



**Cornerstone Connection**

**August 2014**

*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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Courtney Miner

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**A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

I was recently reminded of the significance of 1440. Do you know what "1440" stands for? It's not a year in the calendar; it is the number of minutes in one day! (60 minutes x 24 hours = 1440) Those 1440 minutes seem to go by awfully fast most of the time. So how have you been spending those minutes each day this summer?

Time management is a discipline that can slip easily away from us if we are not careful. Many people if they manage time successfully can accomplish tasks they set out to do. However if they let time get away without managing it properly, they can become frustrated and behind.

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he wrote, "ACT LIKE PEOPLE WITH GOOD SENSE AND NOT LIKE FOOLS. THESE ARE EVIL TIMES, SO MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT." (Eph. 5:15, 16)

A commentator and Greek scholar, Kenneth Wuest, says that Paul in this passage refers to time in its "STRATEGIC, OPPORTUNE SEASONS" and he means to emphasize how important it is to "MAKE WISE AND SACRED USE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING GOOD."

We want to make the most of the days given us yet; we also find ourselves needing time for rest and relaxation. We also find that we need time for relationship building, time for prayer, and time for reading and reflection. So using our time wisely and productively is mandatory if we seek to have a fulfilled life.

In The Daily Word, David McCasland tells about a newspaper ad showing 3 people waiting for a city bus. Two of them were bored and listless, while the third was happily playing a game on a small electronic device. The caption said, "DO SOMETHNG WITH YOUR NOTHING."

The idea was to sell people on the portable device so they could use all those segments of "wasted time." Long waiting times i.e. traffic jams, doctor's offices, attending popular events, etc. usually leave us frustrated, angry and irritated. So why not use these times for productive purposes. How about reading a good book, memorizing a key Bible verse, praying for a friend or planning a meaningful or fun activity.

As we look to the fall season in our church, I invite each of us to take a look at our "involvement" in the ministry of Cornerstone. Are there places, events or activities in our church life together that can benefit from your talents or skills? Do you worship with us regularly yet, do very little beyond that hour or so on Sunday? Do you see places where our church can grow but needs some "creative ideas" or some "helping hands?" Think about this and let's get our whole congregation involved in some new and exciting ministries.

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

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

# Cornerstone Community



- Constantine Osiakwan, 8/2
- Kellie Pushko, 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 Fritzing, 8/18
- Jason Smith, 8/19
- Becky Mamola, 8/21
- Russ Jones, 8/24



- 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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God has given us 1440 minutes every 24 hours. How can we use them to glorify God and grow our church family? Let's anticipate a joyous and productive fall season proclaiming the saving and renewing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with me for open doors to new adventures of service and blessing.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Courtney



*Please pray for:*

- Sharron Smith's stepfather who is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack
- James Hughes's mother Mary who is in Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center being treated for ovarian cancer

*Continued prayers for:*

- Joan Mallison undergoing cancer treatments
- Tina Kas's friends: Sharon Anderson being treated for rectal cancer, and Joey Weikel diagnosed with leukemia
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold
- Bev Kaiser receiving physical therapy at home
- Our troops around the world and their families

## ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

## BOARD OF DEACONS

2014 Dominique Robert  
Bruce Thompson  
Kellie Pushko  
Todd Moyer

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Sueli Paes de Barros

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Wendy Barone  
Gail Carlson  
David LaCross

Laurie Wegner

2016 Tina Kas  
Patti Miller  
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**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)



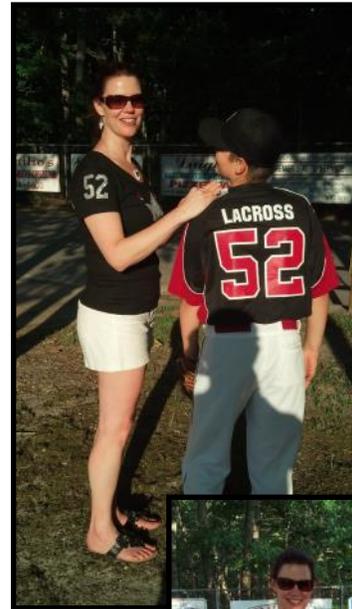
Congratulations to **Joan Mitchell** after her granddaughter Melissa gave birth to a baby boy named Declan on July 11th! Mother and baby are doing great!



Congratulations to **Devin LaCross**, whose All Star baseball team won 3rd place in their tournament.

Devin chose the number 52 to honor his Grandfather. This number was his Racing number when he was a Champion Stock Car racer at Wall Stadium.

Way to go, Devin!



