



# Cornerstone Connection

April 2016

*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

[www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children during worship)

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**Nursery Care:**

Sueli Paes de Barros

## A Message from Pastor Tory

What a glorious Easter we celebrated at Cornerstone! There were so many of us gathered that your voices sounded like a chorus of angels when you sang Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Granted that is with the ears of a pastor overwhelmed with joy to have all of us together to celebrate victory over death through the saving love of our Savior Jesus. Why is it that there are some days in the calendar year when worship is an absolute priority and other days when we are distracted by our busy lives?

I remember an Easter when I was a child when it snowed. When the service was over the pastor was greeting at that back of the church. My grandmother went first, she was visiting with us for Easter and was a very faithful member of her church. Then came my dad, the pastor shook my dad's hand and in his booming voice he said, "Art, now I know why it snowed today. The Lord didn't know whether it was Christmas or Easter!". To which my dad laughed it up with the pastor and my grandmother looked like she wished the floor would just swallow her up.

Truth be told our lives our packed full with responsibilities and commitments. How easy it is to allow "life" live in the world to take over. Perhaps because we know that the one who will understand and forgive us most easily is God. Which is true, yet I believe we often neglect ourselves and miss out on something we need desperately to be our best self. God created us to be in communion with him and with his family. Church is God's gift to us, he invites us to worship him, to grow in our faith, and to feel his amazing presence in the scriptures read, the songs sung, the prayers lifted up as one voice, the friendship and fellowship discovered and yes even the message preached. During that one hour, God invites us to be nurtured and strengthen to face the week ahead. To guide and inspire us for the many ways we are called to serve him. When we remember all these wonderful gifts God so wants to share with us how can we resist, how can we not make time with our Lord a top priority? I pray that you will consider all God wants to give to you as you come to worship him. As you open your heart to God perhaps he will reveal a friend or neighbor who is being pulled in a thousand directions too and needs to be re-charged, maybe today is the day to invite them to come to Cornerstone with you.

In April our preaching will focus first on the sightings of our resurrected Lord and his message to you and me. Then we will begin our series "Stepping Stones of Faith" which will continue into May. We will look at the "Stepping Stones of Faith" laid out before us by Jesus disciples then and now. How easy it is to lose our way, yet there are faithful throughout the ages whose story helps us to discern a pathway to a deeper relationship with our great God.

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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



Michele Welch, 4/3  
 Bob Wegner, 4/4  
 Ian Rosato, 4/4  
 Nancy Foster, 4/9  
 Seraphim Osiakwan, 4/14  
 Maggie Varrelmann, 4/18  
 Betty Corio, 4/20  
 Kathie Hekl, 4/22  
 Vikki Leach, 4/24  
 Sara Miller, 4/24  
 Malachi Hekl, 4/26



Ryan  
 Pushko, 4/30

Michele & Chuck Calhoun, 4/10

## 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.

**The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.** The purpose is to hear the report of the Building Committee and vote on approval of a loan from the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program (PILP) to Monmouth Presbytery and then to Cornerstone to provide adequate funds to finish the renovation of the Harmony Road church as well as funds needed to rezone the property on Route 571 from 3 acre zoning to 1 acre.

## ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

2016 Tina Kas  
 Patti Miller  
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)  
 Bob Wegner

2017 Vikki Leach  
 Todd Moyer  
 Kellie Pushko  
 Ray Schleckser

2018 Bruce Thompson  
 Gail Carlson  
 Laura Stone  
 David LaCross

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Betty Thompson  
 Barbara Dougherty

Lisa Capurso  
 Wendy Barone

Allyson Moyer  
 Elizabeth Hughes

## Please pray for:

- Bev Kaiser who is in Kimball Hospital with pneumonia
- Laura Tunis recovering from surgery last month
- Ray Schleckser having another back surgery in May
- Bruce Thompson who will be having knee replacement surgery this month

## Continued prayers for:

- Bubba Smith recovering at home from back surgery
- The Wegner family as they go through a difficult time
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Cornerstone as we continue our renovations at the church on Harmony Road
- Our troops around the world and their families



