



Cornerstone Connection

August 19, 2021



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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WORSHIP

SATURDAYS at 5 PM

SUNDAY at 10 AM

VIRTUAL on FACEBOOK

SUNDAYS at 10 AM

A Message from Reverend Pruner

This summer has exhausted many of us. Yes, in just ten fleeting weeks, we have crammed in as many family and friends gatherings and vacations that were put off by the pandemic, and yes sports and camp activities for our children. As exhausting as this summer may have been for many of us, it was also exhilarating! Why is it that we tried to cram in as much as possible?

I believe it is because we were designed to be in relationship with one another. In Genesis we learn that we were created to support and care for each other. That is why the Lord gave Adam a partner and friend in Eve. We need only to witness the birth of a baby and see how being held calms and comforts an infant. Yes, we long to be touched, to be hugged, to be loved.

The pandemic caused situations that led many of us to think about a very small circle of our friends and family. In many cases this left those who live by themselves, facing a time of isolation. For many, as the pandemic stretched on, being alone became beyond unbearable. Actually, many are still struggling in the continuation of the unknown of this virus. Rather than having a grip of a hand of a family member or friend, the virus has a grip on them.

John writes "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." I John 11-12

John lifts up to the early believers the amazing truth, God loves them and as they love one another, God's love is perfected! What an awesome opportunity and privilege our Lord has given to us, to love one another and indeed God's love will flow through us to others.

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CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

2021 Mike Pushko
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2022 Jim Foster
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2021 Diane DeLuca
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Kellie Pushko
2023 Barbara Dougherty
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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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Let's challenge ourselves as the seasons change from summer to fall to make sharing and growing in God's love our aim. Let us remember especially those family and friends who may be struggling with being isolated. Plan a visit while it is still warm so you can sit outside or make a call or send a card, allowing the love of God flow through you.

Most especially make time to come and worship. Together worshiping and praising God we experience the awesome love our Lord. Surrounded and empowered by such love may we discover how love can flow through us. Seek and find opportunities to serve the Lord at Cornerstone Church. Let's recommit to be there for our family of faith and our community. Perhaps this is the year to join one of our choirs, come to a work day, or invite a friend to come to church. Let's make this fall one that shines forth with God's love!

Rev. Tory Pruner

Please pray for:

- The Sculthorpe family after the sudden passing of Glenn
- Reverends Jim and Tory Pruner, both having hip replacements this month
- Barbara Dougherty recovering from surgery
- Doris Pfeiffen recovering from heart surgery and ulcers
- Reverend Pruner's sister Greta with a terminal lung illness



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



GRAND CELEBRATION WEEKEND May 22-23, 2021

We had a lot to celebrate on the weekend of May 22 & 23! On May 22nd, we gathered for a meal and to watch the Villages in Partnership Water Walk Livestream event (see pages 9-10 for more details!). Then we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the start of Cornerstone and Pentecost on Sunday.



So great to see Bruce & Betty Thompson!



This year our summer VBS program has the children “traveling” the world—this photo is from our program 18 years ago, on the day they learned about Scotland (see any familiar faces?).



Bill Brower (shown with his wife Ginny) arriving to worship straight from his drive home from Florida!



Our thanks to Vin Villecco who made this beautiful stained glass piece for the communion table. The center part was made by Vin over 10 years ago, before he ever attended Cornerstone, when we were worshipping in McAuliffe Middle School!



Beverly Kaiser is happy to be able to receive visitors again at Fountainview Care Center after a long shut down due to COVID.

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The sanctuary will be open for remembrance and prayer on the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Saturday, 9/11
10 AM—12 PM & 4—5 PM

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
 569 Harmony Road
 Jackson

Remembering September 11th

On Saturday September 11, 2021 we mark 20 years since that day, which began like any other. For those of us out on that day, we remember the sky to be a remarkable deep blue. However, the beauty of the day was shattered by the horror and destruction left behind. The loss of life was heart wrenching.

Our Sanctuary will be open for prayer on Saturday September 11th from 10:00am-12:00pm and 4:00-5:00pm. We invite you to join with us in prayer. Prayer cards will be available for those who would like to use them in guided prayer. Rev. Pruner will also be there to listen and prayer with those who wish to.

We also invite you to join with us in helping our neighbors in need in Haiti. One of the ways to reverse the tide of evil is to live out our faith in love.