**Building Committee Update!!**



This is a very exciting time for Cornerstone! Our Building Committee has obtained a copy of the lease for the church on Harmony Road after it was signed by the mayor, and Bruce Thompson has picked up a key for the

building! Bruce will be spending some time during 10 AM worship on August 3rd to talk about the lease of the church, renovations, and plans for the future. Come and hear all about it! We are tentatively planning an "open house" after worship on August 10<sup>th</sup> (more details to follow).

Our thanks to Bruce Thompson and the Building Committee for their diligence and hard work. Please pray for Cornerstone, the Building Committee and our leadership as we look forward to the future, trusting that God works all things together for good with those who serve Him. Halleluiah!



**We are invited to attend a bus trip with Jackson United Methodist Church to see Moses at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Bus will leave JUMC at 11:00 AM and return at 9:00 PM, cost is \$75 for adults, \$54 for teens, and \$44 for children. The deadline for payment has been extended until August 14th, but please let Pastor Courtney know ASAP if you are interested in this trip, or contact Georgia/Charlie from JUMC: 609-758-2396.

Mayor Michael Reina - The Jackson Township Recycling and Clean Communities Program Presents:

**IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME**



**Jackson Day 2014**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2014  
RAINDATE 9/7/14  
 12 NOON - 8PM  
 JOHNSON PARK

**Volunteer Needed to Chair Committee**

**RIDES! GAMES! ENTERTAINMENT!**  
 ~ FOOD ~ PRIZES ~  
 GIVEAWAYS ~ INFORMATION  
**FIREWORKS!**



We plan to have a Cornerstone table at Jackson Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for community outreach, and to raise funds through the sale of baked potatoes. We also need someone who can provide a generator so that we can serve hot potatoes. Please talk to Pastor Courtney if you can help coordinate this important effort!

**August Services:**

**August 3:** Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 7 – Sarah

**August 10: Blue Jean Sunday,** Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 8 – Joseph.

**August 17:** Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 9 – Rahab.

**August 24: VBS Celebration!**

**August 31:** Pastor Courtney preaches "Lemons and Lemonade," Communion will be served.

**Summer Sermon Series**



**June 22—August 17, 2014**

Without water, everything eventually dies. Similar to water, faith in Christ too adds a critical element for life. However, the word faith can mean a hundred different things to as many people. Join us beginning June 22 for our summer sermon series when we will explore faith as an essential component of walking with God as illustrated and demonstrated by the lives in Hebrews 11 - a gallery of real men and women who lived and died trusting and committing themselves to God and His promises.



**Summer Activities with Cornerstone Youth Ministry**

Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. Talk to Wendy Barone or Pastor Courtney for more information on any of these activities:



**Sunday, August 3:** Neighborhood canvassing for food pantries after worship

**Monday, August 4:** Delivery to food pantries 3 PM

**Wednesday, August 6:** Go on rides at Six Flags Great Adventure, 3:30-10:15 PM.

**Monday-Friday, August 18-22:** Vacation Bible School (Pool Party at the Moyers after VBS on Thursday 8/21 at 1:00 PM)

**Tuesday, August 26:** Beach Trip

*Stay tuned for details on a trip to Hurricane Harbor to be planned in August!*

**YOUTH Games & Gospel  
on July 14th**





Thank you letter from Ronald McDonald House after the Youth made dinner for the residents on June 20th!

# Ronald McDonald House

Long Branch & New Brunswick

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June 27, 2014

Pastor Courtney Cromie  
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church  
35 South Hope Chapel Road P.O Box 140  
Jackson, NJ 08527

Dear Caring Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank you for taking time to create a delicious meal for our families on June 20, 2014. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to you.

For over 25 years, the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch has been assisting families during a time of unimaginable stress and uncertainty by providing a comfortable, safe, supportive environment with quick, easy access to the hospital 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. We understand that children need more than excellent medical care; they need their family close by for comfort and support. We help children heal by helping their family stay strong.

Our "caring cook" program enables families to come home to the House after a long day at the hospital or work to enjoy good food, connect with others, and share their feelings and concerns. By making dinner (and adequate leftovers) you've provided a much-needed meal for worried moms, dads, and siblings who are often so busy they forget to eat. Coming home to a meal provided by caring individuals truly makes a difference.

The meal made with love was eagerly received at "the House that Love Built." Thank you for making our families' day a little more appetizing.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Katy Matarese  
House Manager

Please consider this letter official receipt of your tax deductible contribution. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. Our federal tax identification number is 222-715-544. This organization is a 501c (3) tax exempt organization, IRS Section 170(b) (2) (iii) for both federal and state tax purposes.

