



Cornerstone Connection

February 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

Betwixt and Between

As we head into the time of year I like to think of as the longest part of winter, we also find ourselves as a congregation "betwixt and between". We are neither here nor there. We wait with great anticipation of our entrance into our own church building, as we continue to worship at the Christa McAuliffe School. Yes, we are betwixt and between. We are in great company - the people of God often found themselves in the very same place. Remember Moses and the people of Israel, they spent some 40 years betwixt and between, while in the desert awaiting their arrival into the promised land. Then there was Joseph who waited after being thrown into prison, serving as a slave. Joseph, the dreamer, spent so much of his life betwixt and between. Even Queen Esther found herself betwixt and between, there she lived in a beautiful palace and was queen, but she was faced with the dilemma, should she stand up for her people and her God or be silent, assured that her life would be spared. The Bible reveals to us that despite the human condition of being betwixt and between, God is always faithful. God sent his son to give clarity to our human condition here in this world. Jesus reveals to us that we are called to live, serve and love in this world while our hearts long for a world promised to us in the Risen Christ. One would think with all this living betwixt and between that we would finally be good at it, but we long for more. We long to get there faster just as the people of Israel did, we long for the time as prisoner, slave, servant to pass more swiftly if we are Joseph. And finally we long for the waiting to be done if you are a member of Cornerstone Church. The good news is the waiting is coming to an end. Yes, just as the longest part of a journey is the last leg, so too does this last bit of waiting seem the longest. This past week when the groundhog saw his shadow, my heart sunk. Six more weeks of winter! For the remaining work to be completed we need spring to come. The warm weather will allow for the parking lot and curbing to be completed at the Harmony Road Church. *(continued)*

*Worship at McAuliffe Middle School
35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson*

Mailing address: P.O. Box 140, Jackson, NJ 08527

Cornerstone Community



- Donna Rosato, 2/6
- Sydney Slusak, 2/6
- Devin LaCross, 2/10
- Melissa Floyd, 2/11
- Jaimee Bainbridge, 2/15
- Beverly Kaiser, 2/16
- John Pushko, 2/16
- Michael Pushko, 2/16
- Anna Hekl, 2/18
- Sean DiGirolamo, 2/18
- Tory Pruner, 2/23
- Zoe Welch, 2/23
- Debbie LaCross, 2/27
- Rob Morrison 2/27



Frank & Lisa Capurso, 2/29

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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Then it will be inspections and COs. We will finally be ready to enter into our own church building. Ready to worship and serve the Lord that has blessed us, ready to welcome all into God's house. I encourage you to look for ways that you can help us prepare for this long awaited celebration. We will need everyone to pitch in to make sure everything is ready. Each of us will be needed to spread the word that we are open and we want to welcome them to join with us in worshiping our great and faithful God!

The Prodigal God Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith

Our Lenten Preaching Series will be based on the thought provoking book "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller. Keller is the pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC and has a gift at revealing the truths of the gospel to both old time church goers and seekers. In this book Keller looks at the parable of the prodigal son. Keller believes that within that parable, Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way. I invite you to come join me in looking more closely at this powerful parable during our weekly worship services. Lent is a time in the life of a Christian when we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. I believe this series will do just that. I also invite you to read along with me, and we can discuss the book together through a group email book discussion. To sign up you can email me at vappruner@gmail.com.

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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:

- Laura Stone recovering from a small stroke and injuries related to a fall
- Frank Capurso recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ray Schleckser with recurring back problems



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



John Bestenheider and Meg Milligan in celebration of John's 101st Birthday!



Per Capita

Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that is given to the larger Presbyterian Church. The 2017 per capita is \$36 per member. This offering supports the work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. We are connected in many ways to Presbyterians near and far by the giving of our per capita offering.

As one of the Presbyterian Churches of Monmouth Presbytery when you or I do not pay our per capita we let down not only our fellow Presbyterian churches, we fail to fulfill our faith commitment as a connectional church. We ask that you give your per capita in the "Per Capita" envelope in your envelope packet (also available at church). If you need to spread out your per capita payments over several months that is fine. Just remember per capita comes just once a year! Thank you for your support!

