



Cornerstone Connection

November 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

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100

This psalm is one of my favorites for many reasons. One, I love to make a joyful noise. My singing often is just that a joyful noise but when join with God's amazing choirs of heaven I like to believe God just hears the joy we sing out together and not so much the noise. Two, I love the image of us being God's people, the very sheep of his pastures. This reminds me of how tenderly our God cares and watches over us. Finally, this psalm declares the truth of God's love, it indeed endures forever and he will be faithful not only to us but to all generations. We need not worry about the future for it is our Lord's trustworthy and loving hands.

As we gather together with our families this Thanksgiving I pray we can make a joyful noise to the Lord and give thanks for his many blessings to us. Thanksgiving comes with many different family traditions. For most of us it involves being with family that we don't see as much as we wish we could. Life gets in the way and we finally have time to catch up to re-connect. In our family, we have a tradition



"Touch Football Players"

that goes back close to 40 years! As hard as it is to believe it is true, about 40 years ago my in-laws moved a new home. To get to know the neighbors and to keep her four boys busy my mother in-law suggested a backyard touch football game.

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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



Faron Trick, 11/1
Naija Smith, 11/3
Michele Calhoun 11/8
Todd Moyer, 11/10
Vanessa Smith, 11/12
Colin DiGirolamo, 11/14
Tina Kas, 11/15
Daniel Fowler, 11/16
Dave Carlson, 11/18
Kahra Woolverton, 11/22
Jonathan Hughes, 11/24
David LaCross, 11/27
Laurie Wegner, 11/27
Marye Barbagallo, 11/28
Becky Osiakwan, 11/29
Fred Mallison, 11/29
Austin Floyd, 11/30



Marlene & Don Kiefer, 11/7
Allyson & Todd Moyer, 11/24

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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Next door was a large faithful catholic family, their team the shamrocks, the other neighbor and my in-laws were good protestants, their team the wasps. For years, the game went on until too many of the players got too old. Well, such a great tradition could not die. So, my husband and I kept the game going. Now it is the Pruner's vs the Thompson's, my sister's husband and her boys who live nearby. We then divide all the rest of the family that drives from as far as Richmond to be there for the game. This year is a big year because every other year they must be with their other family. We all look forward to being together, and once we are together it feels like we were never apart. The time goes too quickly.



"Flag Show at Half Time"

I have the very same feeling about our time together in worship. As a church family, it is always so good when we come together. We feel as though we are at home. We love catching up with one another and with God. Yet, we too often allow life to get in the way. We overschedule ourselves until there are not enough minutes in the day. I believe that the most important part of our lives often gets neglected, the very ones we love most at best becomes a ship passing in the night, at worst a thing on our checklist to do. This Thanksgiving as we are counting our many blessings let us remember first the loved ones God has entrusted to us to tenderly care for, and the God who loves us and is waiting to embrace you. Our coming together to "make a joyful noise" and to "worship the Lord with gladness" is something we need. Our souls long for time with God and when we make time for God, he is always there to give us the gifts of faith and hope and love, strengthening us to face the living of these day, with joy in our hearts.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tory

Please pray for:

- Manny DaConceicao as he is having tests and surgery planned for this month
- Donnette Hubert recovering at home after a stay in the hospital for cardiac issues
- Vikki Leach and her family after the passing of her Aunt Peggy
- The LaFontaine Family after the birth of their new daughter Avery on October 11th



Continued prayers for:

- Katie Delaney having continued health issues with her stomach
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8216
- 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 **Megan and Craig LaFontaine** and big brother **Alex** after the birth of their new daughter **Avery Louise** on October 11th!



We are proud of **Maggie Varrelmann**, selected as Jackson Memorial High School "Senior of the Month" for October! Congratulations to Maggie!



Jonathan Hughes was honored as "Student of the Month" at Goetz Middle School on October 27th!



Bruce and Betty Thompson celebrated the wedding of their grandson **Jed** on October 15th.



A great job by **Marissa Rosato** at Jackson Memorial High School's Broadway Night, where she sang "Right Hand Man" from the musical *Something Rotten*.



Best wishes to our former intern **Mary Nickel** as she pursues a doctorate at Princeton Theological Seminary!

From the Seminary's Department of Religion website:

Mary Nickel joined the department's doctoral program in Religion, Ethics, and Politics in 2016. Her research considers the relationship between orthodox Christian theology and contemporary democratic theory. She is especially interested in the politics of space and theologies of embodiment. Among her recent subjects of study are: the potential contribution that the Pauline concept of *koinonia* offers to our understanding of corporate sin; Fidel Castro's concurrent appropriation of Christian practices and repression of practicing Christians; and the doctrine of Christ's real Eucharistic presence in a hyperlinked world.

Mary comes to Princeton with a M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, an M.A. in Politics & Government from Illinois State University, and a B.A. in Human Rights Studies & Philosophy from Juniata College. A section of her first master's thesis, which examines the role of personal encounter with difference in democratic societies, was published in an edited volume in 2016.

Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 16th

Thanks to ALL who walked and supported Team Cornerstone—we raised a total of **\$790!**





Jackson Street Cleanup

October 23, 2016

Thanks to all who helped pick up trash and recycles on Butterfly Road after worship on October 23rd! Not only did we contribute a service to the town that we live in, but we also raised \$500 for the church! Thanks to the great team who helped!



Bake Sale 11/20



As a fundraiser for Cornerstone, the Church Ladies will host a bake sale on Sunday, November 20th. Please support this fundraiser by donating baked good, or come and shop for some Thanksgiving treats! Any contributions would be much appreciated! Please contact Nancy Foster or Barbara Dougherty with questions or if you would like to help. We thank them for organizing the sale!



Each fall our church participates in Operation Christmas Child, where we pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world.

Our goal will be to fill 100 boxes. Shoeboxes are available TODAY to take home and fill – instructions and some items to help get you started are available as well! **Please return filled boxes to worship by November 13th.**

There will be a meeting at the home of Gail Carlson on Wednesday, November 16th to complete any remaining shoeboxes and get them ready for delivery.

Thank you for your support of this mission project!

"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!

Congregational Meeting November 20th

The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on November 20th after the 10 AM worship service for the purpose of receiving the nominating committee report with nominations for elders, deacons, and nominating committee members for 2016.

WORSHIP



Sueli Paes de Barros offers the Call to Worship in Portuguese on World Communion Sunday



Thanks to Laura Stone for making these lavender sachets as a fundraiser for the building fund!



Allyson Moyer and Jim Foster telling the congregation what Cornerstone means to them during this season of stewardship



Community Thanksgiving Service

November 20, 2016 7:00 PM at Hope Cathedral



Join with members of other local churches for a service reflecting on our blessings and all we have to be thankful for!



The Gift Entrusted with Love

In Matthew chapter 25 Jesus tells a story of three servants. The master entrusted each of them with talents before he went on a journey. One talent was worth fifteen years of a worker's wage. The first servant was given five talents, the second was given two, and the third was given one. When he returned to settle his accounts, the first servant now had ten talents to return to his master. The second servant now handed four talents to his master. To both servants the master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." When the third servant came forward he gave back the one talent he was given and telling how he was afraid of him and so he hid the talent in the ground. The master said, "You wicked and lazy servant". Hardly the words anyone wants to hear. Yet, Jesus tells us this story, helping us to see that we are sometimes like each of the servants. We have been entrusted with great gifts from God to be used to bring glory to God. However, there are times we are wicked and lazy. When we refuse to invest the good gifts of God, we commit the sin of unrealized potential.

John Ortberg, in his book "Giving", writes "Jesus is clear. What you do with your life and resources matters to him. It matters to the world that desperately needs what the Lord of the gift offers. His strong language does not run counter to the notion of grace. In fact, his words are a result of love. Jesus doesn't want you to get to the end of your life and know the profound regret of missing the chance of a lifetime." Each moment we live, we can use the gifts God has entrusted to us with love. When we do we will impact not only the world but we will be transformed by the Lord that calls us his own. As we prepare to dedicate our pledges/commitments to God may we find the courage to be faithful with the gifts God has given to us. Then, together we will witness our Lord in action!

Pledge cards are available in worship on Sundays or to
[download](#) from our website!

Please bring your pledge to church for the dedication on
Stewardship Sunday, November 13th!

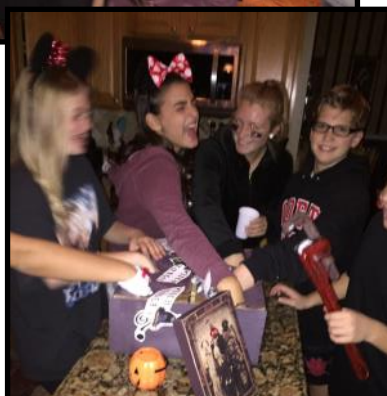
Cornerstone Youth Group is for kids in Middle School and High School! Our thanks to Allyson Moyer for volunteering to coordinate Youth activities—please contact her with any questions.



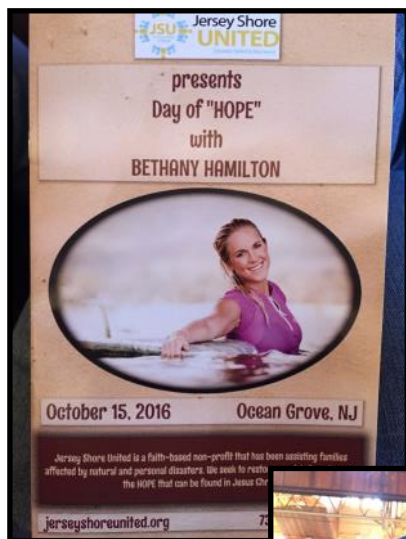
**Oct 10 "Soul Surfer"
Movie Night at the
Moyers**



**Oct 27 Halloween Party at the
Moyers**



Oct 15 "Day of HOPE" with Bethany Hamilton at Ocean Grove





Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

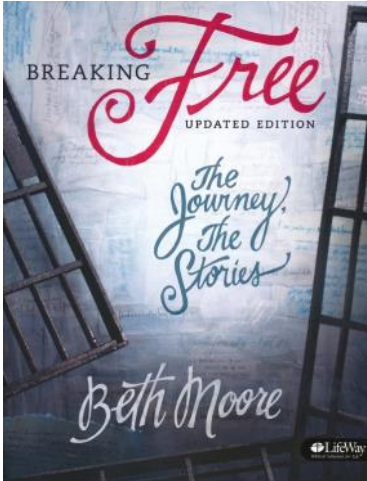
The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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!

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



The group is doing a 10-week Beth Moore study called “Breaking Free.” This in-depth Bible study leads you through Isaiah 61:1-4 to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom by drawing parallels between the captive Israelites and the spiritual strongholds in our lives. Please talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more information. All women are welcome!

Description: This in-depth women's Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites of the Old Testament and New Testament believers in Jesus as the Promised Messiah. Beth looks at the Book of Isaiah through the lives of the kings who ruled during the prophet's ministry. These kings exemplify many of the obstacles to freedom with which we must deal. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small, Beth explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 8: NO MEETING

November 15: Session 8, The Potter and the Clay

November 22: Session 9, God's Unfailing Love

November 29: Session 10, The Steadfast Mind

December 6: Session 11, The Display of His Splendor

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.

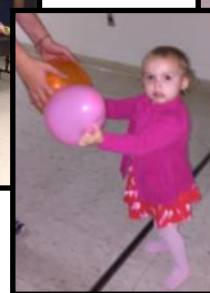
The **7th-12th Grade** class is using the Youth Alpha DVD curriculum. Alpha is an in-depth series that guides our youth through practical life illustrations leading them to discuss freely how we can live in the world and follow God's word in the Bible.

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:

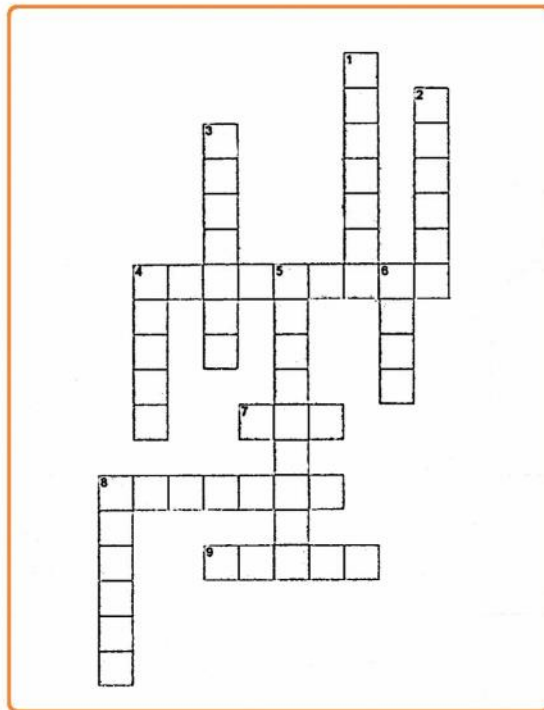
Kathe Morrison, Kellie Pushko, Abby Cloos, Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach, and rotating volunteers

Sunday School resumed for kids during worship with a "red carpet" welcome on 10/2! The kids enjoyed some "Minute to Win It" games! Classes began on 10/9.



Happy Thanksgiving

Instructions: Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues to help you solve the puzzle.



Across

4. God gives us — all through the year.
7. We should remember to thank God every ____
8. The pilgrims came to America to have freedom to ____
9. Giving thanks before eating is a way to ____ God.

Down

1. Thanksgiving was made an official holiday by President ____.
2. We should give ____ in all things,
3. The pilgrims and Native Americans had a feast to give thanks for a bountiful ____
4. In the Lord's prayer, we praise God for our daily ____.





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

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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.*

November 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Stewardship Sunday Deacon's Meeting 11:15 AM	14	15 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	16 Operation Christmas Child Meeting 1 PM Session Meeting 7:00 PM	17	18	19
20 Church Bake Sale Congregational Meeting Community Thanksgiving Service 7 PM	21	22 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	23	24 	25	26
27  Communion Served 1st Sunday in Advent	28	29 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	30			