



**Cornerstone Connection**

**November 5, 2012**

*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

[www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://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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**A Message from our Pastor**

Great things are happening here at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church! Have you noticed our worship service, our inspirational music, our education program for all ages, meaningful fellowship activities, mission opportunities, Bible Studies, planning, and other important work that is being accomplished in the hearts and minds of our members, friends, and staff - God is GOOD - All the time!

Look to the future and pray - pray for a building to call our own, pray that we might put together our resources to share with others in local and international mission trips, consider volunteering so that we might sponsor a growing youth program and children's ministry, consider adults who willingly step up to leadership, members who cheerfully share their time, talent, faith, and treasure...can you see where our children, youth and adult members could be the hands and feet of God guiding others to Christ in changing lives as we all strive to be the face of Jesus for all people in Jackson and beyond, especially those in need.

As we journey through our stewardship sermon series and consider that we, the body of the church, our a building in progress. We need to secure the right foundation, we need to support the structure, make sure to pay attention to what's on the inside, and lastly look forward to being entrusted with the keys. Our congregation is not built on any one person but rests on the Cornerstone, which is Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ and his disciples modeled the way for us and now we choose to follow, to "come and see" and to invite others to join us. Christ lives in you. And, it's time in the season of our faith as a "building in progress" to step up and share your commitment. Time and again, God continues to make a way for Cornerstone."

Take time to celebrate the wonderful church that Cornerstone continues to be with each of you sharing in its ministry. All that happens here at Cornerstone Presbyterian does not happen by accident. The reason we can have such an amazing staff, worship, fellowship, youth/children programs, mission activities and beyond is through the stewardship resources shared by Cornerstone members and friends. As each shares their time, their talents, their faith, and their treasure...then we find ourselves blessed in so many ways. As we continue through this Stewardship Season, please ask and pray, *(continued on next page)*

*Worship at McAuliffe Middle School  
35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson*

*Mailing address: P.O. Box 140, Jackson, NJ 08527*

# Cornerstone Community



Faron Trick, 11/1  
 Autumn Palmeri, 11/5  
 Todd Moyer, 11/10  
 Vanessa Smith, 11/12  
 Colin DiGirolamo, 11/14  
 Tina Kas, 11/15  
 Daniel Fowler, 11/16  
 Michael Hekl, 11/18  
 Dave Carlson, 11/18  
 Ken Ahlstrom, 11/19  
 Kahra Woolverton, 11/22  
 Jonathan Hughes, 11/24  
 David LaCross, 11/27  
 Laurie Wegner, 11/27  
 Marye Barbagallo, 11/28  
 Becky Osiakwan, 11/29  
 Fred Mallison, 11/29  
 Austin Floyd, 11/30



Marlene & Don Kiefer, 11/7  
 Allyson & Todd Moyer, 11/24

## 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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What is God asking me to give? The best way we can continue to be a beacon of light to Jackson and beyond is if we have the budget to lead our church to new places, serving Jesus Christ more boldly and broadly each day.

Please prayerfully consider your blessings, and all that you have to give. Each of us is called to share and to give in proportion to what we have received. Step out in faith and consider a step-up in your pledge this year of your time, talent, faith and treasure. Pledge to God all that you have to give responding in gratitude to God for all He has done in our lives and support the vision of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

We will celebrate our faith and demonstrate our trust in God and one another by dedicating our pledge of our treasure on Sunday, November 18. There will be a celebration following worship with food and fellowship.

Thank you for the gifts that you continue to bring to this community and for the tithes and offerings freely given. God is good, all the time. Let us respond faithfully to our God and continue to make a difference in people's lives through this year's pledge campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of Session or Pastor Courtney.