## CORNERSTONE VBS 2014

Don't forget to register for Cornerstone's Vacation Bible School!

August 18-22, 2014 at Jackson United Methodist Church

10:00 AM – 12:15 PM (breakfast served at 9:30 AM each day!)

Register your child or your youth (up to and including Middle School) at:

[www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cornerstonejackson14](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cornerstonejackson14)

Adult or high school volunteers can also register online!

POOL PARTY  
after VBS on Thursday,  
8/21 at the Moyer's!  
1:00 PM

Join the zoo crew!  
Register to be a part of  
Weird Animals VBS!  
To register, click [HERE](#),  
or visit [https://  
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/  
cornerstonejackson14](https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cornerstonejackson14)  
Cost for the week is \$12 per  
child for members, and \$15 for  
nonmembers.



### Summer Sunday School

**Volunteers are needed** to lead our children entering 4th grade and younger in Summer Sunday School in August and September. This involves reading Bible stories and verses, playing games, and making simple crafts during the sermon. There will be a Youth assistant and a simple curriculum - no advance preparation required! Regular Sunday School will resume in October. Please contact Kristen DiGirolamo if you can help. Thank you!!



**The Summer Praise Team “Sparrows Singing” rehearses on Thursday evenings at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:15 PM and before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.**

This is an informal group for anyone, Middle School through retirement and beyond, who would like to sing on Sunday morning during the summer months. Think about trying something new – your voice in a choir. Very low-keyed and enjoyable! If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by one Thursday evening or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).

**“Children in Song”**

We have added a special time in our service during the summer where the children will come forward and learn a short Christian Bible song, led by Pastor Courtney, Kristen DiGirolamo and Susan Rovira. Please encourage your child to participate—it promises to be fun and meaningful!





## Cornerstone Missions Committee

The Missions Committee plans monthly service projects for Cornerstone. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, speak to Committee Chair, Elder Wendy Barone.

### FOOD COLLECTION in CHURCH August 3rd



The Youth Group is taking up a collection for the Jackson Food Pantry and DeBows Food Pantry. Church members and friends can help by donating food items (see list below – significant need is for **peanut butter & jelly** and **macaroni & cheese**). Please bring donated items to church on Sunday, August 3rd. THANK YOU!

#### Canned Goods

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Applesauce
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Beef Stew
- Chili
- Manwich
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna/Chicken/Spam
- Canned Pasta's
- Pasta Sauces
- Gravy
- Tomatoes – All kinds

#### Pasta, Rice & Side Dishes

- Pastas
- Rice
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix

#### Breakfast Foods

- Cereals – Hot and Cold
- Powered Milk
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Pop Tarts

#### Baby Items

- Diapers - Newborn to size 6
- Baby Wipes
- Pediasure
- Baby Food

#### Drinks

- 100% Fruit Drinks
- Juice Boxes
- Bottled Water
- Ensure/Boost
- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate
- Tea

#### Health & Beauty Aids

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Bath Soap
- Sanitary Products
- Incontinence Products

#### Paper Products

- Toilet Paper (individually wrapped)
- Paper Towels

#### Condiments

- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Ketchup

#### Miscellaneous

- Laundry Supplies
- Snack Foods
- Cleaning supplies

**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

#### Dennis and Maribel Smith—Missionary Workers in Argentina

Emails: [dennis.smith@pcusa.org](mailto:dennis.smith@pcusa.org), [maribel.smith@pcusa.org](mailto:maribel.smith@pcusa.org)

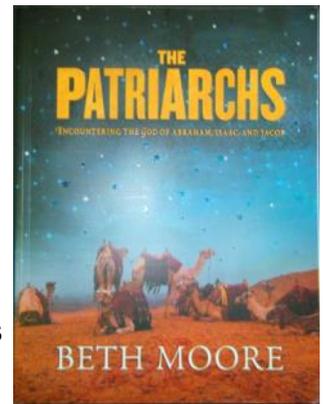
Pcusa website: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/smith-dennis-and-maribel/>

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

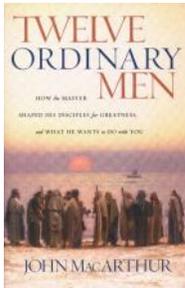
Birthdays: Dennis - 11/1, Maribel - 6/22, Lucas - 9/22, Benji - 8/21

## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Resuming September 9th! All Women Welcome!