According to [a fact sheet issued Tuesday August 17, 2021 by USAID](#), 1,419 people have died (by Wednesday morning the death toll had been raised to more than 2,000). In addition, more than 6,900 have been injured, 83,300 homes have been destroyed and 2.2 million Haitians have been exposed to violent aftershocks.

We invite you to join us in supporting the efforts of Presbyterian Disaster Relief who is working closely with other missions on the ground to get the needed funds to provide water, food, hygiene kits, blankets and first aid kits.

Please make a "Donation of Love" to the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and we will send it off directly, so your love will be felt by our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Pool Party & Picnic

at the Pruner's
August 22nd at 11:30 AM



The Pruners will be hosting an end of summer celebration at their home located at 755 Reed Road, Jackson. There will be swimming, cornhole, ladder ball, trampoline fun, ATV rides, water slide, and Axe Throwing competitions. There will be much to do but most of all it will be a wonderful day of friendship and fellowship. We hope you can join us for this time of reconnecting and fun! Please [RSVP to Pastor Tory](#) so we have a headcount for food! Sandwiches, salads, chips, desserts, soda, lemonade, ice tea and water will be provided. *If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please just let us know what you will bring when you RSVP.*



Rally Day & Chili Cookoff

Sunday,
September 12th
after worship

Stay tuned for more
details!



The Ringers & Singers will resume rehearsals on September 8th and continue weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings! Bells from 7-8 PM and singing 8-9 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME—no experience necessary! Please talk to our Director of Music, Doreen Laskiewicz, for more information!



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 \$40 and proceeds will be used for a Cornerstone Flower Fund to allow us to purchase other special arrangements as needed throughout the year. You can [sign up online](#) or contact Elizabeth to make arrangements!

“Come Grow With Us” Donor Tree Campaign



We have a beautiful tree hanging on the wall of the church sanctuary that will allow our members and friends an

opportunity to support the church and make a lasting impression in our new church home. By making a donation, you can choose a leaf, dove, or rock with the engraving of your choice to recognize your family name, or in honor or memory of a loved one.

The order form is available at church or to download from our [website](#)!

We hope you will consider contributing to the "Come Grow With Us" Donor Tree Campaign and be recognized with a permanent reminder of your part in Cornerstone history! Orders will be placed on an ongoing basis as they are received.

In addition to giving during worship, there are several options available for giving to the church.

- Use [online giving](#) to make a one-time or recurring donation through bank transfer or credit card
- Download the [Vanco](#) mobile app to make a one-time or recurring donation from your mobile device
 - [Download](#) the Apple mobile app
 - [Download](#) the Google Play app
- Make a donation via [PayPal](#)
- Offerings can also be mailed to Cornerstone at 569 Harmony Road, Jackson, NJ 08527



WORSHIP

We are meeting for in-person worship weekly at our usual worship times of Saturday at 5 PM and Sunday at 10 AM.

Services will continue to be livestreamed on Sundays on our [Facebook page](#) at 10 AM. They can be watched anytime!



On May 23rd at our Grand Celebration, we recognized those who have been a part of our congregation for 15+ years!



“Gooooood morning!”





THANK YOU to all who supported Team Harmony!

For the 10th year, we had a team participate in the Water Walk with Villages in Partnership to raise funds and awareness to improve the lives of our brothers and sisters in Malawi, Africa through projects to improve their access to clean water, education, sanitation, and healthcare. **The Water Walk event raised in total over \$380,000!!! Team Harmony raised \$8778, a new record that far surpassed our goal. Our team also walked 243 miles in solidarity with the Malawians who have to walk so far to get clean water.** THANK YOU for the incredible support - thanks to you and the generosity of so many, lives will be changed - not just now but for generations to come.

Update from Malawi! In late July, construction began at Khanda Health Center! After months of collaboration and discussions, the plans are in motion! Because Khanda is very remote, women often in die in childbirth and children die of preventable diseases



such as malaria. The construction of this health center will enable thousands of people to have more accessible health care, saving lives!



TEAM HARMONY walked together on May 16th, and then we shared a meal and time of fellowship on May 22nd and gathered to watch the livestream event in the sanctuary!



School Supply Drive for Church World Services School Kits

Throughout the summer, we've been collecting supplies to make school kits for Church World Services, helping give kids in impoverished schools (or other difficult settings) some of the tools for basic learning. **THANKYOU** to all for the very generous donations!