In Christ, Courtney

## ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

## BOARD OF DEACONS

2012	Sharron Smith Jim Ryan Barbara Dougherty James Hughes	Laura Stone Alice Jones
2013	Okoro Okparaeke Denise Mudalel Lisa Capurso	Betty Thompson Laurie Wegner
2014	Dominique Robert Bruce Thompson Kellie Pushko Todd Moyer	David Carlson Sueli Paes de Barros

**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](mailto:administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

**Nick Tedeschi** attended the Lehigh University Field Camp this past summer—this is a program of intense field training for Earth Scientists in the Rocky Mountains. Nick continues his studies at Rutgers this fall, and our prayers are with him for his continued success!



**Julia Capurso and Kayla Moyer** collected food for the Jackson Food Pantry with their Brownie Troop on October 27th. Nice job, girls!

### In Response to Hurricane Sandy

We pray for ALL who were affected by the Hurricane Sandy and for all those who have volunteered in service to others either through gifts or through service. Please pray and consider what resources, talents, and time you have to share!

If you are looking for ways to offer support, please visit these websites: <https://www.facebook.com/JerseyShoreHurricaneNews>, <https://www.facebook.com/HurricaneSandyNews>, <https://www.facebook.com/HurricaneSandyRecovery>

and the link on our own website: [http://cornerstonechurchofjackson.org/?page\\_id=1183](http://cornerstonechurchofjackson.org/?page_id=1183). **See page 15 of this newsletter for a list of current items that are needed.**

The Calhoun family is willing to be a "drop off" location for items to be donated to local dropoff locations ...their address is 4 Dolphin Court, Jackson, NJ off Leesville Road. So, if you want to drop things off at their home, we will make sure to deliver them where they are needed most.

Friends and "Family" of Cornerstone...we are so blessed to have folks like you within our Cornerstone Family. Please know that you remain in my prayers and that we will get through this as we lean on Christ who is our sure foundation and we reach out to one another in response to God's great love for us.

If you have special needs that Cornerstone can help with, please let Pastor Courtney know.

**Affected residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), by web enabled mobile device at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov), or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362).**

**"Hold Us Together"**

**By Matt Maher**

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills  
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps  
Ain't the law of the land or the government?  
But it's all you need

And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world would know that we're not alone

It's waiting for you knocking at your door  
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor  
And you're on your knees

And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world would know that we're not alone

This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright

On October 21st, we were blessed to welcome 5 new members to Cornerstone!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!



**Keith and Tina Kas**

Keith and Tina are originally from New Jersey, although they spent 2 years in North Carolina before moving back to this area in 2006. They have two sons, Ryan (9) and Sean (7) who are active doing karate and playing soccer and basketball. Tina is a stay-home mom and enjoys reading, scrapbooking and hockey. Keith operates a Wendy's franchise and spends leisure time reading biographies and WWII books, as well as jogging. They found out about our church from Allyson Moyer and Elizabeth Hughes, and they look forward to the fellowship opportunities at Cornerstone!



**Wendy Barone**

Wendy moved to Jackson in February after living in Allentown and being a member of Allentown Presbyterian Church. She has two sons, Robert (22) and AJ (20). She is a Middle School Special Education teacher, and she enjoys cooking/baking, camping, and hiking with her dog. Wendy was interested in joining our church because "Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is very community and mission focused. In addition, the members at Cornerstone are friendly and genuine. I feel accepted and appreciated here."



**David and Debbie LaCross** first attended Cornerstone for the Christmas Eve service in 2010. They have two children, Devin (10) and Dyana (8), who were baptized, along with Debbie, at Cornerstone on October 21st! David is a Senior RF Engineer at a telecommunications company, and Debbie is an accountant and manager at Comtron, Inc.

## Christmas Community Carol Hymn Sing

**December 9 from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM sponsored by Cornerstone located at: Hope Presbyterian Church of Lakewood, 617 Hope Chapel Road, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701**

As an effort to build community relationships, we agreed this past summer to host an upcoming "Hymn Sing" for area congregations. Since we do not yet have a church building, Lakewood Hope has graciously offered up their fellowship hall and their sanctuary for us to "host" and to "lead" the hymn sing.

**We need a volunteer chair this event!** This will involve organizing the luncheon and refreshments and acting as the host/hostess. If you can help, please talk to Pastor Courtney.



### Poinsettia Sale

The Church Ladies will be selling poinsettias and the proceeds will benefit our church! Orders will be taken from 11/6-11/26; forms will be available in church. The plants will be available for pickup on 12/11. Three sizes available: 6" for \$10, 8" for \$25, and 10" for \$35.

### "Updated" Photo Directory

We are planning to update the church photo directory by January 2013! If you would like to change your photo, please email a current photo of you and/or your family to:



[administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](mailto:administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

Also include any updates to your contact information, including email addresses, cell phones, birthdays, etc.. Also, if you would like us to help you to capture a NEW photo, we will also be available after church the last three Sundays in November to take photos.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 18th, 7:00 PM, at Hope Cathedral on Bennetts Mills Road next to JR Landscaping. Several of our members attended this service last year and all were moved by the joyful music and the celebration of all that we have to be thankful for. Come join with churches throughout our community for this special service!

### Blue Jean Sunday, November 11 and the 2nd Sunday of EVERY month

On this day we invite everyone to wear blue jeans to worship and to bring any size blue jeans for someone in need. They can be gently used or brand new. Jeans will be delivered to those in need near to the Jackson area.

### Needed: Members for Mission, Outreach and Evangelism Committee

This fall, we have a new seminary intern, Konnie Clary, who is joining us to focus on mission, outreach, and evangelism while she spends September to April with us. She has a wonderful background in her work history to encourage Cornerstone in its need to grow in number as well as faith and to serve others in need around us. If you would like to get to know Konnie's heart for God and to pray about and organize ways Cornerstone can be invitational to the Jackson community and to reach those in need in the community and beyond, let Pastor Courtney know that you want to join this NEW committee. Hear God's call and respond!

**November Services:**

- **November 4th** Sermon Series on Stewardship—week 2: The Structure Needs Support
- **November 11th Blue Jean Sunday** Sermon Series on Stewardship—week 3: What About the Inside?
- **November 18th Stewardship Sunday** Sermon Series on Stewardship—week 4: Thankful for the Keys
- **November 25th** Konnie Clary to preach on “Christ the King/The Reign of Christ.”

**Sermon Series on Stewardship**

A Stewardship Sermon Series began on October 28th that will continue through November 18 when we celebrate Cornerstone on our Stewardship/Commitment Sunday and commit our resources, time, and talents!

**Nov. 3:** Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: The Structure Needs Support, Ephesians 2:11-22

**Nov. 11:** Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: What About the Inside? Malachi 3:6-3:12 and Mark 12:41-12:44

**Nov. 18:** Stewardship Sunday: Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: Thankful for the Keys, Text: Matthew 16:13-20



**The Songs of Luke's Gospel: Advent Sermon Series Overview**

The birth narrative in the Gospel of Luke is full of singing. Zechariah sings, Simeon sings, Mary sings, and the angels sing. Within these songs of Luke we find the major themes of the Advent season: hope, peace, joy, and love. These songs provide for us a way to present the timeless story of Immanuel from an interesting perspective.

**Dec 2: First Sunday of Advent** – Song’s Of Luke’s Gospel Advent Series: Song of Hope, Text: Luke 1:67-79 - Reverend Cromie

**Dec 9: Second Sunday of Advent-** Song’s Of Luke’s Gospel Advent Series: Song of Peace, Text: Luke 2:22-39 - Konnie Clary

**Dec 16: Children’s Christmas Pageant/Third Sunday of Advent-** Song’s Of Luke’s Gospel Advent Series: Song of Joy, Text: Luke 1:46-55 - Kathy Genus

**Dec 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent-** Song’s Of Luke’s Gospel Advent Series: Song of Love, Text: Luke 2:1-20 - Reverend Cromie



Deacon's Sunday  
October 21, 2012



Celebrating October birthdays!



World Communion Sunday  
October 7, 2012



Welcome to our new intern,  
Kathy Genus!



Dominique Robert, Sueli Paes  
de Barros, and Konnie Clary  
read scripture in different  
languages



Our first Blue Jean Sunday, 10/14

The Baptisms of Debbie, Devin and  
Dyana LaCross on 10/21



Moments for  
Stewardship: During the  
stewardship season,  
speakers share with the  
congregation what  
Cornerstone and their  
faith mean to them, and  
why they give.



**Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM  
Meets at DeBows United Methodist Church ,  
509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ**

This group meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm., unless otherwise noted. It is for children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, and is led by Pastor Courtney and Pastor Betty. Each month there will be a Missions theme with an associated craft or trip. A fun evening of Christian fellowship through bible lessons, crafts, holiday plays, games, snacks, and field trips. The fall lessons will focus on the Miracles of Jesus.

**November meetings:**

- **November 4th:** "Trunk or Treat" — see following page for photos!
- **November 8th:** "Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man," **Luke 5:17-26**
- **November 30—December 1:** Sleepover at DeBows 11/30 6:00 PM—12/1 8:30 AM (children should bring pillow, sleeping bag or blanket, toothbrush, and a snack to share!)



On October 11th the children learned about the miracle of Jesus healing the blind man.



**Activities for Kids K-5th Grade at JUMC Family Enrichment Night  
Thursdays, November 1st, 8th, and 15th from 6:15—7:15 PM**

The first 15 minutes of the evening is spent in the Sanctuary with worship and a time for a fun devotion. At 6:30 p.m., children will choose to work on a specific skill and separate in rotations including sewing or arts and crafts. At the close of each rotation, teachers will say a short prayer for them and continue to pray throughout the week.

**"Trunk or Treat" Fall Community Festival with DeBows Methodist Church  
November 4th, 2012**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**



**The winning trunk!  
Congratulations to  
the Walter family!**



**FAMILY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM WITH JUMC**

**Youth Group for Grades 6-12**



*At Jackson United Methodist Church, Thursdays through Nov. 15th*

Youth will gather for times of Bible Study, Fellowship, Drama, Games, and FUN! Led by a staff member of JUMC and help and assistance from Cornerstone volunteers.

The Youth Leader for this program is Rachel Holsey, who received her BA in Youth Ministry and Biblical Studies from Eastern University. She has experience ministering to and serving with youth in a variety of settings including church youth groups, conferences/camps, and non-profit organizations. Rachel's own experience growing up in her church youth group gave her the desire to share with people, especially youth, a love for Jesus and a passion for being Jesus' hands and feet to the world.

**November schedule:**

- **November 1** 6:15-7:15
- **November 8** 6:15-9:00 Operation Christmas Child Box Wrapping & Packing
- **November 15** 6:15-7:15

**Cornerstone Confirmation Class Starting in February 2013**

**Confirmation Class for High School Youth in 9th grade and above will be offered from February–May 2013.** 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 27th from 11:15 -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 and adult mentors. **Adult mentors are needed!** If you can be a mentor, please talk to Pastor Courtney.

**HELP NEEDED**

Adult Youth and Children's Ministry Volunteers are needed for our mid-week and evening programs, so if you are interested in helping with Youth or with Children, please let Pastor Courtney know.

**Sunday School for Kids during  
10AM worship**

**Sunday School for Adults  
9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m.**

**Adult Sunday School**

This class is held on Sundays before worship from 9:00 –9:45 AM. The class is called “The Missional Church” and will be taught by our intern Konnie Clary. Please let Pastor Courtney or Kristen DiGirolamo know if you plan to attend and need child care.

**Sunday School for Kids!**



This fall, the **elementary** children will be learning from the We Believe series called “We Worship God.” The children will explore the beginnings of worship with the people of Israel, which will help them gain an awareness of worship in our own time.