The Women's Bible Study is led by Pastor Courtney at the home of Elizabeth Hughes from 10:30 AM—12:15 PM. The women are starting a DVD study on September 9th called ***The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob***, by Beth Moore, a 10-week women's Bible study of Genesis 12-50. Discover God's pursuit of a relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery this Bible study keeps participants captivated by the God who stars in it! Explore concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today. Group members will also study the Hebrew names of God introduced on the early pages of Scripture.



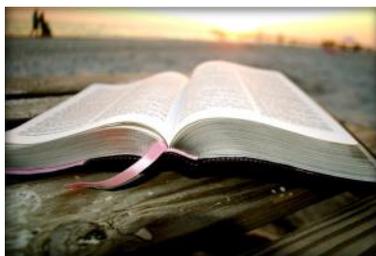
### ADULT BOOK STUDY—Resuming on Monday, September 8th



The Adult Book Study will resume on September 8th, meeting on Mondays and continuing their study of the book ***Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You,*** by John MacArthur.

This group meets at 6:30 PM at the home of Bob & Laurie Wegner. All adults are encouraged and welcome! Description: Contrary to popular belief, we do not have to be perfect to do God's work. Look no further than the twelve disciples whose many weaknesses are forever preserved throughout the pages of the New Testament. Jesus chose ordinary men - fisherman, tax collectors, political zealots - and turned their weakness into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness. MacArthur draws principles from Christ's careful, hands-on training of the original twelve disciples for today's modern disciple - you.

### BEACH BIBLE STUDY IN OCEAN GROVE—August 5th



There's one meeting left for Reverend David Cotton's Beach Bible Study, on the beach in Ocean Grove, just south of the Beach Office at Embury Avenue, from 7-8 PM on 8/5.

## Financial Report for July



- Total Offerings\* = \$5627  
(Weekly: 7/6=\$1513, 7/13=\$1457, 7/20=\$1546, 7/27=\$1111)
- Per Capita offering = \$0
- Foundation Fund = \$50 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$350 (in memory of Betty O'Brien)
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

\* Our 2014 budget includes \$2105 per week in offerings. Please prayerfully consider your offering each week.

### Per Capita for 2014 is \$35.20 per member for Monmouth Presbytery

Please pray about supporting the Per Capita contribution of \$35.20 per member. Some members cannot afford to give their portion, so consider donating more to help cover others who cannot afford to do so. Designate in an envelope or on a check that the money should go towards Per Capita. Thank you, in advance, for your contribution

In theory, per capita covers the ecclesiastical expenses of the denomination—judicial, legislative, and related functions of the Church. This means the organizational costs of administering the church's government as opposed to "mission" expenditures. In practice, it is hard to draw a precise distinction between administration and mission. The custom of identifying funds for administrative costs has been one way governing bodies monitors such expenditures and is honest with God's people about them.

What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita?

"Each governing body above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. The presbyteries shall be responsible for raising their own per capita funds and for timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. The presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions of the churches within their bounds." (G-9.0404 d.)

Is Per Capita payment a requirement of Churches or of individuals?

Different denominations have different ways of collecting revenue. Some receive a "head tax" of as much as \$50 per member. Others receive a certain percentage of a congregation's receipts (up to 25%).

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), per capita is not a tax or an assessment that imposes financial obligation. Rather, it is a religious and moral commitment made by individuals and particular churches. It establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church as the Body of Christ.

Many churches include per capita for each member in their operating budget. Some churches encourage each member to contribute per capita beyond regular giving.

The Presbytery receives all per capita contributions. It retains Presbytery per capita for its own needs, and sends Synod and General Assembly per capita to these respective governing bodies.

**Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Dominique Robert, Tina Kas, 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.*

### **Donna Rosato**

732-276-6805

Notary Public

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

### **John Rosato**

732-806-7647

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

### **Meg Milligan**

732-928-8117

[www.clowningbymac.com](http://www.clowningbymac.com)  
Clowning by Macaroni Anne Cheeze  
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### **Qywnn Gross**

[qgross@hopecathedral.com](mailto:qgross@hopecathedral.com)

Framed customized prayers, 16x20", please contact Qywnn for more information!

### **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.*

# August 2014 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Youth Canvassing Neighborhoods for Food Pantry 12 PM	4 Youth Delivery to Food Pantries 3 PM	5 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	6 Youth Trip to Great Adventure 3:30 PM Session Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	8	9
10 Blue Jean Sunday	11	12	13 Session Meeting 7:20 PM	14 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					CORNERSTONE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 8/18-8/22, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM	
24 VBS Celebration in Worship!	25	26	27 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	28 VBS Pool Party 1:00 PM	29	30
31  Communion Served						