



## Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

### Cornerstone Connection

August 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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#### A Message from Pastor Tory

When August arrives the preparation for a new school year begins. Parents and children race to the stores for new clothes and school supplies. As hectic as it may become, parents hold on with hope because September is just around the corner. One of my favorite commercials that illustrates this is an older commercial put out by Staples. They have a parent racing through the store surrounded by their children and singing the Christmas song "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year". Although we don't really want to hurry our children off to school because we will miss them, yet we know they need to go so they can learn and grow. What is interesting to me is after close to 20 years of learning and growing, why is it we think we are finished learning? The truth is God is never finished teaching us and helping us to grow, yet we must be receptive.

Cornerstone is a great church and you are a warm and engaging family of faith. You watch over and care for each other. You overflow with enthusiasm and your faith in Christ is sure. However, all those gifts must be nourished. You may be "practically perfect" but God has even more in store for you. A growing edge I would say we have here at Cornerstone is that too few are willing to take the next step God is inviting them to take. Very few of you are able to carve out time for Bible Study, even though you wish you could. Once you leave worship, life so often swallows every minute. The other area that is a growing edge is service. Although so much service has occurred over the years to keep Cornerstone worshipping and finding a permanent home, there are still openings for the work and ministry we are about now and even more doors will open for volunteers when we move to Harmony Road. As you read this you might be asking what can I do?...I have no skills. Then others are already reviewing their schedules in their heads confirming that there is "no time" for one more thing. Yet, I believe that there is time, time to give to God to grow in your own a faith and/ or time to help someone else grow in their faith. Miraculously your schedule will open up in ways you can't imagine. I

*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 Okparaekwe, 8/11  
Sydney Morrow, 8/12  
Ann Sarti, 8/13  
Patti Miller, 8/16  
Jason Smith, 8/19  
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.

have found that when people give of themselves for the work of the Lord and intentionally work on strengthening their faith, the time spent doing their work and chores is cut down significantly because they are no longer dragging. They are renewed, the study and service has brought new perspective and they are ready to do all that God is calling them to do.

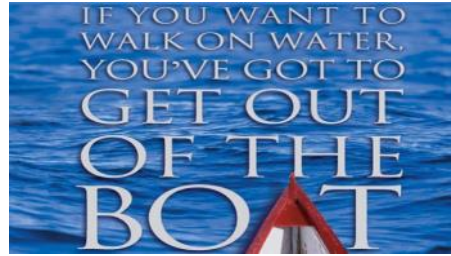
These are just a few ways you could begin/expand your service to God at Cornerstone:

- Teach one of our Sunday School classes – every week or every other week – we provide everything you need all you need is a heart for children
- Take time out to study God's word at one of our Bible studies, there are ongoing studies and short term studies...don't hesitate, jump in
- Share your gift of music – join the choir – meet with Susan about playing your instrument in our worship service, share that piece of music you love with the congregation
- Volunteer to drive when our youth are going out to serve in the soup kitchen or for one of their other event...you may even discover that we have great youth here at Cornerstone.
- Come help at one of our work days at Harmony Road – the next one is Aug.13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
- Prayerfully consider if you or someone you know is being called to serve as an Elder or Deacon
- Join our worship set up or take down team especially while we are still worshipping in the school
- Usher for worship

Finally, if you have a gift for electronics or another gift you think might enhance our ministry don't wait to be asked, talk with Rev. Tory Pruner.

In I Corinthians chapter 12, Paul explains the church perfectly. He said, "Just as the eye can not say to the hand I have no need for how could there be sight? The foot can not say to the ears we have no need of you, for where would be the hearing?" "The church is the body of Christ and each one of us are vital part. Together we can, with God's help, bring God's message of hope and share his amazing love. For his work to be done we need you! You are so important to the kingdom of God!

**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)



**See page 9 for a description of a new summer bible study starting on August 14th!**

*Please pray for:*

- Debbie LaCross and family after her 27-year-old nephew passed away from drug use
- Nancy Foster having gallbladder surgery
- Pastor Tory as she prepares for shoulder surgery
- Laura Tunis recovering from another blood clot surgery in her knee
- Danelle Horvath and her husband Emil as he battles stage 4 lung cancer



*Continued prayers for:*

- Katie Delaney having continued health issues with her stomach
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8214
- 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

**ELDERS ON OUR SESSION**

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

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

Betty Thompson  
Barbara Dougherty

2017 Vikki Leach  
Todd Moyer  
Kellie Pushko  
Ray Schleckser

Lisa Capurso  
Wendy Barone

2018 Bruce Thompson  
Gail Carlson  
Laura Stone  
David LaCross

Allyson Moyer  
Elizabeth Hughes



Congratulations to our former intern and good friend, **Anthony Maimone**, who is preparing for his Installation and Ordination Service at

the First Presbyterian Church of Tuckerton on October 2, 2016. Anthony has let us know that it would be a great honor to have folks from Cornerstone attend this service. All are welcome!



**Dave Carlson** was featured in a recent Meridian Fitness newsletter for his amazing progress—his doctor said it would take him 12 months to walk without a cane, but thanks to his hard work, he's done it in 5! Way to go, David!

**Mayor Michael Reina**

And the Jackson Township Clean Communities Program



**Presents Jackson Day 2016**



Cornerstone will once again have a table to raise funds and share the good news of Cornerstone in our community! Volunteers will be needed. Stay tuned for details!

**SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 10 – 11:00 A.M.**

**JOHN F. JOHNSON JR. MEMORIAL PARK**



## Work Day at Harmony Road August 13, 2016



We look forward to worship on August 7th when Bruce Thompson will give the congregation an update on the progress at Harmony Road!

In addition, there is a work day scheduled for Saturday, August 13th, starting at 9 AM. For all who are able to stay into the afternoon, a scrumptious lunch will be provided! ALL help is welcome—please come if you can!

A partial list of tasks for the day:

- 1) Finish painting interior of church (mostly trim)
- 2) Scrape excess paint off windows in added rooms
- 3) Install cove molding in restroom and storage room
- 4) Install railing at left front of church
- 5) Dig out beds for landscaping
- 6) Install storm windows on both sides of church
- 7) Extend downspout at left rear of church
- 8) Inspect, repair and clean pews as necessary
- 9) Clean restroom; install paper towels
- 10) Discuss mirror option in restroom
- 11) Set up storage area in basement as available.
- 12) Inspect storage shed at school
- 13) Remove gate at left rear of church and move to right, if possible
- 14) Repair side of bilco door entrance.
- 15) Paint black heating grates.



**Getting Ready!**



**We have started a Summer Shoebox Shipping Collection for Samaritan's Purse!** Each fall our

church participates in Operation Christmas Child, where we pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world. It costs \$7 to ship each box and our typical goal is to fill 100 boxes. To get a head start on collecting for this \$700 expense, **we will be collecting loose change throughout the summer months.** There is a shoebox on a back table on Sundays where we are collecting donations, or you can place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of this mission project!



Cornerstone can benefit from YOUR online Amazon purchases! From the website [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you simply select Cornerstone as your nonprofit of choice, and then shop as usual on Amazon! See Elizabeth Hughes with any questions.



## **Sunday School Break Over the Summer**

During the summer months, the children will stay in worship for the service, and we will have activities for them to do at a back table if they wish. One ongoing project will be for them to make items to include in the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Regular Sunday School will resume in October. Nursery care is available any time if needed.



## 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

The Children's Ministry will be taking a summer break and will resume meetings in September!



**Cornerstone Youth Group is for kids in Middle School and High School!** Stay tuned for upcoming events.



**SAVE THE DATE for the CROP WALK!**

**October 12, 2016**  
Presbyterian Church of  
Toms River

The Youth Group prepared a meal for the residents of Ronald McDonald House on July 18th, followed by pizza and ice cream in Long Branch!







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).



**Calling all Musicians!**

**We're looking for musicians and soloists to be a part of our summer worship services!** If you have a musical gift that you could share for a special musical piece or the offertory one Sunday, please contact Susan Rovira.



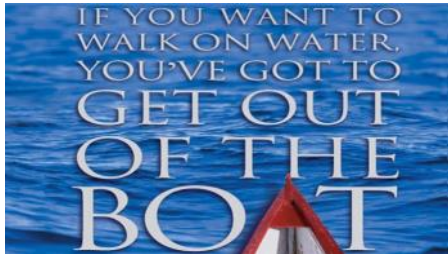


## New Summer Bible Study

**Sundays following worship, 11:15-12:30, beginning August 14**

We will enjoy a light lunch as we dive into this amazing Bible study by John Ortberg who is a Presbyterian minister and dynamic teacher. Our discussion time will be led by Rev. Tory Pruner. Everyone is welcome, even if you are unable to come for all six sessions.

### ***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*** A 6-Session Journey on Learning to Trust God



In this six-session small group Bible study, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat*, by John Ortberg, you'll learn how to move beyond fear to discover God's unique call.

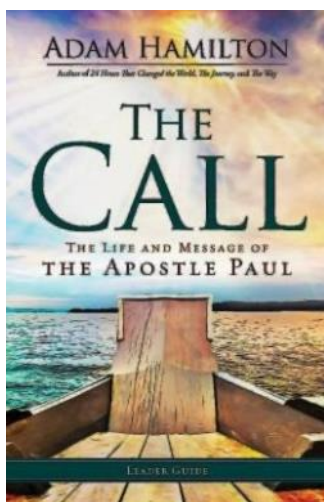
John Ortberg invites us to consider the incredible potential that awaits us outside our comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you and I in ways that will change us forever, deepening our character and our trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

This study would be excellent for you if you are facing a change that seems overwhelming. Perhaps you know it is time to move to a new job, but the "what ifs" are holding you back. Maybe you have been caught up in a challenge that seems insurmountable. A family crisis often comes without warning and fills us with doubt. Through this study we are reminded that Jesus hands are outstretched to lift us above the fray, helping us to "walk on water". He will empower us to conquer the challenges and storms of life with a deeper faith in the Lord.

The choice is yours to know him as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process. There's just one requirement: *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*, to discover God's calling for your life!

## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study All Women Welcome!

**The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September!**



The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is tentatively planning to study "The Call," a study on the Apostle Paul, starting in September. Stay tuned for details!

**Description:** Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.



## Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. John 21:12-13 (NIV)

Enter the missing vowels to complete the words from the Bible verse shown above.



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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**

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Notary Public

**John Rosato**

732-806-7647

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**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.*



# August 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 WORK DAY at Harmony Road 9 AM
14 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM Deacon's Meeting 11:15 AM	15	16	17 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	18	19	20
21 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM	29	30	31			