



Cornerstone Connection

Mid-August 2012

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School for Adults (childcare available)	9:00 - 9:45am
Fellowship	9:45 - 10:00am
Worship (Sunday School for kids during worship)	10:00am

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Kristen DiGirolamo, 732-657-7808

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Patti Miller, 732-928-3212

Margaret Rose Barschow

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A Message from our Pastor

There are few times when the whole world is as focused on one thing as when watching the Olympics. I don't know about you but I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Olympics these past weeks. It made me pleased to know that our world could come together to focus in on something that encourages hard work and discipline and appreciation of the gift of the human body and its strengths and possibilities. The Olympics also celebrates team work for many of the sports. It was comforting to see that it did not take an unusual tragedy that would bring the world together

One of my favorite moments in the Olympics was watching Gabby Douglas in the gymnastics competition. For she shared in a press conference after receiving the gold medal, "God has given me this awesome talent to represent Him. Glory goes up to Him, and the blessings fall down on us." It was so exciting in the midst of all the sports reporting and congratulations given that Gabby, a 16 year old from Virginia Beach, took time to give God the praise for the talent that she has attributing to God the glory. Douglas had a fabulous time in the Olympics winning two gold medals in the first week — one in the women's individual all-around and one in the women's team competition. She's the first African American woman to win gold in the Olympic individual all-around, and the first American woman to win gold in both the individual all-around and team competitions at the same Olympic Games. We celebrate with her and pray for her as she returns home to her normal life and routine.

In the midst of the Olympic competitions and award ceremonies, I was reminded of the images presented in the New Testament that likens our lives to an athletic challenge. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, "Surely you know that many runners take part in a race, but only one of them wins the prize. Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline, in order to be crowned with a wreath that will not last; but we do it for one that will last forever. That is why I run straight for the finish line; that is why I am like a boxer who does not waste his punches. I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest."

Jesus, when He called the disciples into service said to them, "Take up your cross and follow me." This call was not to an athletic competition where there is one tangible award but to a life-time of faith and dedication. Being a Christian who is faithful does not mean we experience life without joy. For look at the smiles on the faces of the Olympic athletes especially when they feel the energy of competing in such a special world athletic event but also in receiving recognition for their hard work and dedication. The Olympians are willing to work hard and enjoy the opportunity. And, this can also be true for us as we approach life as "Olympic" Christians.

In reading about reflection on our lives as Christian Olympians I am encouraged by those who have gone before. We can remember Albert Schweitzer, who was a skilled (continued on next page)

*Summer Worship at Liberty High School
125 N. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson
Mailing address: P.O. Box 140, Jackson, NJ 08527*

Cornerstone Community



Constantine Osiakwan, 8/2
 Kellie Pushko, 8/2
 Carson Dockum, 8/2
 Nicholas Hughes, 8/4
 Barbara Dougherty, 8/6
 Ed Breuninger, 8/6
 Ricardo Robert, 8/6
 Jim Bainbridge, 8/7
 Stephen Slusak, 8/9
 Lisa Capurso, 8/10
 Andrew Tomczak, 8/10
 Marcus Floyd, 8/11
 Okoro Okparaeke, 8/11
 Sydney Morrow, 8/12
 Ann Sarti, 8/13
 Patti Miller, 8/16
 Aaron Fritzingler, 8/18
 Jason Smith, 8/19
 Becky Mamola, 8/21
 Russ Jones, 8/24
 Sierra Jo Palmeri, 8/25



Keith & Tina Kas, 8/3
 Gail & David Carlson, 8/8

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.

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medical doctor, and a superb organist, and a New Testament scholar. He chose, though, to head to a missionary field in primitive Africa and spent his life doing what he believes Christ wanted him to do. We also can remember Mother Teresa who spent her life caring for the poorest in India. Or I am sure if you look around you, you might recall some of our own friends who achieve a steady consistency in their Christian service that we can encourage and try to emulate.

As we celebrate the year mark of my ministry at Cornerstone, it is a blessing to be with Cornerstone and to be listed as one of Christ's leaders. Each of us at Cornerstone is on Christ's team! A church like ours is a great place to engage the Christian life of dedication and discipline so that we may learn about Christ and learn also how to serve. We can be coached and cheered on and supported through our church family at Cornerstone. We can seek after the crown that is promised to believers and know that Jesus Christ is before us and calling us and will supply us all our needs as He blesses our efforts done in His name. May God Bless the Olympians as they return home and May God Bless Cornerstone!

