



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

September 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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A Message from Pastor Tory

ARE YOU ALL IN?

As I write to you, Labor Day Weekend is just days away. I remember my mother used to say “when Labor Day comes Christmas is right around the corner”. When I was a child I thought she was crazy....now I understand. Time seems to move so much faster as we grow older. There are so many commitments, deadlines, events, social obligations and more that we sometimes find ourselves running in circles. Out of the chaos I believe we are being called by our Lord. He is calling to you and I saying, “Are you all in?”. “Am I all in? Look Lord at all I am doing. Let me tell you about all the things I do each day, I can’t fit in one more thing” we respond. Then the Lord reminds us of Matthew 22: 34-40. The lawyer comes to Jesus and asks which is the greatest commandment and Jesus said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the laws and the prophets.’ As we hear his words to us from Matthew we begin to reflect on our lives, we have much to think about. Are we really “All in”? or have we filled our days with activities and commitments that neither allow for loving the Lord with all that we are or our neighbors. Our neighbors, those people that we encounter in our everyday lives, especially those that seem impossible to love. How do we make corrections so that we can be closer to the Lord we love and discover the peace and joy he alone can offer us?

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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



Rodney Puig, 9/2
Ray Schleckser, 9/2
Makayla Morrow, 9/12
Tori Mamola, 9/17
Pilar Fowler, 9/18
Laura Tunis, 9/19
Wendy Barone, 9/20
Joan Mitchell, 9/21
Bubba Smith, 9/24
Julia Capurso, 9/25
Lois Fox, 9/29
Adam Woolverton, 9/29
Jerry Mamola, 9/29
Joan Nebel, 9/30



Bob & Laurie Wegner, 9/8

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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First, take time in prayer, evaluating how you are spending your time and resources. Is your life reflecting your love for neighbor and your Lord? If you are like me there is much to work to do, there are more moments we wish we could do over. I know that taking those moments to God help us to learn and grow in ways we are unable to without God's help.

Second, make time to worship. Why is this so important? Worship brings us together with other believers, people who are like us, struggling at times to follow our Lord and reflect his amazing love. We find friendship and continue to learn the ways of our Lord. One of things we so often find is that the very problem we are struggling with is addressed in one way or another by our time in worship.

Third, open yourself up to ways you can serve the Lord. I know so many of you at Cornerstone serve in so many ways. Giving of yourselves as Sunday school teachers and volunteers to make Harmony Road a reality and visiting with those who are sick or in need. Yet there are some of you who may not be sure how to discern how God may be calling you to serve and more importantly how would you find the time. Which reminds us of the question "are you all in?" If we open our hearts to our Lord he will find the time, some have even expressed that the more we give of ourselves to others the more time we have.

May September be the month we all reflect on our Lord's stirring question to each one of us, "Are You All In?"

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 recovers from shoulder surgery
- Nancy Foster recovering from gallbladder surgery
- 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
- Laura Tunis recovering from another blood clot surgery in her knee
- 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 at 4:00 PM**. Anthony has let us know that it would be a great honor to have folks from Cornerstone attend this service. All are welcome!



Anthony Maimone's son Michael Maimone has published a photography book. Congratulations Michael! For availability, please see Michael's website:

<https://mikemaimonephoto.com/publications/>

"Coast is a photo book dedicated to adventures along the East and West Coast. Included in the book are my favorite scenic images that capture the heart of travel and adventure with the hopes of inspiring more people to explore the world around them."

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 are needed. See Allyson Moyer if you can help!

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 10 – 11:00 A.M.

JOHN F. JOHNSON JR. MEMORIAL PARK

Work Day at Harmony Road August 13, 2016

Thanks to all who helped out at the work day! In all, we had 28 volunteers and a lot was accomplished! There is light at the end of the tunnel and we look forward to worshiping in our new church home! Special thanks to Bruce Thompson for all his hard work and dedication.



"Updated" Photo Directory Coming soon!

We are in the process of updating the church photo directory! If you would like to change your photo, please email a current photo of you and/or your family to:



administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

Also include any updates to your contact information, including email addresses, cell phones, birthdays, etc.. If you would like us to help you to capture a NEW photo, please ask Elizabeth Hughes to take your photo after worship. Thank you!



Help us spread the good news of Cornerstone on social media! Like our Facebook page (click [here](#)). Also, take a moment on Sunday mornings at worship and "check in" from your phone!



Getting Ready!



We will continue a Summer Shoebox Shipping Collection for Samaritan's Purse through the

end of September 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, you simply select Cornerstone as your nonprofit of choice, and then shop as usual on Amazon! See Elizabeth Hughes with any questions.



August 7—celebrating National Clown Day!



Our thanks to Reverend Jim Pruner for preaching for us while Pastor Tory recovered from surgery!



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.



10th Saturday 11 AM—6 PM Jackson Day – Johnson Park

Cornerstone will have two booths promoting our Church and fundraising with a photo booth and selling fresh fruit cups. Come volunteer an hour or two to work the photo booth and have some fun!

15th 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 costs only \$10 for our entire group to attend.

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



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

October 12, 2016

**Presbyterian Church of
Toms River**



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).



We were blessed to have Reverend Jim Pruner on the drums!



"Amazing Grace" trumpet and piano duet

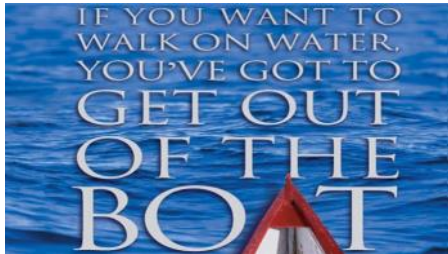


Sunday Bible Study

Sundays following worship, 11:15-12:30, through October 2nd

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.

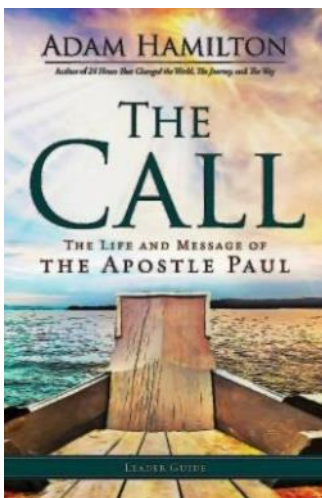
John Ortberg invites us to consider the incredible potential that awaits us outside our comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you and I in ways that will change us forever, deepening our character and our trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond 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 Resumes September 13th! All Women Welcome!

Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at the home of Elizabeth Hughes



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.

“Summer Sundays” Continue in September

Throughout the end of September, 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.

October 2, 2016
Rally Day



Sunday School for kids during 10 AM worship

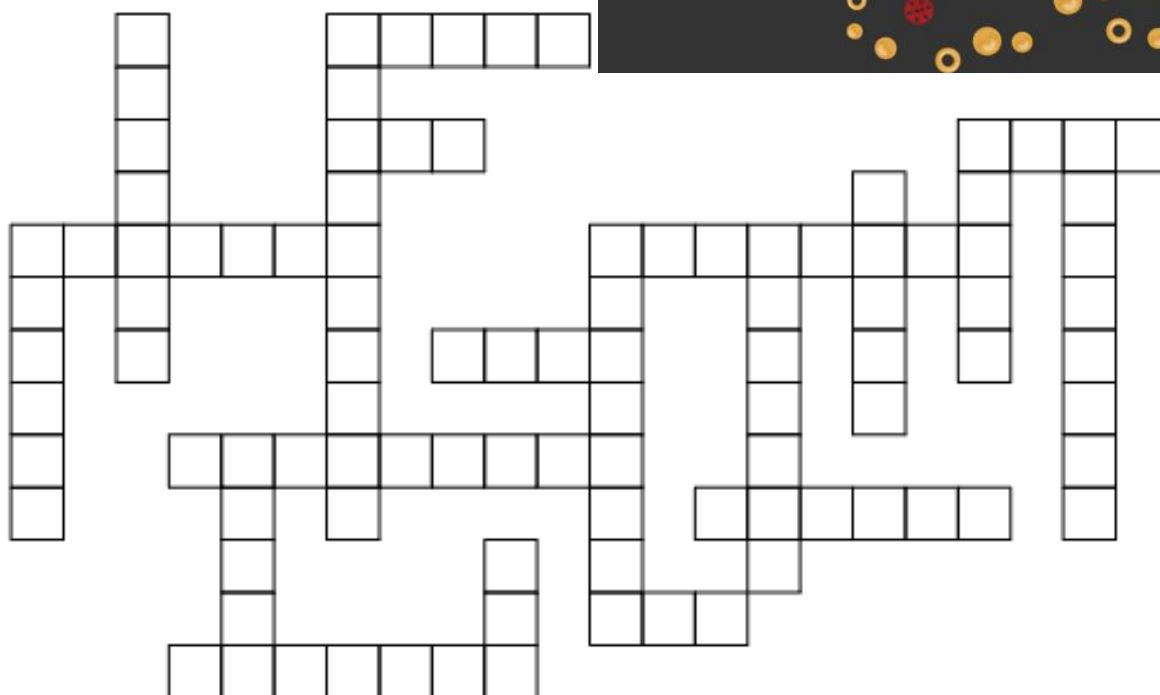
SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we resume our regular Sunday School classes during worship in October, we are always in need of extra volunteers to help teach! If you are interested in trying something new, even just on an occasional Sunday, please talk to Kellie Pushko or Elizabeth Hughes.

BACK TO SCHOOL

WORD FILL-IN

Fill-in the words from the list below so that they will all fit into the puzzle



3 LETTERS

BUS
ART
GYM

4 LETTERS

MATH
GLUE

5 LETTERS

MUSIC
PAPER
RULER
BOOKS

6 LETTERS

SCHOOL
RECESS

7 LETTERS

FRIENDS
LIBRARY
READING
SCIENCE

8 LETTERS

TEACHERS
SPELLING

SCISSORS

9 LETTERS

PRINCIPAL

10 LETTERS

PLAYGROUND



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

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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

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

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 or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

September 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM	5	6	7	8	9	10 JACKSON DAY 11 AM—6 PM
11 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM Deacon's Meeting 11:15 AM	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	14	15 Youth at Keswick 6:45 PM	16	17
18 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM	19	20 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	21 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23	24
25 Summer Bible Study 11:15 AM	26	27 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	28	29	30	