



Cornerstone Connection
September 2019



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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WORSHIP

SATURDAYS at 5 PM
SUNDAY at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children
during Sunday worship)

A Message from Reverend Pruner

Every beginning of September, from the time I was a child, there has been an excitement of telling and hearing about summer vacations. I enjoyed listening to my friends as they told of the fun they experienced as well as sharing my adventures with them. This year my excitement is even greater. Our summer at Cornerstone Church was filled with many highlights!

In June we honored our graduates Thomas Laskiewicz who graduated from Jackson Memorial High School, and is now attending York College in PA, and Ben Leach, Jack Amyot and Jonathan Hughes graduated from 8th grade at Goetz Middle School and are now attending Jackson Memorial!

In July we sent Elizabeth and Annabel Hughes to visit Malawi, Africa with the mission Villages in Partnership. They arrived with 3 suitcases filled with 150 pounds of necessary goods, and when there was no more room in the suitcases, we sent \$600.00 cash which was used to purchase needed medicines!

We also sent two Cornerstone youth, Julia Capurso and Kayla Moyer, to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium! They joined with close to 4000 youth to meet for worship, Bible Study, fellowship and fun. We're so proud of them for representing Cornerstone, taking the time out of their summer to grow in their faith and to learn more about Christian leadership!

July also brought new landscaping to Cornerstone. So beautiful and much more luscious because of the volunteers who came and watered the plants for an hour each week. Once again there was need and our members stepped up in a big way. *(continued)*

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Cornerstone Community



Rodney Puig, 9/2
Ray Schleckser, 9/2
Laura Tunis, 9/19
Wendy Barone, 9/20
Bubba Smith, 9/24
Julia Capurso, 9/25
Lois Fox, 9/29
Joan Nebel, 9/30



Bob & Laurie Wegner, 9/8

*Don't see your special day listed?
Please let Elizabeth Hughes know!*

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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In August, we had Vacation Bible school. There were sixteen children, nine youth and nine adult volunteers. The theme was "Who is my Neighbor?" and during the week the children learned how Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors. They put their faith in action by bringing food in for our local food pantry and brought in offerings that they would give to Villages in Partnership to purchase a goat for a family. The goal was to be able to purchase one goat for fifty dollars. They exceeded the goal and collected enough for 2½ goats. When the congregation was told of their faithfulness they were inspired to give more. Our Vacation Bible School was able to give seven goats!

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, for such is the kingdom of God". This summer we have been witnesses of how the children and young members of our church are leading the way in their outstanding faithfulness and generosity. We are reminded how vital every member is to the body of Christ, no matter how young or old! May God bless us as a new season begins, may we open ourselves to the ways God is calling us to grow in our faith, to serve our neighbors and to be generous in our giving!

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

	ELDERS ON OUR SESSION	BOARD OF DEACONS
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
2021	Mike Pushko Gail Carlson (2019) Laura Stone David LaCross (2019)	Elizabeth Hughes



Donations for Hurricane Relief

If you would like to make a donation to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they respond to the needs in the Bahamas and the United States after the devastating impact of Hurricane Dorian, please place your donation in the offering plate marked "hurricane relief." You can also donate online directly:

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-dorian/>

Please pray for:

- Rev Rob recovering from surgery to insert stents for aneurysms in his stomach (JOY that he is recovered and back to work—thanks for the cards and prayers!)
- Linda Van Melis after the passing of her mother
- Sueli Paes de Barros after the passing of her father on August 1st
- Denise Mudalel’s cousin Karen after the passing of her husband Jimmy after a long battle with leukemia
- Megan LaFontaine recovering from surgery on a broken foot, facing 12-week recovery
- Donnette Hubert recovering from a fall
- Vikki Leach’s mother-in-law with cancer in hospice care

Continued prayers for:

- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8253
- John Lukacs in Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Mattison Crossing, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Our troops around the world and their families





Our team from Cornerstone had 20 people and we moved 12,500 pounds of sand, helping to build the world's tallest sand castle! What a fun day!





Our first VBS in our new church on Harmony Road took place the week of August 19-23, and it was a big success! We had 16 children, 9 youth teachers and helpers and 9 adult teachers and helpers. We welcomed eight new children from four new families! During the week the children collected "child friendly" food for our local food pantry. The children also brought an offering everyday of Vacation Bible School in hopes of raising enough money to purchase a goat for a family in



Malawi. Through our mission project in Malawi, Villages in Partnership, one goat cost \$50.00. The children raised \$126.92! That collection was almost TRIPLED in church that Sunday, so Cornerstone was able to make a donation to purchase 7 goats for vulnerable families in Malawi! Vacation Bible School was such a blessing for all of us and how great it is that we could be a blessing for those in need! **THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED!**



On Sunday, September 29th Cornerstone will hold it's first "The Church Has Left the Building" event! After a short time of prayer at the church at 10 AM, we will head out to bless our community through a number of local mission projects!

Some projects will be at the church, and others will be to benefit our nearby friends and members. There will be jobs suitable for everyone—all ages and abilities!

