



Cornerstone Connection

June 2016

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children during worship)

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Sueli Paes de Barros

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A Message from Pastor Tory

Memorial Day Weekend marks the beginning of the summer season. There are backyard barbecues, days at the pool and beach, our regular schedules slow down for family time. This could be the perfect time to reflect on how faithfully you are living out your life. God creates each one of us for a purpose yet in the ever running around we often neglect our priorities. We can find ourselves feeling like that gerbil running in his wheel and never getting anywhere. Now is a perfect time to take time in prayer to discover how to get off the wheel to discover a life lived out with great purpose.

The words of Psalm 139 help us to understand the depth of God's great dedication and love for us. "You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly why I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day." Our God really knows us better than we know ourselves, why is it then that God is sometimes the last one we consult? God is there for us, as he was there for the people of God revealed to us in the Bible. We need to take the time to listen to God. To trust the One who can sort out the chaos of our lives.

As we together work to discern our purpose and begin to evaluate our priorities it would be good to write down how we spend our average week. In Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Given Life" he writes "The importance of things can be measured by how much time we are willing to invest in them. The more time you give to something, the more you reveal its importance and value to you. If you want to now a person's priorities, just look at how they use their time." How are we using this precious gift of time? Are we investing in the ways that would please God? These are important questions of the heart. Ones that demand our attention.

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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



Kayla Moyer, 6/1
 Ike Okparaeke, 6/3
 Annabel Hughes, 6/5
 Jacob Welch, 6/6
 Marissa Tunis, 6/7
 Tyler Pushko, 6/8
 Alex LaFontaine, 6/11
 Amy Slusak, 6/15
 Don Welch, 6/17
 Mary Gardiner, 6/19
 Allyson Moyer, 6/20
 Sara Floyd, 6/23
 Joan Breuninger, 6/27
 Marissa Rosato, 6/29
 Betty Thompson, 6/30



Ed & Joan Breuninger, 6/6
 Elizabeth & James Hughes, 6/6
 Rob & Kathe Morrison, 6/19
 Bruce & Betty Thompson, 6/22

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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When I arrived at Cornerstone I witnessed individuals giving of themselves, giving of their time with a wonderful spirit of love. As soon as worship was over people scurried to help to clean up the church and transform it back to the school. There is a great commitment to the church at Cornerstone. When I watch Todd Moyer, Brandon Capurso, and David LaCross make sure our media needs for worship are beautifully taken care of, I am in awe. How great it is that Lisa Capurso and Bob Wegner give of themselves by assisting in leading in worship. Then there is Bruce Thompson and his crew who are diligently working to make Harmony Road a reality. There are so many I could never list them all, yet there is one that does more than you would ever think one person could do. She does it with the love of Christ beaming through her. Everyone knows her, Elizabeth Hughes, she is amazing. There are times I think, perhaps there are others who could step in and help carry the load she graciously carries. Who knows maybe God is calling you to carve out a slice of time for the church we all love so much. As a church family we are coming to a new beginning and as a family of faith we will need to listen to how God will be refining our purpose here in Jackson and out into the world as we move to Harmony Road. Perhaps it will be you that God needs in a new way. May God bless each of us as we turn to him to help us as individuals and a church to discern our purpose!

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

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

Please pray for:

- Pastor Tory as she prepares for shoulder surgery
- Katie Delaney having continued health issues with her stomach
- Bruce Thompson recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Ray Schleckser recovering from back surgery

Continued prayers for:

- Bubba Smith recovering at home from back surgery
- Laura Tunis recovering from blood clot surgery
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8223
- 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



New Members—in addition to our 3 confirmands, we also welcomed 3 other new members to Cornerstone in May!



Megan and Craig LaFontaine moved to Jackson 3 years ago. Craig works as a Corrections Officer for the State of NJ, and Megan is an Occupational Therapist at Children's Specialized Hospital. They have one son, Alexander, who will turn 2 on June 11! Craig enjoys being outside, working on cars, and gardening. Megan likes to spend time with friends and family, go to the beach, and be outside. Craig and Megan joined Cornerstone to have a local church family in which to raise their family. They found out about

Cornerstone from Rev Rob, who married them 3 years ago at the First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan.



Carmine Pescatore is a long-time resident of Jackson, and he is currently retired. His hobbies include cooking, pets, gardening, history and politics. Carmine first noticed Cornerstone because he lives near the Harmony Road church and saw our sign! He looks forward to having a Christian church within walking distance of his home.



