in getting to know other Christian friends with meals, faith sharing, arts and culture, and fun. Some upcoming activities:

Savvy Christians

Oct 3, Longwood Gardens crafts, demonstrations, flowers and performances!, 10 AM - 3 PM (plus travel time there and back), \$11

Oct. 4, Evening Book Discussion of <u>Kabul Beauty</u> <u>School</u> by Deborah Rodriguez at the Jackson Branch Library, 7 p.m., free

Oct. 11, Afternoon Book Discussion of <u>The Other</u> <u>Boleyn Girl</u> by Philippa Gregory at the Jackson Branch Library, 1 p.m., free

Oct. 13, Giovanna Bellia La Marca's Presentation "The Love of Italy," at the Jackson Branch Library, 7 pm, free

Oct 19, Tea and Other Meals at Georgian Court, 11:30 a.m., \$30 includes tea & luncheon

Oct 29, Fall Foliage Special - New Hope to New Hope" on The New Hope Railroad Adults: \$37.00 tickets Children (2 to 11): \$34.00 tickets, Toddlers (under 2): \$6.00. followed by Lunch at Black Bass Inn, PA

Nov 14, Apples & Oranges/Banana Gram Game Day, Host Needed, , 1-3 PM, Free

Nov. 19, Progressive Dinner with a Thanksgiving Theme- Saturday from 5 – 9 PM, Hosts Needed

Nov. 30, Miracle of Christmas at Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA, 1 p.m., tickets are \$47

Dec. 2, Vienna Boys Choir at Freehold Presbyterian Church, 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$55 (purchase in advance)

Dec. 4 Mrs. Gould's 10th Annual Holiday Social at Georgian Court, 3 PM, Tickets are \$42 (purchase in advance)

Dec. 7 Carols of Many Nations at the Princeton Theological Seminary's Miller Chapel, 6:30 p.m., Free

Dec. 11 Cornerstone Caroling, Jackson Area, Free

Dec 14: Princeton University Chapel's Candlelight Service, 7:30 p.m., Free

Dec 18: Christmas White Elephant Party (spend no more than \$10) – Host Needed

Stewardship Sermon Series

Leading up to Stewardship Sunday, Pastor Courtney will be leading a sermon series on Being Wise Stewards in Response to God's Call. The first Sunday, October 23, we will review the blessed Gift of Time; on October 30 we will discuss the Gift of Faith. On November 6, we will be grateful to hear the preaching voice of our new Regional Presbyter, Wendy Bailey, who will also preach in Stewardship. Then, on November 13, we will resume the series by hearing a message on the Gift of Talent and then we will close the series with a November 20 Stewardship Sunday Sermon on the Gift of Treasure Indeed God blesses us

Treasure. Indeed God blesses us richly. Stewardship is not just about sharing our financial resources but about a way to contemplate God's gifts to us and to consider a prayerful way to be good stewards of those resources. Come join in this series and pray with us as to what God can teach you and guide you in with regard to the subject of stewardship. We will also have two people speak briefly each week during this time on how the church/God/Jesus has influenced their lives.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday is November 20, 2011 and as Christians, we are called by God to be faithful in stewardship as we manage all that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and to extend Christ's transforming love to others. As Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34). Financial Stewardship is treasure management that helps us to escape the trap of selfishness by keeping ourselves spiritually focused on God. Herb Miller, an internationally recognized authority in church health and effectiveness says that each of us makes a choice in life. We either let ourselves become emotionally attached to

our money or we become emotionally attached to God who gives us our money. So as we venture into the stewardship season at Cornerstone Presbyterian, I ask you to pray,

"What percentage of your income is God calling you to give?" Pray to God with me in search of how we can all be wise stewards of all that God has entrusted to us in the form of our time, talent, faith, and treasure.

Blessings! Pastor Courtney

Per Capita

To provide support for Monmouth Presbytery, Northeast Synod and General Assembly, our church is asked to pay "dues" to the Presbytery each year that is equal to \$35 per member. Therefore, we are asking *each member* to give a special offering of \$35 per year to help us cover this expense. Please place it in the offering basket (mark it as "per-capita") at your earliest convenience.

Financial Report for September

- Tithes/offerings = \$10393
 (Weekly: 9/4 = \$3850, 9/11 = \$2384, 9/18 = \$2289, 9/25 = \$1870
- Per Capita offering = \$35
- Foundation Fund = \$50
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$286

According to our 2011 budget, the congregation needs to average \$2215 per week in offerings. Please prayerfully consider your offering each week to help us to meet this goal. In addition to regular giving, special donations are always appreciated in areas such as Sunday School and worship expenses.

Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Faron Trick, Gordon Connelly, Dominique Robert, Okoro Okparaeke, and Denise Mudalel).



Cornerstone Yellow Pages

Do you have a skill or talent that could be a resource for other church members? Please contact Elizabeth Hughes if you would like to be listed.

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Donna Rosato

Pampered Chef Consultant/Trainer 732-276-6805 http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnarosato

John Rosato

732-276-6805

Minor household repairs/painting and minor handyman work (weekends only).

October 2011 at Cornerstone

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2 RALLY DAY! World Communion Installation 4:00 pm <u>YOUTH GROUP</u> 6-7:30	3 <u>Savvy Christians</u> : Longwood Gardens 10am-3pm	4 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:30 pm Savvy Christians 7 pm	۵	6 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Session Retreat and Meeting 9:00-3:00
9 YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30	10	1 <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 10:30 am <u>Men's Bible Study</u> 7:30 pm <u>Savvy Christians</u> 1 pm	12 "Get to Know "Get to Know Pastor Courtney" at the Connelly's 7:00 pm	13 <u>Children's Ministry</u> 6-7:30 <u>Choir</u> Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. <u>Savvy Christians</u> 7 pm	14	15
16 <u>YOUTH GROUP</u> 6-7:30 <u>CROPWALK</u> 1:00pm	17	18 <u>Women's Bible</u> <u>Study</u> 10:30 am <u>Men's Bible Study</u> 7:30 pm	19 Deacons Mtg 7:00 Savvy Christians: Tea at Georgian Court 1130am	20 <u>Choir</u> Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23 Congregational Meeting 11:00 am <u>YOUTH GROUP</u> 6-7:30 "Get to Know the Pastor" at the Welch's 11:45 am	24	25 <u>Women's Bible</u> <u>Study</u> 10:30 am <u>Men's Bible Study</u> 7:30 pm	26 Church Ladies 1:00	27 <u>Children's Ministry</u> 6-7:30 <u>Choir</u> Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Savvy Christans: Fall Foliage in New Hope
30 YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30	31					