And THANKYOU to our awesome youth group who gathered to assemble 72 bags!



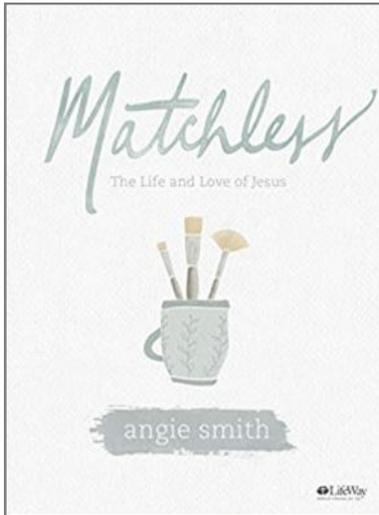
Each bag contains 2 notebooks, 6 pencils, a box of crayons, scissors, a large eraser, a ruler, and a pencil sharpener.



Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

All Women Welcome!

Resuming September 22nd! Meets Wednesdays 10:00—11:30 AM at Harmony House



The Women's Bible Study has moved to a new day of the week, now meeting on **Wednesdays** at 10:00 AM at Harmony House. This fall the group will be doing the bible study “Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus.” It’s never too late to join us—all women are welcome to attend! Talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more information 732-580-3137, ejhughes@optonline.net. The study guides are available in hardcopy from Amazon or Lifeway for \$15.99, or as an [ebook from Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com).

Description: *Who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him?*

We live in a world where there’s a lot of confusion about Jesus. Too often people want to shape Him and His message to fit their personal needs or agendas. So how can we know the truth? Join *Seamless* author Angie Smith in this 8-session search for truth as she unfolds the story of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message. Through her signature wit and accessible style, Angie unpacks Scripture in a way that’s easy to understand, regardless of how long you’ve been studying the Bible (a great option for new believers!). This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend.



Women's Luncheon at the Marina Grill on June 1, 2021

Update on
CHILDREN'S
Sunday School



Sunday school classes for Pre-K through 5th grade will resume on September 12th during Sunday worship with masks and social distancing in effect. Packets will continue to be delivered for those who would like to study at home or in combination with in-person lessons. See note from Ms. Kathe below. If you attend in person, please bring your lesson bag with you!

For more information, please contact Allyson Moyer, Kathe Morrison, or Megan LaFontaine.

A Note from Ms. Kathe about Sunday School

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENTURES

The Christian Education Committee of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church continues to innovate--looking for new ways to bring the stories of the Bible to the children of our church. Last year we started a program that delivered Sunday school packets to families at home. Because of the rise of covid this summer we will continue this program.

The packets include materials for children preschool through elementary. They include Bible stories for each week, crafts, games, family activities, mission projects such as the food pantry and the giving tree and family prayer time. Each week includes a video visit with the Whirl kids as they explore the meanings of the Bible Stories.

Currently these families are enrolled in this program:

Smith, Brady, LaFontaine, Rosenfeld, Fratto and LeCompte. If you would like to be added to the Sunday School list contact Elizabeth Hughes at the Church office or Kathe Morrison at 732-276-6808 or 732-232-2704 cell. Welcome to all!



"Wandering the World with Vacation Bible School!"

Summer Is Not Over Yet!

There is one more day of Wacky Wednesdays Bible School. On Wednesday, August 25th, we will travel to Switzerland with Fred VanLooy and Barbara Dougherty.

Next we will find out what happens to Moses and the people of Israel as they leave Egypt for new adventures and a new home. Join us from 2:00 - 4:30 at Pastor Tory's home at 755 Reed Rd. Don't forget your swimsuit! We'll have a great time!



1st stop: NORWAY with Mrs. Moyer (Todd's mom), 7/14



Children and Youth



2nd stop: BRAZIL with Dominique & Sueli 7/28



3rd stop: EGYPT with Ms. Kathe 8/11



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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August 2021 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	9	10	11 VBS 2-4:30 PM	12	13	14 WORSHIP 5 PM
15 WORSHIP 10 AM	16	17 Session Meeting 7 PM	18	19 Youth Group 11:00 AM	20	21 WORSHIP 5 PM
22 WORSHIP 10 AM Church Pool Party & Picnic 11:30 AM	23	24	25 VBS 2-4:30 PM	26	27	28 WORSHIP 5 PM 
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