In Christ's Olympic Team, Pastor Courtney

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

2012 Sharron Smith
 Jim Ryan
 Barbara Dougherty
 James Hughes

2013 Okoro Okparaeke
 Denise Mudalel
 Lisa Capurso

2014 Dominique Robert
 Bruce Thompson
 Kellie Pushko
 Todd Moyer

BOARD OF DEACONS

Laura Stone
 Alice Jones

Betty Thompson
 Laurie Wegner

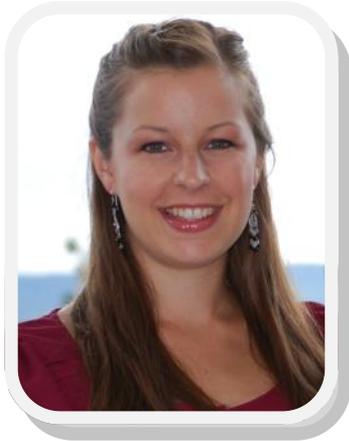
David Carlson
 Sueli Paes de Barros



Meg Milligan (a.k.a. Macaroni Anne Cheeze) appeared at the Monmouth County Fair in July, where she had the opportunity to meet up with several old friends! Meg says that one of the best parts of being a clown is the honor of being a part of people's memories.

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

Introducing Konnie Klary— Our New Intern from Princeton Seminary



On September 9th, Cornerstone is blessed to welcome a new intern from Princeton Seminary who will be with us throughout the year.

“I am currently entering my second year at Princeton Theological Seminary, after working this summer as a Chaplain at a trauma hospital in Pennsylvania. Prior to attending Seminary in New Jersey, I spent most of my life in the Pacific Northwest, where my family is from. I graduated from George Fox University in Portland, OR in 2009 with a degree in Business and Communication. After working in marketing for a year for a start-up company, I had a major change of vocational call and began pursuing a long-held passion for ministry and missions. In 2010 I moved to Guatemala for a couple months to work at an orphanage, before returning to Spokane, WA to work at a crisis nursery with 0-6 year olds in crisis situations. It was during that period that God really grabbed my heart to pursue seminary and a career in ministry.

Being from the Pacific Northwest, I love the outdoors and spend as much time as possible hiking, camping, backpacking, and rock climbing. Though New Jersey has been a big change, I am excited to join in ministry at Cornerstone, especially working in mission, evangelism and outreach. “

Ice Cream Social at DeBows



Cornerstone is invited to an Ice cream Social at DeBows United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 25th at 7 pm. This is a game night for the whole family. Also the movie “Chipwrecked” with Alvin and the Chipmunks will be shown. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

DeBows is located at 509 Monmouth Road in Jackson. Please contact Pastor Betty Gibbons for more information: 732-928-4475 or gibbonsdb@optonline.net.

Needed: Volunteers to Run Media Shout DURING Worship!

The Worship Committee is searching for a group of people to form a Media Shout Team that would be responsible for running the presentation during worship. Media Shout presentation will be prepared in advance and running the presentations on Sundays will be the sole responsibility. Ideally, a team of 4-5 people will be formed so that the responsibility could rotate on a regular basis. There are already two volunteers (Todd Moyer and Dominique Robert) so 2-3 more volunteers would be great! This job is best filled by a high school youth or an adult.

Please contact Todd Moyer, Chair of Worship, at 732-961-3192 or by email tkmoyer@gmail.com if you are interested in serving God by helping to guide us through the worship bulletin and the words to our songs in worship.

Services in August:

- **August 5** Pastor Courtney to preach "Transitions are Hard,"
- **August 12** Devin and Carson's last Sunday at Cornerstone; they will preach "Every Day is Thanksgiving"
- **August 19** Pastor Courtney preaches "Making Time for God"
- **August 26** Pastor Courtney preaches "On My Knees: A Communion Sermon" - communion will be served.



**Back to McAuliffe!
September 2, 2012**

On September 2, 2012 we will return to McAuliffe Middle School for 10:00 AM worship.

This means that on Sunday, August 26th, we will need volunteers to help us bring our supplies back to the shed at McAuliffe after worship. Please stay after worship if you can help.

We also must return to the task of setting up our worship space every Sunday morning starting on September 2nd. Please see Bob Wegner for the setup sign up sheet if you can volunteer for one or more Sundays.

Guest Preacher

Mary-Lynn Morrison 9/2



On September 2nd, we will welcome Mary-Lynn Morrison as our guest while Pastor Courtney enjoys some well-deserved vacation time! She will preach on the subject of prayer.

