



Cornerstone Connection

April/May 2018

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

On Sunday May 20th during worship we will celebrate the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. According to Acts 2: "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Then beginning with verse 37 "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Peter's sermon and the experience of Pentecost brought 3,000 new followers that day. What a wonderful day!

This past four months seven Cornerstone youth have been attending Confirmation Classes. Going over material very familiar and some not so familiar. One of their requirements is to write a statement of faith. To take what they have learned and put words to what they know to be true in their hearts about their Lord. For our youth confirmation classes were not quite as exciting as Pentecost. However, the Holy Spirit is still as powerful today. If you need proof of the Spirit in action, I invite you to come on Sunday May 13th and hear our youth share their statements of faith. I have been personally blessed to come to know each student better over our time of study. They are truly outstanding! Come, and you will be witnesses of how the Spirit informs, encourages and calls us still today.

These young people remind us that great things are not only in the past but are most certainly part of the future. In just a couple of months the renovation work on the Harmony Road Church will be complete. *(continued)*

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

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

Cornerstone Community

APRIL



- 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

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Move in dates will be set. Grand opening celebrations and Dedication Services will be planned. How do we as individuals prepare? Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Be open to ways you may serve. Give out invites to friends seeking a new church home. If you have stepped out of regularly worshipping, step back in, Cornerstone needs you and the Spirit is calling.

Barbara Brown Taylor in her book, "Bread of Angels" writes these words about the workings of the Holy Spirit on the church and how we might receive such power. "Then receive the Holy Spirit. That is, breathe. Deeply. Receive your life as a gift invisible as air, and prepare to be astonished by all the forms that breath can take. Under the power of the Spirit, shy people have been known to step up onto platforms and say audacious things. Cautious people have become daredevils, frugal people become philanthropists and people who used to be sour as dill pickles have become rich with friends.

There is no limit to what the Holy Spirit can do. You just cannot hold your breath, that's all. You have to keep breathing, keep paying attention, keep responding to whatever crazy idea you come up with next. Some people call it intuition. Others call it inspiration. Forever and ever, the church has called it Holy Spirit." May we take in a deep breath, receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Be ready for an adventure of a life time, as we witness to the truth, that there is absolutely no limit to what the Holy Spirit can do!!!

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

BOARD OF DEACONS

2018 Mike Pushko
Gail Carlson
Laura Stone
David LaCross

Marye Barbagallo
Elizabeth Hughes

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

Nancy Foster
Ann Sarti

2020 Vikki Leach
Allyson Moyer
Denise Mudalel
Ray Schleckser

Lisa Capurso
Kathe Morrison

Cornerstone Community

MAY



- Aaron Beeg, 5/3
- David Hekl, 5/4
- Jonathan Welch, 5/6
- Jackie Leach, 5/7
- Paul Sarti, 5/20
- Fred VanLooy, 5/20
- Madeline Sarti, 5/23
- Sharlene Nelson, 5/27
- Don Kiefer, 5/27
- Courtney Miner, 5/30



- Donna & John Rosato, 5/2
- David & Debbie LaCross, 5/27

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Recent site work at Harmony Road—Progress!



Please pray for:

- Doris Pfeiffen having hip surgery on May 7
- Dave Carlson recovering from surgery following a badly broken arm
- Ray Schleckser with continued back pain that may require surgery
- Our former intern Mary Nickel who is expecting a baby boy this August!



Continued prayers for:

- Arne Ildsgaard continue to recover from damage to his kidneys and receiving dialysis
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8253
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Our troops around the world and their families
- Cornerstone as we move forward to complete renovations—hoping to begin worshipping on July 1st!

Harmony Road Update

Thanks to all who helped at the work day on March 24th! Another work day is planned in May. We have made great progress towards our goal of worshipping at Harmony starting on July 1st! Our thanks to Fred Van Looy, Dave LaCross, Allyson Moyer, and all the many who have helped! The following have been completed in the last few months:

- Church sign installed
- Windows on both sides of altar re-glazed
- Basement entry rebuilt
- Front door encasement completed
- All pew supports installed and all pews located and secured, all scrapes stained
- Cushions and carpeting vacuumed
- Removed all tools
- Installed toilet paper holder and bathroom mirror
- Stained windows in bathroom
- Painted front stoop
- Painted inside of front and side doors
- Washed off mold and mildew on north side of church
- Installed handle and door closer on side door
- Organized storage room
- Delivered 11 update letters to immediate neighbors
- Trimmed trees over handicap ramp
- Sold 95 unneeded chairs
- Insulated water pipes in basement
- Passed heating system inspections and septic system has been approved by Ocean County Health Department
- Permit applications have been filed for Office trailer and related handicap ramp
- Cement front stoop removed, trees cleared for parking lot



Work Day and Youth Group Gardening at Harmony in May



The work day and Youth gardening planned for April 28th has been postponed due to the construction ongoing at the front of the church.