Our hope is that you will join us for regular worship that weekend on Saturday, September 28th at 5 PM when we welcome visitors from Malawi to worship with us, followed by a meal and time of fellowship.



Then come for this special day of outreach on Sunday at 10 AM when THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

New Member Class

September 24th at 7 PM

Cornerstone has been blessed with many new friends. We would like to welcome each new visitor to our congregation! As a way for our visitors to get to know more about the church they are invited to attend our New Member Class. Our class is designed to discuss who we are and the ways we serve the Lord here at Cornerstone. There is time to answer questions you may have about what it means to be a Presbyterian and what we believe. We ask you to come to the class even if you are transferring from another Presbyterian church, this is a wonderful way for our leadership and Rev. Tory Pruner to get to know you better and to learn the ways you have been involved in church life in the past. As new members join the church, we have always found that they bring new ideas and energy that helps to make the church family even stronger.

Our class will be held on Tuesday September 24th at 7:00pm. We will meet in the Harmony House, the building next to the church. We will begin with a video presentation, followed by a time of discussion. Our class should will end by 8:30pm.

If you would like to be a part of the class, please email Rev. Tory Pruner at vappruner@gmail.com or call/text her at 732-691-5825.





**THE
BIG GAME**
OCT 6th

**Sunday School
Kick Off**

Sunday, October 6 10:00 AM

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
569 Harmony Road
Jackson, NJ

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JACKSON DAY



**September
28th**
at Johnson Park

Cornerstone will once again have a tables to share the good news of Cornerstone in our community! Volunteers are needed. See Allyson Moyer if you can help!

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 13,330 for the church!




Cornerstone is offering an opportunity for the congregation to donate flower arrangements for the communion table, with a **memorial or honorarium dedication in the bulletin.** The cost is \$30 and proceeds will be used for a Cornerstone Flower Fund to allow us to purchase other special arrangements as needed throughout the year. Please see Elizabeth Hughes to sign up for any Sunday in 2019 or sign up through the link on the homepage of our website cornerstonechurchofjackson.org.



WELCOME BACK!

Sunday, September 8th

Please stay after worship today for cookies and refreshments and a time of fellowship as we catch up after the summer months and look forward to the year ahead!



SAVE THE DATE!

Meet the Malawian Guests at Cornerstone!
Saturday, September 28th at 5 PM Worship
(meal and fellowship to follow worship)

On Saturday, September 28th we will welcome 4 visitors from Malawi to our 5 PM worship service! The group will perform as a choir, and there will be a catered meal and time of fellowship after worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Malawians involved in Villages in Partnership and show them how we support them and their mission!



October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

MISSIONS

CORNERSTONE Presbyterian Church



CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

To benefit the children of Roselle Preschool Center at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle, NJ.

Donations needed to create gift bags for approximately 70 low income children between the ages of 0-5.

A project that will begin this fall is a Christmas Gift Collection for the children of Roselle Preschool Center at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle, NJ where Mary-Lynn Morrison is the pastor. We will collect items to make up gift bags for approximately 70 low income children, ages 0-5. **NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME to shop for school supplies** while they are on sale at stores like Target, Walmart and Staples to get items like crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint sets, glue, scissors, pencil cases, erasers, etc.

Other suggested items would be: baby items, small toys and games for preschoolers, playdough, arts and crafts supplies, t-shirts, socks, hats, toothbrushes.

THANK YOU for your generosity and support of this local mission project for Christmas!

Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 13th, 1:30-3 PM

Support our Cornerstone Team!



“We walk because they walk.” Why? Because people of Catholic and Protestant churches are getting sponsors to provide water, seeds and help to grow food for the hungry. This year, the invitation goes out for each to walk so that others may eat. Can you walk or sponsor a walker? The Ocean County walk is Sun, Oct. 13th, 1:30 to 3:00 for three miles starting at the Toms River Presbyterian Church. Jesus said, “In as much as you have helped the least of these, you have done it unto me.” See Allyson Moyer or Elizabeth Hughes for more information on how YOU can help the Cornerstone Team! To register or donate, please visit:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj/Cornerstone>

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! :)



17th Tuesday 5:30-7:00pm Taco Tuesday at Bubbakoos, Jackson

Let's get together and see how the first day of school was! Kids can share their teachers, worries, excitement and we can all pray together for a great school year!

22nd Sunday - NO YOUTH GROUP DUE TO TWO ACTIVITIES the following weekend.

26st Thursday 6:45pm -9:00pm 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 a Youth Pastors, -FREE TIME in 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 offers for purchase; serves Ice Cream, Milk Shakes and French Fries so bring a few dollars if you'd like to buy a snack. You're welcome to bring your own too.

28th Saturday 11am-5:30pm Jackson Day, Johnson Park, Jackson

Cornerstone will be participating in the great Community Event. Jackson is celebrating it's 175 Anniversary with fun for the whole family...live music, game truck, food vendors, petting zoo, car show, vendors, farmers market, flea market and much more. Come volunteer at the Cornerstone table for a little while and hand out our give aways spreading the good new to Jackson friends of Cornerstone Youth Group.