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY”—FEBRUARY 5th!

Wear your favorite team’s colors!

Souper Bowl of Caring



Souper Bowl of Caring is a way for our young people to lead the way in tackling hunger and homelessness within our community. Yes, it happens on the same day as Super Bowl but this Souper Bowl will have a more lasting impact. Below are statistics that are disturbing. Yet what brings us hope is that since Souper Bowl of Caring started, youth have raised over 110 million and 100 percent has gone directly to those in need. Let’s make this Souper Bowl of Caring outstanding by bringing in canned goods and financial donations on February 5th.

Meal of Soup & Bread

A Cornerstone tradition! We will have a meal of Soup & Bread on “Souper Bowl” Sunday, February 5th! Stay for a time of food and fellowship after worship that day, and still be home in plenty of time for the football game. Stay and join us if you can!



NEW TEXT ALERT SERVICE

for Cornerstone!

This service will be used to send out important announcements such as notices of emergency closings.

To sign up for this service:
Text the following to **797979**:
EZDFY94125 <your name>



Msg&data rates may apply.

To unsubscribe from this list reply 'STOP' to 797979

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!

5th Sunday 11:00 AM



Souper Bowl of Caring

Bring your soup pot to church and collect canned items and monetary donations for the Jackson Food Pantry. We will also be having our Soup and Bread Social following church.

11th Saturday 9-11 AM

Jackson Food Pantry

Help stock the shelves! Youth ages 14+ only.

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

19th Sunday 3 PM

Ice Skating at Howell Ice World

Join your friends for a fun afternoon of ice skating. Families welcome. Admission: Adults (13+) \$8.00, Child(12-) \$7.00 Skate rentals \$4.00 per person .

25th Saturday 9-11 AM

Jackson Food Pantry

Help stock the shelves! Youth ages 14+ only.

**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!**

"Beyond Youth Night" at Keswick





Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

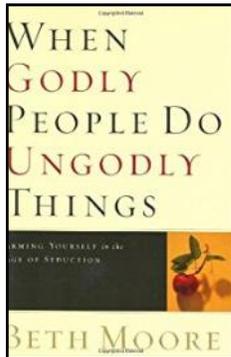
The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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).



Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All Women Welcome!



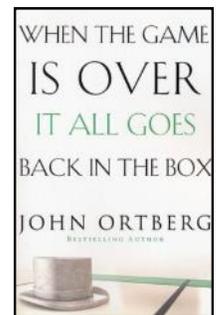
This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The current topic is a Beth Moore 7-session study called "When Godly People do Ungodly Things." Study guides are available – please let Elizabeth Hughes know if you plan to attend. All women are welcome!

Description: *Christians are still subject to Satan's attacks. He is determined to disrupt the lives of believers, destroy their ministry, and steal their joy. Sadly, those who have "fallen" may not recognize the devil's schemes until they have already been caught in a snare of defeat. In this biblical guide to authentic repentance and restoration, Beth examines why devoted followers of Jesus Christ can fall into the traps of Satan and how to find their way back to God.*

Cornerstone E-Bible Study on Sundays after Worship!

Led by Reverend Pruner

"When the Game is Over, it All Goes Back in the Box" - a new way to participate in a Bible Study, on Sunday's following worship we will show 30 minutes of the DVD study for those who can stay or others may choose to read the book on their own. On Mondays, Rev. Pruner will send out a group email with highlights and reflections for session one and questions for the group to discuss. The discussion will closeout on Thursday evening with Rev. Pruner giving wrap up and assignment for coming week. It's not too late to participate – talk to Rev. Pruner for info!



Using popular games as a metaphor for our temporal lives, this six-session small group Bible study DVD, *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*, by John Ortberg, neatly sorts out what's fleeting and what's permanent in God's kingdom.

Today is the day you choose ... which game you want to win ... which prize you want to collect ... which priorities you want to set. It's a thrill to win at checkers or Clue or Trivial Pursuit. You sweep aside the other players and you "own" the board. It's also a thrill to win a promotion at work ... the new house you wanted ... that sports car you've always eyed.