The date will be rescheduled for sometime in May - stay tuned for the exact date and time!

The Youth Group will meet for some outdoors spring cleanup and gardening, and there are a variety of other jobs to complete that day! Please come and help if you are able!

Follow us on Facebook!



<https://www.facebook.com/cpcjacksonnj>

Buy Shop Rite Cards and Support Cornerstone!

Gift cards are available for you to purchase each Sunday before worship, and 5% of the purchase price goes directly to the church. For many years, Vernice DaConceicao has faithfully sold these gift cards each Sunday. For all who get their groceries at Shop Rite, it's an easy way to help! Thanks to all, we have raised \$12,975 for the Building Fund.



EASTER FLOWERS



Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter flower fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$250 for our Harmony building fund, and our worship space looked beautiful for Easter worship!

villages in partnership Water Walk

May 19, 2018

Cornerstone will once again have a team to participate in the Villages in Partnership (VIP) Water Walk, which will be on Saturday, May 19th at 4 PM at the Allentown High School track. See page 10 for more details and to find out how you can help!



**Children & Youth
Mother's Day Service
May 13, 2018**

On Mother's Day, our children and youth will lead the worship service as we celebrate the gift of mothers! All children and youth are invited to participate in worship this day. Join us for a very special service!



**National Day of Prayer
May 3, 2018**

7-8 PM at Jackson Town Hall

All are invited to attend this special service with others in our community for a service with the theme of "Unity," to encourage people to effectively and fervently pray for unity and for the seven centers of influence: government, church, military, family, education, media arts, and business.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

- Ephesians 4:3



Easter



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.



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 hours! :)



8th Sunday 12:15-2pm Soup Kitchen - All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood
 Cornerstone is committed to help the local families by serving a hot meal. Two youth and one adult are needed to help wrap silverware, prepare the meal and then serve/clean-up. Time commitment is less than two hours and we promise you will leave feeling very fulfilled and blessed!

19th Thursday 6:45pm Beyond Youth Night at Keswick - Whiting, NJ
 Join many young teens from the area for a night of music and worship. Ice Breaker/Game, Worship Time/Student Testimony, Devotional lead by one of our local Youth Pastors, -FREE TIME in our Activity Center- Indoor pool (*one-piece bathing suits only*), Indoor hot tub, Basketball, Racquetball, Volleyball, Gaga, Ping-Pong, and they always have some organized games like free ball, Nine square or a tournament happening! They also offer a snack shop which serves Ice Cream, Milk Shakes and French Fries so bring a few dollars if you'd like to purchase.



TBD Saturday 9:30am Spring Gardening at Harmony
 Let's get our new church grounds ready for our Grand Opening! We will do a spring clean-up and planting. We will hopefully work on a beautiful prayer garden that our Youth can help maintain. Bring gloves, leaf bags, shovels, water and any other items. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

13th Sunday 12:15-2pm Soup Kitchen - All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood

17th Thursday 6:45pm Beyond Youth Night at Keswick - Whiting, NJ

19th Saturday 4 PM VIP Water Walk—Allentown, NJ
 Join the Cornerstone Team to walk and raise money to support Villages in Partnership and those in Malawi, Africa.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions so please feel free to email or call Allyson to add an event to the calendar.

Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event. Carpooling available.

Friends are always welcome!

Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email allmoyer@gmail.com home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581



Youth on March 27th, enjoying a meal at Chick-Fil-A after seeing the movie *I Can Only Imagine*.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH RETREAT

March 10-11 at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church in New Hope, PA





Our 2018 Confirmation classes are underway!

Confirmation classes are typically offered from January – May each year. This class is a time for youth to confirm the love that God has expressed for each of us in Jesus Christ. It is important that both the youth and the family are involved in this journey. Classes are taught by Reverend Tory Pruner and adult mentors.

Updated Class Schedule:

April 1 No Confirmation Class– Happy Easter!

April 8 Church Visit to St. Aloysius 10:30 service

April 15 Being Presbyterian – Being a Member of Cornerstone

April 22 Statement of Faith Review

April 29 No Confirmation Class – submit final Statement of Faith to Elizabeth

May 6 Session Examination

May 13 Present Statements of Faith during Mother’s Day Children/Youth Service

DATE TBD Confirmation in Harmony Road Church!!



Three of our confirmation youth with their mentors



SAVE THE DATE!

VIP WATER WALK—Saturday, May 19th



villages in partnership



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 midnight 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!

Use this link to join our team or make a donation:

<https://vip-waterwalk-2018.everydayhero.com/us/team-harmony>



Last year, “Team Harmony” raised \$3345, far exceeding our goal of \$2000! Please help us make this year our most successful yet!



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).



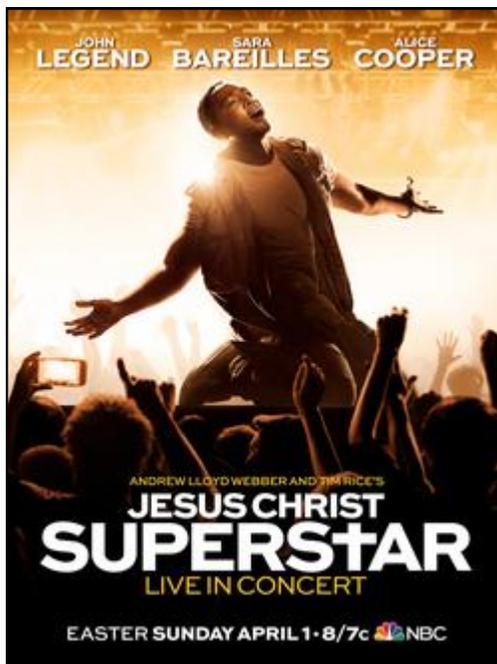
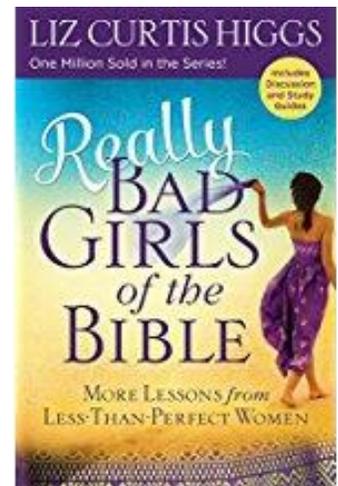
Adult Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at the home of Elizabeth Hughes

The group is currently doing an 8-week book study of “Really Bad Girls of the Bible” by Liz Curtis Higgs. It’s never too late to join - please speak to Elizabeth Hughes for more information. All are welcome!

Tentative Schedule:

- April 3: NO MEETING, SPRING BREAK
- April 10: Chapter 3, “Peculiar Grace the Adulteress”
- April 17: NO MEETING
- April 24: Chapter 4, “Blood Will Tell Athaliah”
- May 1: Chapter 5, “Bathing Beauty Bathsheba”
- May 8: Chapter 6, “Just Desserts Herodias”
- May 15: Chapter 7, “Veiled Threat Tamar the Widow”
- May 22: Chapter 8, “Tears of a Clown, The Bleeding Woman”
- May 29: MOVIE DAY— meet at 10 AM, see below



MOVIE DAY!

On **Tuesday, May 29th at 10:00 AM** we will enjoy breakfast together and watch the movie “Jesus Christ Super Star” — all are welcome! Please let Elizabeth Hughes know if you can attend!

Sunday School for Kids During Worship!

The **K-5th Grade** class is using the Whirl curriculum which highlights key Bible stories from both the New and Old Testaments.

The **6th-8th 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 **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, Allyson Moyer, Elizabeth Hughes, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach, and rotating volunteers

Nursery Care Always Available!



Thank you to all the children who collected change for One Great Hour of Sharing. The fish banks contained a total of \$60!



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.

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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.***

April 2018 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Deacon's Meeting Confirmation Meeting	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	10 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	11	12	13	14
15 Confirmation Meeting	16 Confirmation Meeting	17 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	18 Session Meeting 7 PM	19 YOUTH Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	20	21
22 Confirmation Meeting	23 Confirmation Meeting	24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28
29  Communion Served Confirmation Meeting	30					

May 2018 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	2	3 National Day of Prayer Service 7 PM	4	5
6 Deacon's Meeting Confirmation meets with Session	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day Children/Youth Service	14	15 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	16 Session Meeting 7 PM	17 YOUTH Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	18	19 VIP Water Walk
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