**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)



## New Members Class

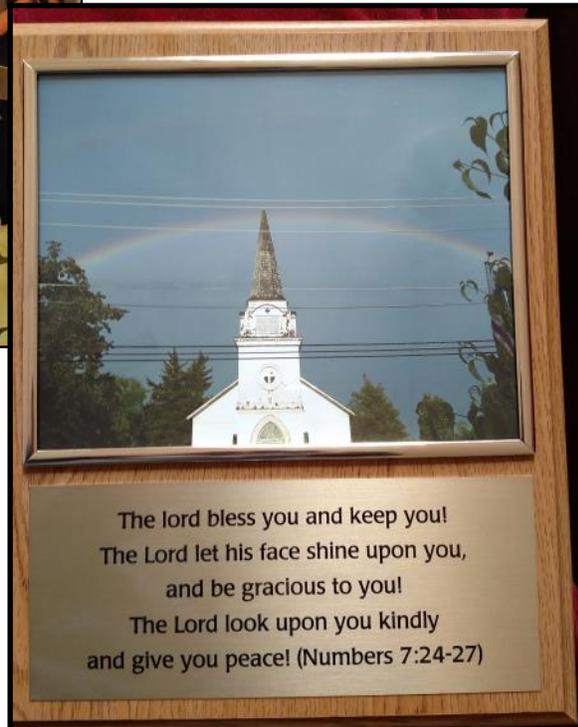
**Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Nancy and Jim Foster's Home**

If you are interested in joining our family of faith, we are excited to invite you to join us at the Foster's home. We will meet together to answer questions you may have about Cornerstone and explore the ways you can become involved in the life of our church. Rev. Tory Pruner will lead us in a time discussion on "Faith Journeys". The New Members Class will then meet with the Session for their second class on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> following worship in the Music Room.

This is indeed a very wonderful time to become a part of the church as we prepare to move to our new building on Harmony Road. After many years of waiting, finally our church family will have a home. You can be a part of this historical moment in Cornerstone's life. If you would like to be a part of the class, contact Rev. Tory Pruner at 732-691-5825 or Elizabeth Hughes at 732-580-3137.



Congratulations to **Marissa Rosato** for her performance as Cinderella's mother in Jackson Memorial High School's production of *Into the Woods*!



This plaque was given to Cornerstone from a man named David who lives across the street from the church on Harmony Road!

# Deacon's Brunch March 6th



What an awesome day we had at the Capurso's home after worship on March 6th! After sharing food and fellowship, Pastor Tory led a brainstorming session where we discussed our vision for Cornerstone's future.



A gift of diapers and wipes were given to Pastor Tory for her new grandson Landon!

**WORK DAY AT HARMONY ROAD**

**Saturday, April 9th at Noon**



We are excited to get back to work restoring our new home at the church on Harmony Road! Please see Bruce Thompson if you can help or have any questions!

Work to be done:

- 1) Install all remaining storm windows
- 2) Repair the pews that need to be reconnected.
- 3) If possible install a hand rail at the steps to the altar.
- 4) Reinstall lamps on the front and rear walls.
- 5) Continue to clean out trailer.
- 6) Paint and scrape window frames as needed and available; also touch up vestibule.
- 7) Install mirror in rest room.
- 8) Replace bad battery in emergency light fixture.
- 9) Evaluate necessary landscaping.
- 10) Mark off area for tree removal for parking lot.

**Jackson Street Cleanup 4/9**



Our church will once again participate in a Jackson Road Cleanup on April 9<sup>th</sup>! We will have 2 teams pick up garbage and recyclables on 2 assigned Jackson roads. In addition to providing a service to our town, we will earn \$500 for the church! We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Jackson Senior Center. With enough volunteers, it usually takes no more than one hour. Youth ages 10+ are encouraged to participate! If you can help, please sign up in church or contact Allyson Moyer.

**Fundraiser/Special Offering Updates**

The following donations were received in recent fundraising efforts and for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on Palm Sunday and Easter. Thanks to all for your generous contributions!

**December Poinsettia Sale: \$233.28**

**Easter Building Fundraiser: \$829**

**One Great Hour of Sharing: \$147**

**Per Capita is Ongoing....**

As members of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church we are also members of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each member is asked to give \$36.00 to the Per Capita offering. Our Per Capita Offering helps with many of the ministries and missions of PC(USA). One of the exciting ways our offering makes a difference is by connecting ecumenically with other churches to make mission a possibility in regions of the world where otherwise it would be impossible. Together we are able to reach areas in most need of God's love and our resources.

Our Per Capita Offering also supports the process for those preparing for ministry to be evaluated. Each person sensing a call to ministry is required to follow a path of study, reflection and examination. The preparation, administration, and grading of this standard ordination examinations is a vital way our per capita supports the local church. The ordination examination insures that each minister is prepared and ready to receive a call to a church.

We do encourage you to make your Per Capita Offering as soon as possible. Even if it is necessary to break it up over the course of the year. What offering is not given by our members must be covered by Cornerstone's general offerings. Please prayerfully consider connecting with Presbyterians around the country to support God's work!