But just like the game cards, the tokens, and the timer, those prizes are temporary. When the game is over, they all go back in the box. Games can cast a powerful spell, says bestselling author John Ortberg. But the wisest player remembers that the game is always going to end. So when everything goes back in the box, you'll have made what is temporary a servant to what is eternal, and you'll leave this life knowing you've achieved the only victory that matters.



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.

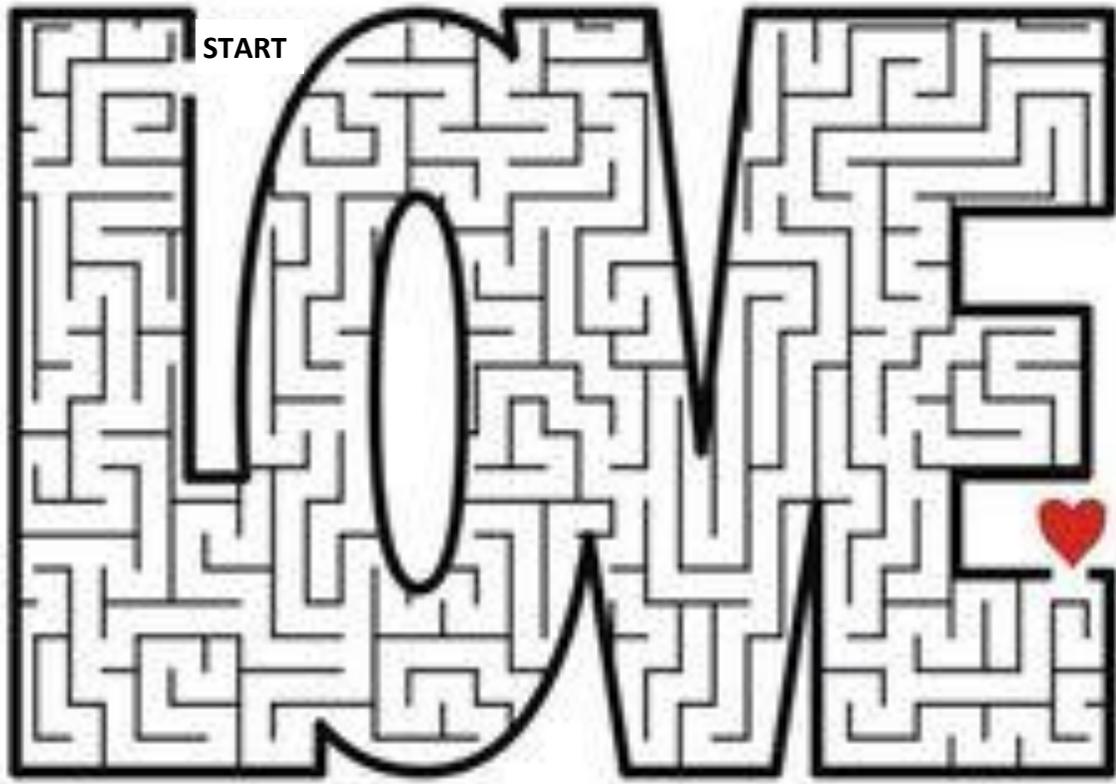
The **7th-12th Grade** class is using the Youth Alpha DVD curriculum. Alpha is an in-depth series that guides our youth through practical life illustrations leading them to discuss freely how we can live in the world and follow God's word in the Bible.

The **youngest children** will also hear Bible 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

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



We love because



first

loved

US.

1 JOHN 4:19



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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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.*

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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February 2017 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 SOUP & BREAD after worship 	6	7 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	8	9	10	11 YOUTH at the food pantry 9-11 AM
12 Deacon Meeting 11 AM	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	16 YOUTH Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	17	18
19 YOUTH ice skating 3 PM	20	21 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	22	23	24	25 YOUTH at the food pantry 9-11 AM
26 Communion Served 	27	28 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM				