



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

April 2017

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

Spring has arrived! At least it seems so depending on the day. April is always one of those months where one day it is bright, warm and sunny and the next cold, damp and raining. This April as Christians we celebrate the most Holy Days of the year. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the crowds waving their palms shouting "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Only to be followed by the heartbreaking moment at Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified and darkness covered the land and fell upon the hearts of those who loved him. Yet, as heart wrenching a moment it was, God was not finished. Three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead. His followers began to understand, Jesus had died for the sins of the world, because of his love we receive life everlasting! Like Spring it may seem completely bleak but in an instant God transforms the world with brilliant new life! This amazing message of sacrifice and love stirs within our hearts and calls us to rise and follow our Risen Lord. Sharing in His work of ministry and love.

There are many ways you can serve the Lord at Cornerstone. You could bring in food for the food pantry, send a note of encouragement to one of our families facing a tough time, purchase a shop rite card, let Amazon know you are a member, come 45 minutes to help set up for worship. Giving just a few moments in Jesus's name is transformed into blessings. For those who can do more there are great ways to answer Jesus' call to serve and love our neighbors. You could join in the Jackson Cleanup Day April 29th, be a part of the Water Walk for Malawi, consider joining one of our committees of Session, volunteer to be a part of our Sunday School (for the fall), let your voice be heard as a part of our choir. *(continued)*

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.

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As we prepare to move into Harmony Road Church, we need you to help us reach out and invite others to join us in worship. Rev Rob has volunteered to train us and get us ready to answer Jesus' Great commission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The great display of God's love experienced at Easter inspires us, yet too often we leave the joy, praise and alleluias at the door and walk back into life as normal. Jesus came to our world, lived, died and rose from the dead so our life no longer would be "normal" but "extraordinary." Our days would no longer be gray and bleak but brilliant and joyful. Our lives might be transformed. We might then be agents of the grace and love we have experienced in the Risen Christ to the world that is in desperate need. My fervent prayer for you is that the "Joy of Easter" may burst forth from your hearts as a witness to our great Savior, and the world may know Jesus' love through you.

Your Friend in Christ,

Rev. Tory Pruner

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

BOARD OF DEACONS

2017 Vikki Leach
 Todd Moyer
 Kellie Pushko
 Ray Schleckser

Lisa Capurso
 Lois Fox

2018 Bruce Thompson
 Gail Carlson
 Laura Stone
 David LaCross

Allyson Moyer
 Elizabeth Hughes

2019 Barbara Dougherty
 Jim Foster
 Tina Kas
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)

Nancy Foster
 Ann Sarti

Please pray for:

- Reverend Pruner and her family and the JOY of a new granddaughter Annalise born to daughter Bailey and her husband PJ on March 4th
- Ray Schleckser who will start treatment for prostate cancer in May
- Bobbi Prato whose brother passed away from heart complications



Continued prayers for:

- The family of Anna and Denise Mudalel in Syria
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8217
- 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

Session Committee Assignments

Christian Education: Oversees the planning and implementation of the Christian Education for Cornerstone. **Chair: Kellie Pushko**

Finance: Works with the treasurer in keeping track of the church's finances. **Chair: Tina Kas**

Worship: Oversees the planning of worship, working closely with the pastor and minister of music, including recommending times for communion and baptism. **Chair: Vikki Leach; Elders: Barbara Dougherty, Ray Schleckser**

Building: Oversees the renovation of the Harmony Road Church and in the future to plan the maintenance of the building. Continues to make plans to sell the property and oversee the future building. **Chair: Bruce Thompson; Elders: Dave LaCross**

Missions: Oversees the mission work of the church, which currently includes Villages in Partnership, Operation Christmas Child. **Chair: Dominique Robert; Elders: Sharron Smith**

Personnel: Oversees the hiring of staff, planning for reviews and recommending salary changes. **Chair: Todd Moyer; Elders: Laura Stone**

Stewardship: Oversees the planning of the annual stewardship campaign and lifting up ways to give of themselves. **Chair: Jim Foster**

Church Nominating: Oversees the annual nomination of church officers, including elders and deacons. **Chair: Gail Carlson**



Congratulations to the Pruner family after the birth of a new granddaughter, Annalise, born on March 4th to daughter Bailey and her husband PJ. God bless!