Mary-Lynn is the daughter of our former pastor, Reverend Rob Morrison. She was ordained as a Presbyterian pastor at Cornerstone on October 12, 2008 and recently returned to the Jackson area after serving the Cranesville Reformed Church in Amsterdam, NY.



Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Our summer interns, Carson Dockum and Devin Berry, led our Youth for several exciting activities in July. On July 15th, the youth visited the Safari at Great Adventure. They dressed up to “trick or treat” for hunger by canvassing several neighborhoods to collect food for the Jackson and DeBows food pantries on July 19th. They finished the month with a trip to Hurricane Harbor on July 31st!





**VBS 2012, July 23-27
at DeBows Methodist Church**

Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

VBS 2012 was a huge success! We had 38 children/youth and 26 adult volunteers throughout the week. The children learned that God is with us – when things change, when we need help, when we are afraid, when we're lonely or thankful. Each day started and ended with a celebration of music and reminders of the daily Bible verses. After "Tribe Time," the children visited the Marketplace (for craft activities at places like the Hanging Garden Nursery, the metal working shop, and the Astronomy School), played games at the Palace Playground, had story time with Daniel, and enjoyed a delicious snack.

The middle school and high school youth had exciting activities each day: they went peach picking, made statues from King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, created labyrinths, cooked smores in a "fiery furnace" campfire, and filmed a movie showing their interpretation of the story of Daniel.

Thank you to our volunteers!

The week would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers! Thank you to Pastor Courtney, Devin Berry, Carson Dockum, Brittany Longsdorf, Pastor Betty, Becky Schiemer-Fedorchuk, Patti Miller, Sami Miner, Elizabeth Hughes, Allyson Moyer, Melissa Howe, Nicole Borota, Alice Jones, Wendy Barone, Danelle Horvath, Gail & Dave Carlson, Donna Rosato, Margaret Varrelmann, Meg Milligan, Kathe & MaryLynn Morrison, Ken Ahlstrom, Rodney Puig, and Jim Ryan.

And a big thank you to Kristen DiGirolamo, our Director of Christian Education. Kristen prepared for several months and worked very hard to make this week a fun and educational opportunity for our children. Our thanks to her for doing a fabulous job!



Children's Church

Teachers: Patti Miller, Margaret Barschow

Our regular Sunday School program for children is taking a break for the summer.

We are currently offering Children's Church, our summer Sunday School program for young children during who are too restless to remain in worship. Children in grades 2 and under are invited to leave for Children's Church after the Time for Children each week for a bible story and craft.

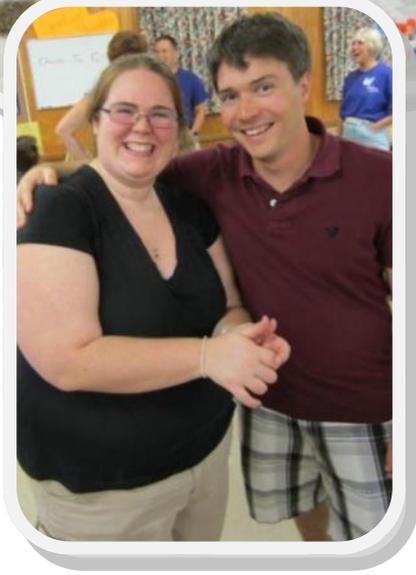


SUNDAY SCHOOL





Five volunteers from Cornerstone participated in Debou's evening VBS the week of July 9-13. Our thanks to Kristen DiGirolamo, Pastor Courtney, Devin Berry, Carson Dockum, and Ken Ahlstrom!





Summer Praise Team

The Summer Praise Team is led and directed by our Music Minister, Ken Ahlstrom. This Praise Team is rehearsing mostly contemporary songs to be sung as anthems during summer worship at the offertory time. The group is open to anyone in Middle School Youth age to age 105. Rehearsals will be on a week by week basis so join us when you can! If you want more information, please talk to Ken or Pastor Courtney. ALL Rehearsals are at Jackson United Methodist Church, 68 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ.

- Monday, August 20, 7-8 PM
- Monday, August 27, 7-8 PM





Thank you to all who donated items to Grandmother's Cupboard in Toms River. Grandmother's Cupboard is an organization that provides necessities for individuals and families living in poverty. The clothing and other items collected by Cornerstone were delivered on July 19th. Thanks to all who donated and those who helped deliver the items!



Please Pray and Correspond with our Two Adopted Missionaries! If you are computer savvy, you may subscribe to their blogs and/or read letters at the PC (USA) website.

Kay Day – Missionary Worker in Malawi

Email: kay.day@pcusa.org

Blog/Website: <http://kaydaysdiary.blogspot.com/>

PCUSA Website for Kay: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/day-mary-catherine/>

Birthday: August 9

Kay's bio: Kay was appointed as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in July 2009 and serves in Malawi at the invitation of the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Dennis and Maribel Smith—Missionary Workers in Argentina

Emails: dennis.smith@pcusa.org, maribel.smith@pcusa.org

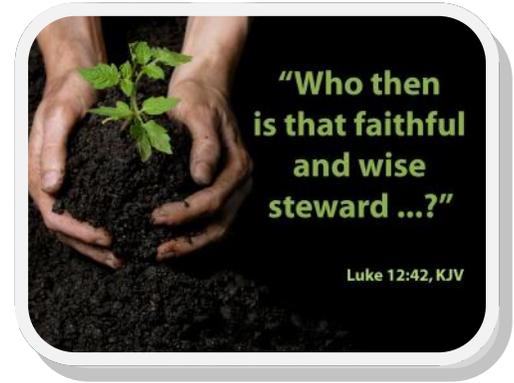
Pcusa website: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/smith-dennis-and-maribel/>

Office address: Sucre 2855, 3°, 1428, Buenos Aires, Argentina **Office phone:** +54 11 4787 0436;

Birthdays: Dennis - 11/1, Maribel - 6/22, Lucas - 9/22, Benji - 8/21

Volunteer Needed for Treasurer

After several years of diligent and faithful service acting as the Cornerstone treasurer, Gordon Connelly has decided to step down. We thank Gordon for all of his hard work! At this time, we are looking for a volunteer who would be interested in taking over this position. For more information on the specific responsibilities, please talk to Pastor Courtney.



Financial Report for July

- Tithes/offerings = \$8195
(Weekly: 7/1 = \$2369, 7/8 = \$843, 7/15 = \$2398, 7/22 = \$1179, 7/29 = \$1406)*
- Per Capita offering = \$38
- Foundation Fund = \$550
- Gifts from other churches = \$1100 (First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan)
- Special Offerings = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

* Our 2012 budget calls for \$1923 each week in offerings - please continue to prayerfully consider your giving each week.

Electronic Giving

Cornerstone offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members, and helps to provide much-needed donation consistency for the church. Two options are available: direct debit giving automatically transfers funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account; credit card giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit card. If you would like to participate in electronic giving, please contact Elizabeth Hughes or Dominique Robert.

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. This is what we call the per-capita. If you have not yet had a chance to give your dues, please place it in the offering basket on Sunday (mark it as "per-capita") at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Dominique Robert, Gordon Connelly, 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.

Rev. Helen Granzio

732-963-7051

Holistic theology, spiritual counselor, natural-herbal therapies, also owner of granite company, sales of countertops, vanities, bar tops, outside BBQ's and more, serving Tri-State area.

Donna Rosato

732-276-6805

Notary Public

Pampered Chef Consultant/Trainer
<http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnarosato>

John Rosato

732-276-6805

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

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

www.clowningbymac.com
Clowning by Macaroni Anne Cheeze
Celebrating an event? Let Macaroni Anne Cheeze entertain with face/arm painting and balloon animals.

Reflection & Inspiration: Specialty note cards for that special person or occasion. Go Green! Send a lovely note card that can be framed and enjoyed by all! Total gift cost \$4.00.

Emil Cantore

732-534-9322

Powerwashing. Nights and weekends, inexpensive prices.

Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

*I make homemade jewelry, homemade soaps, candles, and gift baskets for all occasions. I can also offer my services in cake decorating, cookie bouquets, fruit basket arrangements, chocolate covered strawberries, pretzels, and other homemade candies and chocolates. Please contact Rebecca at **Memories Made Floral & Gifts** or e-mail at sweetlady_16508@yahoo.com or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

August 2012 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			8	9	10	11
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
YOUTH BBQ at the Capurso's 1:00 PM		YOUTH Trip to Great Adventure 5-10 PM	Church Dinner at the Lighthouse Restaurant 6:30 PM			BBQ at Tent City in Lakewood 11:00 AM-1:30 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SWIM PARTY "Farewell to Devin and Carson" at the Calhoun's 2:30 PM	Session Meeting 7 PM		Deacon's Meeting 7 PM			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Summer Praise Team Rehearsal 7-8 PM					Ice Cream Social at DeBows Methodist Church, 7 PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Communion Served during Worship 	Summer Praise Team Rehearsal 7-8 PM					REMINDER Worship on Sept 2 is back at McAuliffe!