28th Saturday 5pm VIP Malawi Celebration at Cornerstone Church

Many of you have participated in our Global Mission, Villages in Partnership with our walk and donations! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Malawi Friends as they join us at our 5pm worship service! The group will perform as a choir, and there will be a meal and time of fellowship after worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Malawians involved in Villages in Partnership and show them how we support them and their mission!

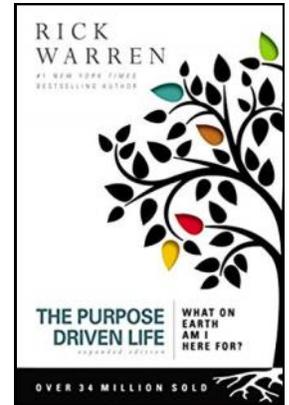
We are always open to ideas and suggestions so please feel free to email or call Allyson to add an event to the calendar.

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

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

CHURCH WIDE STUDY—The Purpose Driven Life—starting in October!

This fall we hope that you will set aside time to join with fellow Cornerstone friends to wrestle with the question that so often haunts each of us, "What on earth am I here for?" To leads us in our study we will use *The Purpose Driven Life*, the *New York Times* #1 bestselling book by Pastor Rick Warren. As one of the best-selling nonfiction books in history, with more than 34 million copies sold, *The Purpose Driven Life* is far more than just a book; it's the roadmap for your spiritual journey. A journey that will transform your life and help you understand the purpose of your life.



In *The Purpose Driven Life* you'll find the answers to three of life's most important questions:

- The Question of Existence: Why am I alive?
- The Question of Significance: Does my life matter?
- The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for?
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Living out the purpose you were created for moves you beyond survival or success to a life of significance - the life you were meant to live.

We will have a study on:

- ⇒ Saturdays before worship at 4:00pm in the Harmony House
- ⇒ Tuesday at 10:00 during our Women's Bible Study at Elizabeth Hughes home
- ⇒ Finally, we are working on setting up a study you can do remotely from your home! We will let you know when we are set to go.

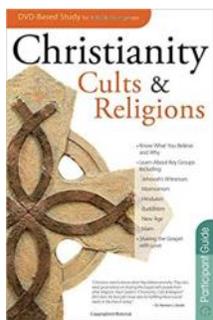
The Purpose Driven Life is available in two editions, in the most recent edition you will receive two additional chapters and other extras. Either book will be fine for our study. Know that the book comes in audio book, ebook, softcover, and hardcover editions.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Resumes September 17th! All Women Welcome!

Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at Harmony House

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30 AM at Harmony House. The first meeting will be to plan our schedule for this fall! The group is planning two studies— to participate in the church-wide study of the Purpose Driven Life (described above) and a 6-week study of *Christianity, Cults, and Religions*. All women are welcome to attend! Talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more information 732-580-3137, ejhughes@optonline.net.



The *Christianity, Cults & Religions* DVD-based study helps Christians know what they believe and why. By comparing Christianity with groups such as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, people have a better grasp about what the Bible says about who Jesus is and the message of the Gospel. This six-session study simply explains the history, background, and beliefs of the most common world religions and cultic groups: Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses and other groups.



KICKOFF DAY for our new
**Sunday School year will be on
Sunday, October 6th!**

This will be the first day of Sunday School for this school year, and we will celebrate with a tailgate party and touch football game! Bring your favorite tailgate food to share and wear a shirt of jersey for your favorite team!

During the summer through the end of September, we have movies and activities for children elementary-age and younger in Harmony House after the Time for Children.

Nursery care is always available for kids 2 and younger!



The Cornerstone Christian Education Committee is currently looking for Sunday School teachers to begin in October.

Volunteering can be on a rotating basis, so that there is not a commitment for every Sunday. Please see Allyson Moyer or Reverend Pruner if you're interested in helping!



Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1



CHOIR UPDATES

Thank you to our Director of Music, Doreen Laskiewicz, and the Cornerstone **RINGERS AND SINGERS** for providing a joyful noise during worship!

If you are interested in joining our singing choir or bell choir, rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 17th!

Bell Choir: 6-7 PM

Singing Choir: 7-8 PM

Talk to Doreen for more information. No experience necessary, all are welcome!

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.***

September 2019 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP 10 AM	2	3	4	5	6	7 WORSHIP 5 PM
8 WORSHIP 10 AM Deacon's Meeting 11:15 AM	9	10	11	12	13	14 WORSHIP 5 PM
15 WORSHIP 10 AM	16	17 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bell Choir 6-7 PM Singing Choir 7-8 PM YOUTH GROUP 5:30 PM	18 Session Meeting 7 PM	19	20	21 WORSHIP 5 PM
22 WORSHIP 10 AM	23	24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bell Choir 6-7 PM Singing Choir 7-8 PM New Member Class 7 PM	25	26	27	28 WORSHIP 5 PM POTLUCK WITH THE MALAWIANS 6 PM JACKSON DAY
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