The **Middle School Youth** will be studying a survey of the Bible, starting with an Old Testament study called “The Patriarchs,” focusing on Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

**THE PATRIARCHS**  
*ISAAC - JACOB – JOSEPH*



**Teachers:**

**Nursery:** Courtney Miner

**Young Elementary (K-3rd):** Allyson Moyer and Kellie Pushko

**Older Elementary (4-5th):** Patti Miller

**Middle School:** Elizabeth Hughes and Kristen DiGirolamo

**Rally Day was  
October 7th! Sunday  
School got off to a  
great start!**



## The Cornerstone Choir

The Cornerstone Choir, under the direction of Ken Ahlstrom, rehearses from September to May, and performs each week, at the 10 AM worship service. They sing and perform a variety of anthems, ranging from traditional classics to current praise anthems. All of their music is done in a modern, contemporary style with a keyboard accompaniment.

**The Choir rehearses at DeBows United Methodist (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ) each Thursday night from 7-8:30 PM.** The members of the choir are an extremely dedicated group of individuals who enjoy singing, as well as spending time together.

The Choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of people and feel God's leading to make a joyful sound unto the Lord, please call or text Ken Ahlstrom @ 732.759.5219 or send him a message via email: [kennethahlstrom@ymail.com](mailto:kennethahlstrom@ymail.com) for more details.



### Looking for Instrumentalists!

Please talk to Ken 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 10.

## LOCAL OUTREACH TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE SANDY

### List of some needs based on "New Jersey Needs" on Facebook - all current posts as of 11/4

- The Bergen County Animal Shelter needs supplies. Please drop off or send to: Bergen County Animal Shelter, 100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ 07608. 201-229-4600. They will take all brands of cat and dog food.
- Church of Visitation in Brick, NJ. They need: eggs, milk, non-perishables, bread, turkeys, American cheese, stuffing, baby pull-ups in all sizes, soap, shampoo, paper goods, toilet paper, aluminum foil, to-go plates so people can deliver food, trash bags, water, coats, blankets, and unused pillows. Send or drop off to Church of Visitation, 755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723.
- Monmouth County needs help: on Monday, 11/6, Entrepreneurial Think Tank for Moms will accept donations for: bottled water, new clothing, personal hygiene items, diapers, wipes, formula. Send to Entrepreneurial Think Tank for Moms, 800 W Main Street, Suite 102, Freehold NJ 07728.
- Hoboken High School needs blankets, baby supplies, canned food. Send or drop off: 800 Clinton Street, Hoboken NJ 07030
- The following supplies can be sent or dropped off at Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738. They will then be given to 3 distro centers in Hazlet, Wall, and Oceanport: dish and laundry detergent, bleach, disinfectant, wipes, mops, brooms, sponges, buckets, rakes, shovels, rubber gloves, work gloves, hand sanitizer, heavy duty trash bags.
- The East Freehold Fire Company will collect the following items starting at 9am on Sunday, 11/4. Address: 191 Dutch Lane Road, Freehold, NJ 07728. Needed: general toiletries, canned food, snacks, t-shirts, socks. Then they've asked for baked goods and home cooked meals for their emergency services staff who have been working around the clock
- Toms River North High School needs flashlights and batteries. Address: 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River NJ 08753.
- Toms River needs volunteers. Call 732-349-1550 at The Church of Grace and Peace for more info.

**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](mailto: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**

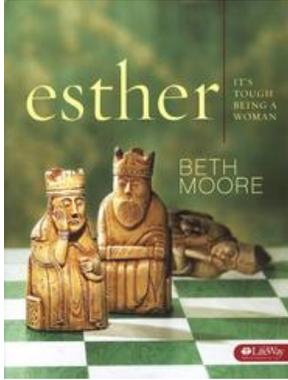
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**Birthdays:** Dennis - 11/1, Maribel - 6/22, Lucas - 9/22, Benji - 8/21

## Tuesday Women's Bible Study Continues—All Can Join!



### Study of Esther to begin November 13th!

This Study is for 10 weeks, Tuesdays from 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes

Join Beth Moore in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. She peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. See Pastor Courtney for more information. Study Guides are \$16.00.

## Church Ladies

The Church Ladies meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. The women take turns hosting the meeting at their homes. All women are welcome to join them for a time of fellowship, friendship, and service to our church and the community. Talk to Joan Mallison for more information.

**Next meeting: November 14th (second Wednesday due to Thanksgiving), 1:00 PM at the home of Joyce Connelly.** Topics to be discussed are Shinto and Hinduism, and the results of the collections for Operation Christmas Child.

**Save the date:** The Church Ladies plan to go to see the Newark Boys Chorus in Manasquan on December 12th at 10:00AM with lunch to follow. Please let Joan Mallison know if you are interested ASAP!

### **Adult Study: Praying God's Way from Deepening Life Together to meet at the same time as Family Night at Jackson United Methodist Church (68 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ)**

*Thursdays from 6:15-7:30 pm*

Pastor Courtney and Joe Tiedemann will co-lead this adult study on prayer for five sessions (October 4, 11, 18 and November 1, and 8).

Summary: Go deeper: In the Word. In your faith. In your life. If God knows our thoughts, why should we pray? What is the proper way to pray? Will God really answer all of our prayers? What if it doesn't seem like he's listen-ing? Deepening Life Together helps answer these questions and many more. Each session guides you through the Scriptures, cultivating a dynamic group discussion and helping you grow in a deeper relationship with God and others. Study Guides are \$9.00 Please let Pastor Courtney know if you plan to attend.

(There is a wonderful speaker and learning opportunity for participants to attend on November 15 at an offsite location - details will be shared during the study.)



## Come Celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 18, 2012

Join us as we commit our pledges of time, talent and financial support for 2013 and as we each recognize Christ's role as the Cornerstone for our church that is a "building in progress."

A special celebration will take place directly after worship and all are invited to stay, eat a delicious meal, and enjoy fellowship. The meal is being catered and served by our interns and our pastor for Cornerstone Members and Friends.

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Ephesians 2:19-22*

*"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10*

## Special Music for Stewardship Sunday!

We are blessed to have very special music in worship on Sunday, November 18 at our Commitment Sunday/Stewardship Sunday worship! Frank Genus and Kimberly Genus (the husband and daughter of our intern Kathy Genus) are accomplished musicians and they will be leading us in Special Music throughout the service.



Kimberly Genus is the General Music Teacher at Tinton Falls Middle School and Studied Music Education at Westminster Choir College.

Frank's band is a Christian band called MJM Praise.



## Financial Report for October

- Tithes/offerings = \$6152  
(Weekly: 10/7 = \$898, 10/14 = \$1529, 10/21 = \$1529, 10/28 = \$2196)\*
- Per Capita offering = \$35
- Foundation Fund = \$0
- Gifts from other churches = \$2500 (Presbyterian Church of Toms River)
- Special Offerings = \$325 (Deacon's Fund)
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

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

## Increased Pledges and Opportunities for Giving

Each week in worship we are sharing our thanks and challenges to pledge and give generously. In spite of the economy, God has blessed us at Cornerstone. How do we say thanks? We offer up our weekly tithes and offerings as we are able. Commitment is vital for the future of Cornerstone. We need your regular support of our ministry. During November, prayerfully consider what you can financially pledge to our ministry. Please plan on making your pledge on Commitment Sunday, Nov. 18. Jesus tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive...let us give cheerfully a portion of all that we have received!