We're proud of our Cornerstone kids Marissa Rosato, Annabel Hughes, and Lori Miller for their work on The Little Mermaid, performed at Memorial High School in March. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for an amazing show!



Heather DiGiorolamo— student of the month in English! Way to go Heather!



Our Youth and families had a great time bowling on March 26th!



Jackson Street Cleanup 4/29



Our church will once again participate in a Jackson Road Cleanup on April 29th! 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 9:00 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.

EASTER FLOWERS



We are offering Easter flowers to purchase as a fundraiser for our church, and to help decorate our worship space for Easter! Flowers must be prepaid and will be delivered to church on Easter—forms are available at church and on our [website](#). **ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 2nd!**



Cornerstone can now 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

Per Capita Offering Continues to be Received

Our Per Capita Offering has been doing well, yet there is still a large portion yet to be paid. The amount not given by the members must be covered by our general budget, taking away from other work and ministry of Cornerstone.

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$36.00) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Per Capita Offering is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. When we give our offering, it allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Per Capita also funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students. Helping to prepare future ministers to faithfully answer their call from God. As Presbyterians, we believe that we need each other as we work together to and discern the mind of Christ for the PC(USA).

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of \$36.00. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so. Together is how we have the greatest impact!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERINGS BRING STORIES OF CHANGE



One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada.

Cornerstone will receive our One Great Share of Offering on Palm Sunday (4/9) and Easter (4/16). However, we encourage members to join with our children and youth in setting aside a bit each day for our brothers and sisters in need. Our children and youth will be given their own bank to save for our offering.

We hope that our offerings and prayers will bring the support that is so needed. Read below how the One Great Hour of Sharing has had such a tremendous impact and how exciting it is to see how things can change when we partner with our great God!



Hofmin Selan in the vegetable garden. Photo: CWS

Our One Great Hour Sharing Offerings worked in cooperation with Church World Services efforts in Indonesia positively impacted 21,212 people in 22 rural communities and one city last year.

When 14 farmers from Fetomone village in West Timor, Indonesia, established their Farmer Group in March 2016, members agreed that they would cultivate corn together on a new plot of land. Unfortunately, due to some mistakes regarding the land's arability and a lack of proper attention paid to the plot, things didn't go as planned. The harvest failed.

Undeterred, the team decided to learn from their mistakes and try again. They did so with continued support from CWS staff and the local government agriculture extension worker. The group decided to plant vegetables instead, and they had very good results. "The vegetables really help us a lot – when we harvest, our families can eat some and the rest we can sell and share the income among our group members. This additional income means we can buy rice, cooking oil and salt. The money also helps us pay school costs for our children," Hofmin Selan, one group member, said.

With their good results the farmers next decided to start saving as a group with each member contributing 10,000 Rupiah (75 cents) every time they sold some of their vegetables. "Now we have 220,000 Rupiah (\$16.50) as our group savings," explained Hofmin, who is also the Treasurer. "In the future, when we have enough savings, we plan to buy more seeds and more tools to expand our plot, and keep growing our savings group into a loan group, too, which would really help our members. Of course, we know we could not have done all that we have without the support of CWS," added Hofmin, "and we are really grateful for the chance to partner with them."

Easter Services

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ!



- **Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday**, 10 AM Worship at McAuliffe
- **Thursday, April 13th: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service**, 7 PM at Jackson United Methodist Church, 68 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson
- **Sunday, April 16th: Easter**, 10 AM Worship at McAuliffe



Lent is the forty day season when we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. This year, the first Sunday of Lent is March 5th, and Easter is on April 16th. Join us throughout this period as Reverend Pruner preaches on "The Prodigal God."



Our guest pastor Kevin Vollrath on
March 19th at Liberty!



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.



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

Saturdays 9:00

Jackson Food Pantry

Every Saturday from 9am to 11am the High School Youth are asked to help stock the shelves and sort donations at the Jackson Food Pantry. Youth must be 14 and older as per the township rule. If you are interested in helping please talk to Allyson. It's a great way to earn community service hours.



20th 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.

29th Saturday 9:00 am

Jackson Street Cleanup—meet at Senior Center

Join us to help pick up garbage and recycles on 2 Jackson streets and help us earn money for the church!