**WORSHIP**

*Palm Sunday*



**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 Donna Ridge from DeBows and Elizabeth Hughes from Cornerstone. A fun evening of Christian fellowship through bible lessons, crafts, games, snacks, and occasional field trips.

Upcoming lessons will be on the Fruit of the Spirit and Easter.



**Upcoming Meetings for Spring:**

- **Thursday, April 14: Fruit of the Spirit—Goodness & Faithfulness**
- **Thursday, April 28: No Meeting**
- **Thursday, May 12: Fruit of the Spirit—Gentleness & Self-Control**

**May/June: Make a meal at Ronald McDonald House & Pool Party! Dates TBD.**



**Cornerstone Youth Group is for kids in Middle School and High School!** Our thanks to Allyson Moyer for volunteering to coordinate Youth activities—please contact her with any questions.



**9th Saturday**

**9:30 AM Jackson Clean Communities Day – Jackson Sr. Center**



CALLING ALL YOUTH – this is a great way to earn your community service hours and raise \$500 for our church. Cornerstone will be cleaning up two roads in Jackson. Meet at the Jackson Sr. Center at 9:30 am for a light breakfast and to receive our road assignments and items to clean up the roads. Jackson provides thin rubber gloves, reflector vests and garbage bags. Bring gloves and bug/tick spray. This usually only takes an hour or two at the most.

**16th Saturday**

**9:30 AM Spring Gardening at Our New Church – Harmony Rd**



Let's get our new church grounds ready for our Grand Opening! We will do a spring clean-up and planting. We will hopefully work on a beautiful prayer garden that our Youth can help maintain. Bring gloves, leaf bags, shovels, water and any other items. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

**17th Sunday**

**12:30 PM Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood**



Cornerstone is committed to help the local families by serving hot meal the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Two youth and one adult are needed each month! Time commitment is less than 2 hours and you will definitely leave feeling fulfilled and blessed. Meet at 12:30 PM at All Saint Episcopal Church, Rt 9, Lakewood.

**21st Thursday**

**6:45 PM Beyond Youth Night at Keswick – Whiting, NJ**



Join many young teens from the area for a night of music and worship. This month is a special Music Celebration with *special guests "EXODUS" from Liberty University.* [Visit the website](#) for more information. This is an open event for all youth and cost only \$10. for our entire group to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VIP Water Walk on May 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event. Carpooling available. Friends are always welcome!**

***Suggestions and hosts/help for future activities are always welcome and appreciated!***

Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email [allymoyer@gmail.com](mailto:allymoyer@gmail.com)  
home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581



**Youth Night at Keswick**



**Volunteering at the All Saints Episcopal Soup Kitchen**

**Cornerstone Confirmation January—May 2016**



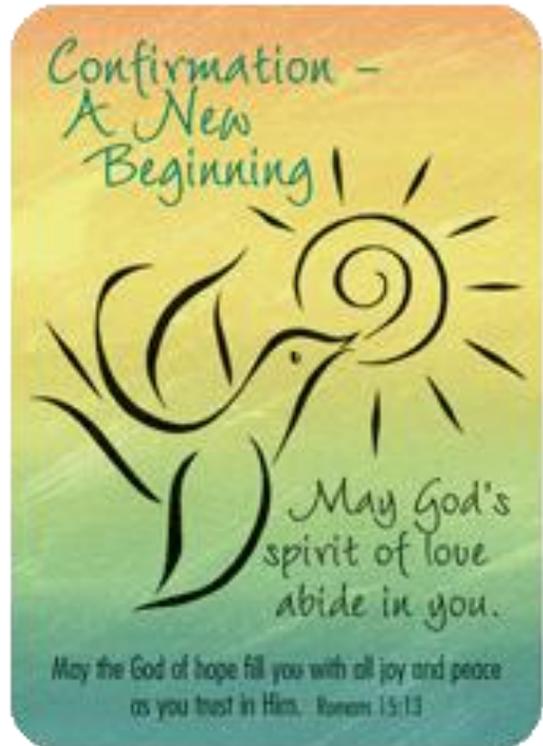
Cornerstone is very excited to be offering Confirmation to our youth in grades 7th grade and up! Classes began on January 31st, and will continue through May. This class is a time for youth to confirm the love that God has expressed for each of us in Jesus Christ. It is important that both the youth and the family are involved in this journey!

If a youth decides they are ready to join our church after the confirmation process, they will have an opportunity to join the church on Sunday, May 15th! Classes are taught by Pastor Tory with some assistance from adult mentors.

**CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**

**(classes at McAuliffe after worship unless otherwise noted)**

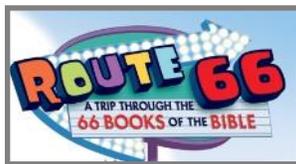
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> No Confirmation Class
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Developing a Rule of Life
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Statement of Faith Review  
**(Mentors should attend this meeting!)**
- April 24<sup>th</sup> No Confirmation Class – Submit final Statement of Faith to Elizabeth by April 27<sup>th</sup>
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Session Examination
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Confirmation!



Palm Sunday crafts and Easter Egg Hunt!



Sunday School for Kids!



The **K-6th Grade** class will continue their study of "Route 66: A Trip Through the 66 Books of the Bible." This curriculum is designed to take children on a life-changing journey through each of the 66 books of the Bible, introducing them to more of the wonders of the Word and the adventures that can be found in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Each week, Route 66 will introduce children to a different book or group of books in the Bible. They'll learn about the author, the time frame, the key people and the book's purpose, while creating a souvenir scrapbook that will serve as a way to remember all of the different stops and to celebrate the journey.

The **7th-12th Grade** class is continuing a new style of class focused on the NOOMA DVD series and discussion.

**Teachers:**

**Nursery:** Sueli Paes de Barros

**Elementary:** Kellie Pushko, Lisa Monday, Kathe Morrison & rotating teachers

**Middle & High School:** Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert

Make a  
*Joyful noise*  
Unto the Lord  
Psalm 100:1

**The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.**

Rehearsals are low key and fun! We are always looking for new members and hope that you will prayerfully consider joining this awesome group of singers. Singing is another way that we can pray. Think about trying something new – your voice in a choir. If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**VIP WATER WALK—Saturday, May 7**



villages in partnership



**Water Walk - "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes"**

The Village Water Walk event is designed to raise awareness of the need for access to safe water and the struggle to survive that our friends in Malawi, Africa face every day, and to raise funds for Villages in Partnership's efforts to provide life-changing, sustainable development projects that help alleviate those burdens.

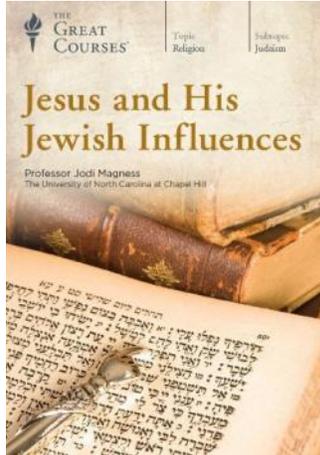
Cornerstone is once again forming a team to walk in this event. This year the walk will be held on a Saturday at Allentown Presbyterian Church starting at 4:00 PM. Our team will take shifts walking throughout the evening, with the event ending at 10 PM with a time of devotion. We are hoping to form a team of 10 people to walk and each raise \$200. Sponsor sheets will be available soon. Whether you can walk, or sponsor a walker, thank you for your support of this mission project! Please contact Dominique Robert or Elizabeth Hughes for more information!

**To sign up to be a member of "Team Harmony" or to sponsor our team, please visit this webpage:**

<https://goo.gl/faj5Gv>

## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study New Study Starting in April! All Women Welcome!

This group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12 at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. **On April 5th, the women will begin a new DVD study called "Jesus and His Jewish Influences."**



**Description:** For anyone interested in understanding the profound effect Jesus had on the world, it's important to realize that his actions and teachings didn't emerge from a vacuum. Rather, they were the product of a fascinating dialogue with—and reaction to—the traditions, cultures, and historical developments of ancient Jewish beliefs. In fact, early Judaism and Jesus are two subjects so inextricably linked that one cannot arrive at a true understanding of Jesus without understanding the time in which he lived and taught.