Congratulations to **Sharron and Bubba Smith** on the birth of their new granddaughter Narae on May 4th! Also congratulations to parents Veronica and Troy!



Kathy Genus invites all from Cornerstone to attend her ordination on Sunday, June 5, 2016, 4pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 367 Cranbury Road East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Congratulations to Kathy!



Margaret Rose Barschow graduated from Montclair with a major in Family and Child Studies! We wish her all our best as she goes on to pursue a Master's degree!



Dominique Robert and Sueli Robert with their son **Ricardo** and his girlfriend Jessica as they graduated with honors from Johnson & Wales with B.S. degrees in Culinary Science.



Our former intern and member of Cornertone, **Mary Nickel**, graduated last month from Princeton Seminary! Congratulations to Mary!



Congratulations to **Seraphim Osiakwan** who graduated from Boston University!



Proud grandparents **Gail and David Carlson** with their grandson David Carlson, who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

On Father's Day, June 19th, we will honor our high school graduates during worship. High school graduates will also be recognized in the July newsletter. If you have a high school in your family, contact Pastor Tory or Elizabeth Hughes!



An Update on the Harmony Road Church by Bruce Thompson

There are 4 major projects that have to be done in sequence as follows:

- Install a handicap ramp to the rear door. The materials have been ordered and paid for and we are waiting for our contractor to schedule an installation date. (Hopefully early to mid-June)
- Install a paved parking area for the handicapped. A contractor has been selected and he is waiting for the ramp to be installed.
- A contractor has been selected to do masonry work on the steps at the front of the church and possibly to connect with the paved handicap parking area.
- Some woods have to be cleared and a gravel parking lot to accommodate 25 cars has to be installed on the north side of the church.



The new front doors were put in on May 28th!

There are several smaller jobs that need to be finished such as

installation of storm windows; touch up painting; installation of a hand rail to the altar; landscaping clean up; finishing the front door moldings and repaint, etc., etc., etc.

God willing, we are hopeful of receiving a "letter of occupancy" during the third quarter of 2016.

Living the Faith: A Stewardship Note from Pastor Tory

There is a story told by Billy D. Strayhorn about a person who realized that what they had really wasn't theirs but a gift from God and they were simply holding it in trust. Her name was Osceola McCarty, she was a washer woman. She washed other peoples' clothes all of her life. And every week, she put a little aside in a savings account. Her banker told that was a wise thing to do. So, she did. After a while, she had quite a bit of money and her banker suggested she invest it. So, she did. In the summer of 1995 she did something unheard of, she donated \$150,000, most of her life savings to the University of Southern Mississippi to help students get an education and have a better life than she did. At ninety-one years old Osceola McCarty died. She probably won't be remembered by very many people of power, position or substance but she will be remembered by the ongoing impact she continues to make on the lives of students at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her unselfish gift inspired others to give as well. And some six hundred people have added over \$330,000 to the original scholarship fund. And her gift is what inspired and prompted Ted Turner to give his Billion Dollar gift to the United Nations. Osceola McCarty was a servant all of her life. Yet she became a leader and an inspiration through being a good steward of what God had given her. She found that God took care of her quite well. Her servant attitude helped her to leave, not just a gift, but a legacy that will touch lives for a long time.

I share this true story with you because even if we have just a little to give of our time, talents or resources, God has a way of transforming our efforts into something great. As the year has unfolded our overall giving is up slightly, which we give thanks to you and to God. However, our building fund is very low. We still have a few more things to complete and we are in the process of receiving a loan from the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. As you prayerfully consider your gifts to the church realize that YOU are needed, be it your time, your talent or your resources. Perhaps we can learn from Osceola and know that no matter how the world values us, God is able to see our true value. If you have an idea about how you might give of your time or talent, don't hesitate to reach out to me (732.691.5825) or one of our leaders. Every part of our family of faith is vital to our health as the body of Christ here in this place.

Children & Youth Mother's Day Service May 8, 2016

On Mother's Day, our children and youth led the worship service as we celebrates the gift of mothers and all the women in our lives!



The kids presented the stories of our "Stepping Stones of Faith" sermon series through scripture and photos.



**"God is Good!
All the Time!"**



Bible dedication for Sean Kas



Confirmation Sunday & Pentecost May 15, 2016

Congratulations to our 2016 confirmands: Jackie Leach, Tyler Pushko, and Sara Floyd! See their statements of faith on the next page!



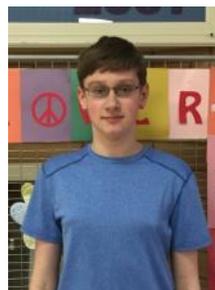
Confirmands' Statements of Faith



JACKIE LEACH: God, our savior, maker of all things. I believe He is understanding, loving, and forgiving. We can know that God exists by praying, and the nature around us. I believe the Holy Spirit is a part of God that acts as a presence that influences things to happen. We can receive the Holy Spirit by accepting the Word of God. Sin is breaking God's Word and what we believe as Christians. By sinning, you are going against God's Word and interfering with our relationship with Him. I believe that redemption is the process of being redeemed from our mistakes of sinning. A benefit of redemption is an eternal life. Eternal life is to live forever on earth as well as Heaven. Heaven is a place that is always calm, there is no pain, and a place where nothing can go wrong. Predestination is when God is in control of what happens in history, just like when He sacrificed Himself for us. The church is a place where you can go to talk with God and confess your sins. The church's purpose is to bring God's people closer to Him by praying and singing praise songs. We worship to create a close relationship with God and develop a sense of trust between yourself and God. God created to have an ongoing eternal life on earth and in Heaven. I believe God is calling me to help others by combining two of my favorite things which are children and medics, which is having a job of a pediatrician. I believe that God will love you no matter what you do as long as you pray and confess to Him that you have known what you have done wrong.



SARA FLOYD: God is the creator of Earth and everything in it. He is the one who watches over us when we need Him most. We can know that God exists when we receive "signs" that He is watching over us. We can also know that He exists when good things happen to us. God is forgiving and caring towards us. He helps us when we need Him and He forgives us when we sin. Sin is going against the Ten Commandments or disobeying them. Sometimes our sin can interrupt our relationship with God because we may feel like God can't forgive us for our sins. God can also be known as the Holy Spirit or Giver of Life. The Holy Spirit, the Father, and the Son are all the Trinity. Predestination is God's plan for your life. Heaven is where God keeps every good person that has passed away. Heaven is where everyone goes when they die after God has forgiven them. The Church is the house of God. It is where you can pray and feel God's presence. The church's purpose is to provide a kind, caring, accepting home for everyone. No matter who they are or what they believe in, the Church's purpose is to let anyone worship God. We worship God as our way of thanking Him for what He has done for us.



TYLER PUSHKO: God is our Creator, our Savior, and our Father.

I know that God exists by looking all around me: the sky, the clouds, animals,

happiness, joy, love.

God is a kind, all powerful spirit.

All humans sin and this is not pleasing to God. Mercy is when God gives us grace, even when we have sinned, as long as we ask for forgiveness sincerely.

Jesus is God in human form. He lived on earth like an ordinary person, but He was sinless.

Jesus died for everyone's sins and because of Jesus we can have eternal life in heaven.

WORSHIP



On May 22nd, we were blessed to celebrate a baptism! God bless Eleanor Rose, daughter of Pastor Tory's good friends Michael and Danielle Palmieri.



"Taps"



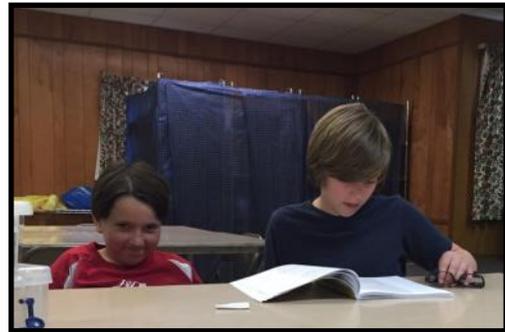
JOY to have Ricardo Robert and his girlfriend Jessica in worship!

Memorial Day
Sunday 5/29
Thanks to Rev Rob
for preaching!



**Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club
2nd and 4th 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! Stay tuned for details of a summer pool party and possible trip to Ronald McDonald House!



Youth volunteers at the Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church in May

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.



11th Saturday 11 AM Father's Day Celebration at Manasquan Reservoir



Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing at Manasquan Reservoir: Pack a lunch and join us for a fun day enjoying the great outdoors! Manasquan Reservoir has so much to offer and its right in our back yard in Howell. Families welcome!

Boat Rentals <http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page.aspx?id=2531>
 At the Visitor Center, park patrons ages 18 and older can rent rowboats (1-hr \$12.62 or 4-hrs \$35.51); electric motor powered rowboats (4-hrs \$46.26); and kayaks (1-hr single person \$14.49 or 1-hr double person \$20.56). Cash or personal checks only; **credit cards not accepted**. A \$10 deposit is required for 1 hour rental; \$20 deposit required for 4 hour rental.

A State fishing licenses is required for anglers age 16 and over. A license can be purchased at any local fishing supply/bait shop or by visiting the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife [website](#). Fishing licenses are **NOT** available for purchase at the Manasquan Reservoir.

16th Thursday 6:45 PM Beyond Youth Night at Keswick – Whiting, NJ

Join many young teens from the area for a night of music, games, swimming and snack bar. Items include ice cream, mozzarella sticks, french fries and more.\$3-4./item. [Visit the website](#) for more information. This is an open event for all youth and cost only \$10. for our entire group to attend.

19th 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 3rd 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.

PLUS!!!! End of Year Pool Party! Date TBA.

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
 home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581

JUMC VBS 2016

July 11 – 15, 2016

5:00 –8:30 PM

(dinner served daily at 5 PM)



Grab your surfboard and head to the beach to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love at Surf Shack 2016 VBS! Kids get 'amped' to learn God Creates, Helps, Loves, Calms, and Sends. On this ride, kids Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! (Nehemiah 4:14b CEB).

Held at Jackson United Methodist Church (JUMC) – 68 Bennetts Mills Road
Cornerstone kids are welcome to attend!



Sundays in 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.

**End-of-year Party
5/29**



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).



VIP WATER WALK—Saturday, May 7

THANK YOU to all who participated in **The Villages in Partnership (VIP) Water Walk!** Cornerstone’s “Team Harmony” raised \$2465 (exceeding our goal of \$2000!), which will help our friends in Malawi, Africa to have safe water sources, food, and medical care as they struggle every day to survive. Thank you ALL for your support – whether you walked, sponsored our team, or said a prayer! Special thanks to Dominique Robert for leading our team!

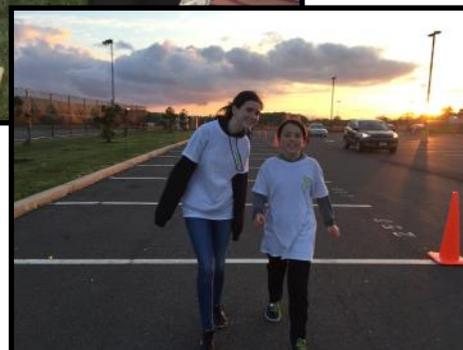
From the VIP Facebook page: Over \$69,500!!! That is how much money Villages in Partnership has raised, to date for the 2016 Walk. The whole VIP team is beyond grateful for the astounding generosity of our brothers and sisters from near and far. This will have a profound impact on the lives of our Malawian family, bringing them many wells and boreholes for access to clean water. And we had so much fun!!



Getting ready!
Making our banner at the Moyer’s house



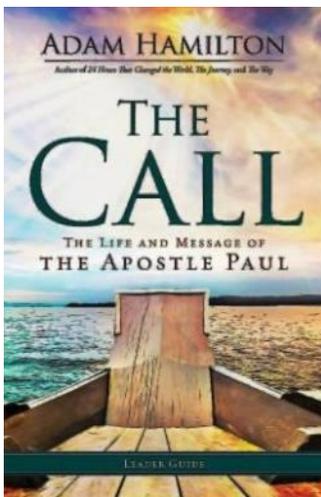
Way to go Team Harmony!



Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study All Women Welcome!



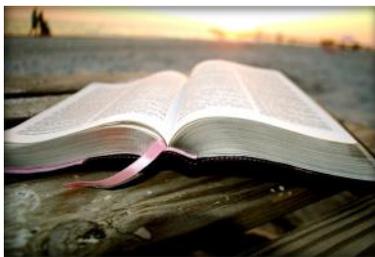
The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September!



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.*

BEACH BIBLE STUDY IN OCEAN GROVE—TUESDAYS IN JULY



It's time once again 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 July 5, 12, 19, and 26. Bring your beach chair and a bible!

Happy Father's Day!



Unscramble the letters to find the words in the word scramble to answer the hidden phrase.

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Phrase:

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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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Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

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Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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Qywnn Gross

qgross@hopecathedral.com

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June 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Youth Trip to Manasquan Reservoir 11 AM
12 Deacons Meeting 11:15 AM	13	14	15 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Youth Night at Kewswick 6:45 PM	17	18
19 Father's Day Celebration of High School Graduates	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		