5th Friday 3:00 pm

Ronald McDonald House & Pier Village Boardwalk

Lets make a Taco Dinner and dessert for those families staying at Ronald McDonald House. Anyone wishing to donate Taco Dinner kits and supplies please talk to Allyson or Abby. After we cook dinner we will go to Long Branch Pier Village for Pizza and walk on boardwalk. Meet at Moyers at 3pm (or Allyson can pick up any kids).

20th Saturday TBD

VIP Water Walk, Allentown, NJ

Join TEAM Cornerstone and walk to raise money for Malawi, Africa thru Villages in Partnership (VIP). The team will meet at Allentown Presbyterian Church and kick the night off with a spaghetti dinner then rotate walking the track with our friends. It's a fun night of music, exercise, friendship and food! All are welcome.



18th Thursday 6:45 pm

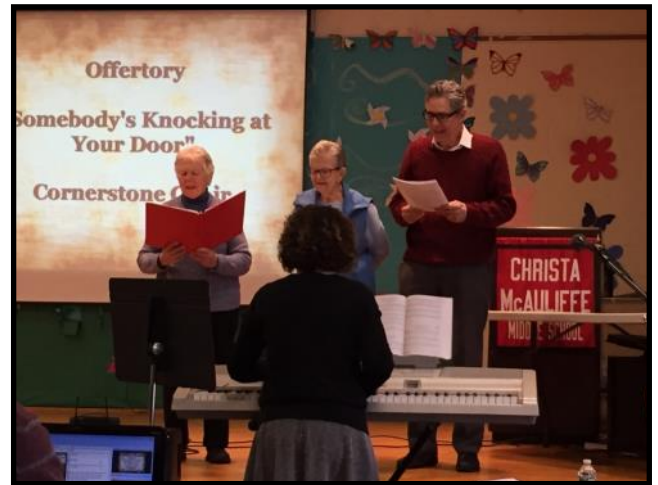
Beyond Youth Night at Keswick – Whiting, NJ

(see description above)

Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email allymoyer@gmail.com

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

Questions and suggestions on things to do are always welcome!



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).





Missions Committee—Members Needed!

We are searching for members to serve on the Missions Committee. This involves attending a monthly meeting and assisting to plan various service projects throughout the year, such as the Villages in Partnership (VIP) Water Walk and Operation Christmas Child.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please speak to Reverend Pruner or write her at vappruner@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

VIP WATER WALK—Saturday, May 20th



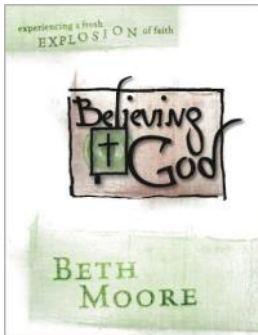
Water Walk - "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes"

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!

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All Women Welcome!



This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The current topic is a Beth Moore 10-session study called "Believing God" Study guides are available – please let Elizabeth Hughes know if you plan to attend. It's never too late!

Description:

Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith - Bible Study by Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week plus group video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study based on Isaiah 43:10 that explores what it means not only "to believe in God" but "to believe Him." The bride of Jesus Christ in our generation is nearly paralyzed by unbelief. God is calling His bride to a fresh and lavish anointing of faith. Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others as examples of persons who believed God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him.



We had a great time hearing speaker Jennifer Sands talk about "Letting God Out of the Box." at Keswick on March 8th at the "Girl Talk" series.

Fish banks were distributed last month for the children to collect change for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please return the fish banks on April 9th (Palm Sunday) or April 16th (Easter).



Sunday School for Kids During Worship!

The **K-3rd Grade** class is using the Witness curriculum as they learn about creation and all the early Heroes of our faith.

The **4th-6th Grade** class is using the Nooma series. Nooma is a great DVD series that helps children to begin to discuss and understand that each of us have a unique purpose in God's eyes.

The **7th-12th Grade** class is using the Youth Alpha DVD curriculum. Alpha is an in-depth series that guides our youth through practical life illustrations leading them to discuss freely how we can live in the world and follow God's word in the Bible.

The **youngest children** will also hear Bibles stories and have fun with our toys, as they are tenderly cared for by our nursery team!

Teachers:

Kathe Morrison, Kellie Pushko, Abby Cloos, Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach, and rotating volunteers



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love





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

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Home Repairs and Property Maintenance
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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

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Qywnn Gross

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 or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

April 2017 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Deacon Meeting 11 AM	3	4 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	5	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	26	27	28	29 Jackson Road Cleanup 9:00 AM
30  Communion Served						