### *The Fifteen Funniest Church Bulletin Bloopers!*

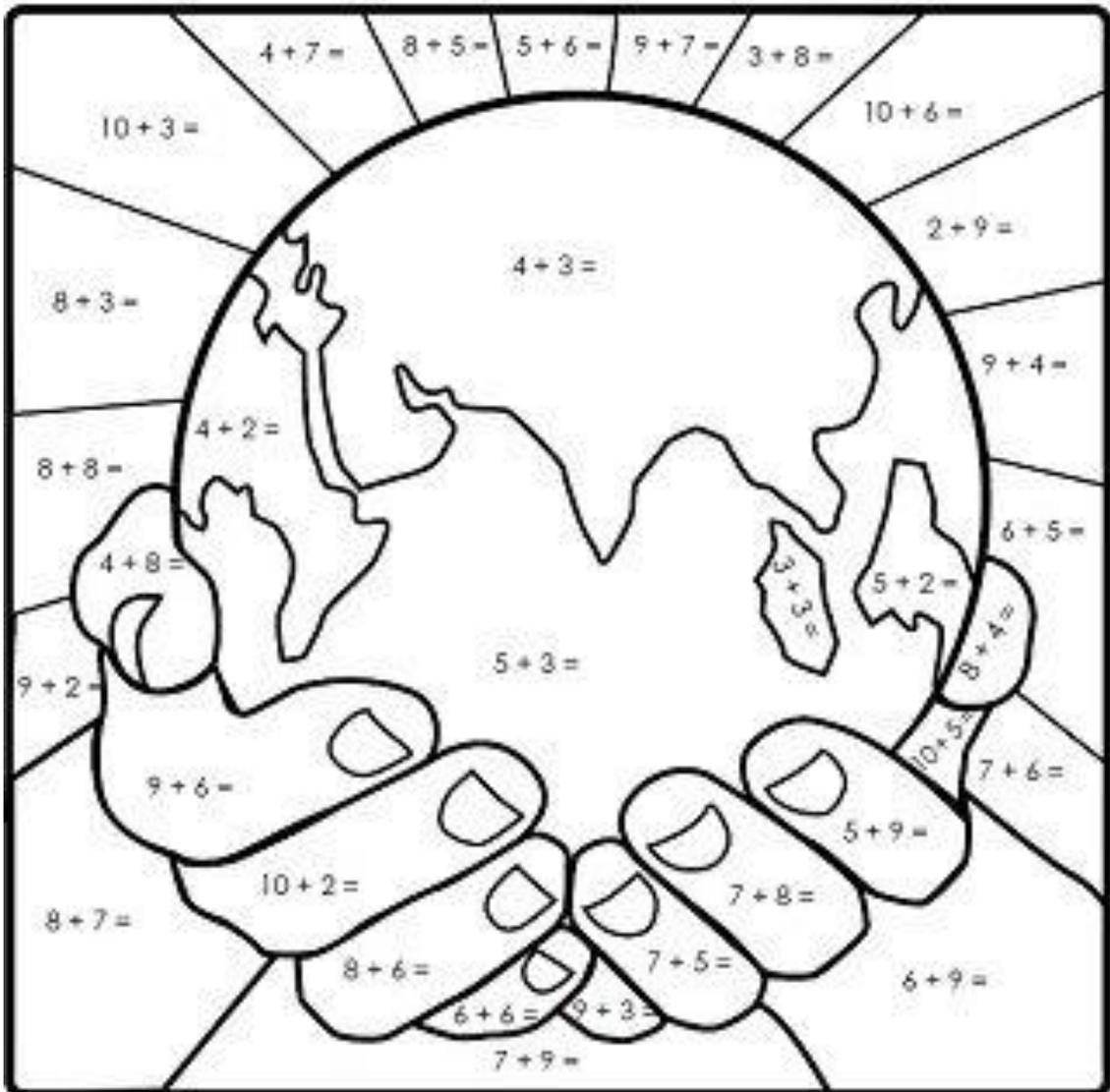
1. The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00. Please use the back door.
2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
3. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
4. Ushers will eat latecomers.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
6. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
7. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
8. Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to the church secretary.
9. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
10. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
11. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
12. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
13. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
14. Announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."
15. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

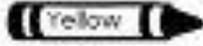
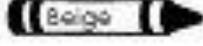
# Celebrate EARTH DAY APRIL 22

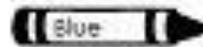
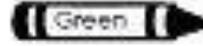
"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Genesis 1:31

Write the answer for each problem. Then, color according to the key at the bottom.



-  Orange 11
-  Yellow 16, 13
-  Beige 15, 14, 12

-  Blue 8
-  Green 6, 7



## 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

### 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.

### Qywnn Gross

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

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

# April 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	6	7	8	9 Jackson Street Cleanup 9:30 AM Harmony Work Day 12 PM
10 Deacons Meeting 11:15 AM	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	13 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM	15	16 Youth Spring Gardening at Harmony 9:30 AM
17 Youth Volunteers at Soup Kitchen 12:30 PM	18 New Member Class 7:00 PM	19 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	20	21 Youth Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	22	23
24	25	26 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	27	28	29	30