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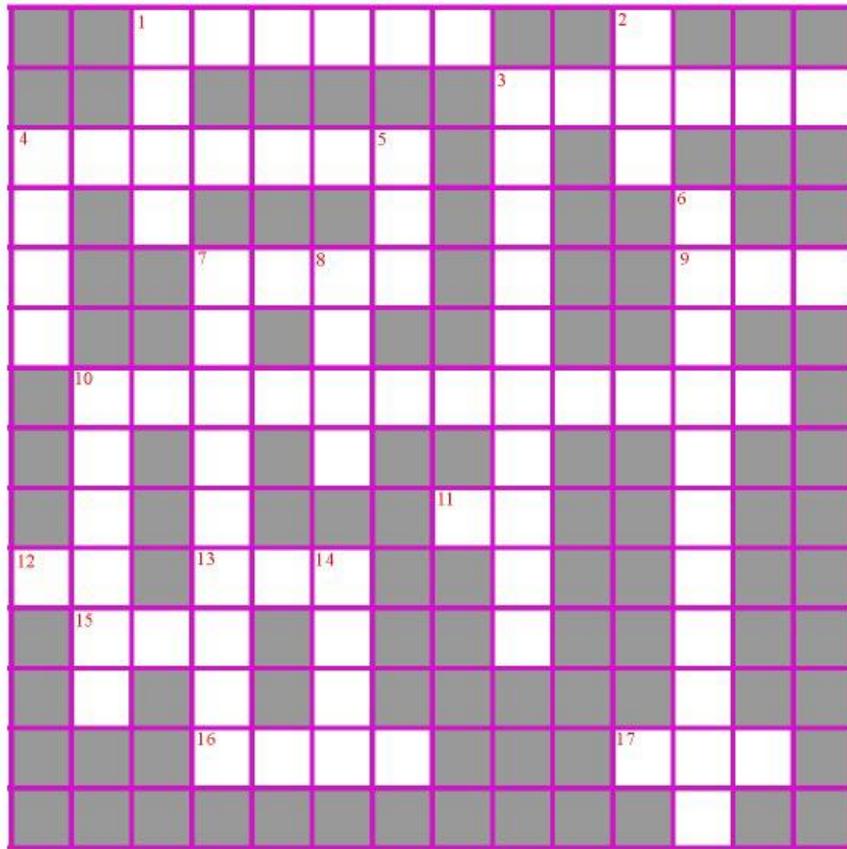
## Per Capita

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, Tina Kas, Okoro Okparaeke, and Denise Mudalel).



Thanksgiving Traditions



Across

- 1 What a mum is
- 3 How we talk to God
- 4 One of the first group of people to celebrate Thanksgiving
- 7 Vegetable of the harvest
- 9 Topper
- 10 Holiday of this puzzle
- 11 Opposite of down
- 12 Like yes
- 13 What you do to thanksgiving dinner
- 15 What you listen with or what 7 across grows on
- 16 Sweet potatoe's other name
- 17 Mo. of this holiday

Down

- 1 Season of Thanks
- 2 What horses eat or what you might ride on in autumn
- 3 Popular dessert on this day
- 4 Odd shaped fruit
- 5 Adam
- 6 Purpose of this day
- 7 Fruit of the day
- 8 Leaf sweeper
- 10 Bird of the day
- 14 A group working together



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## 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.*

### **Donna Rosato**

732-276-6805

Notary Public

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

### **John Rosato**

732-806-7647

Things Done for You, LLC  
Home Repairs and Property Maintenance  
Licensed and Insured

### ***List your business here!***

*Do you have a skill or talent that could benefit our members?  
Talk to Elizabeth Hughes to put your ad  
**HERE.***

### **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](mailto:sweetlady_16508@yahoo.com) or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

### **Meg Milligan**

732-928-8117

[www.clowningbymac.com](http://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.

# November 2012 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! "Fall Back" one hour! "Trunk or Treat" at DeBows 6:00 PM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Blue Jean Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Stewardship Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Communion Served during Worship	26	27	28	29	30	

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[Choir](#) Rehearsal 7 PM  
Family Night at JUMC  
6:15-7:30 PM

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Joint Session/Deacon  
Meeting 7 PM

13  
20  
27  
[Women's Bible Study](#)  
10:30 am  
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8  
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

29  
[Choir](#) Rehearsal 7 PM

[Children's Ministry](#)  
Sleepover at DeBows  
Nov 30 6:00 PM — Dec 1 8:30 AM