



Cornerstone Connection November 2013

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45am for Adults (childcare available)

Fellowship 9:45 - 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

(Sunday School for kids during worship)

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Nursery Care:

Courtney Miner

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Great things are happening here at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in this fall season of 2013! Have you taken time to notice how blessed with are with our worship services including inspirational music? Have you taken advantage of our Bible Studies for Adults? Have your children and youth benefited from our Sunday School and Midweek Programs? Have you given of yourself in service through our mission opportunities? Our church has gifted leaders in the session, deacons, staff, and interns! The important work that is happening is a sign of the seeds of faith growing up and out into a seedling and some have become a tree and even others have been able to bear fruit and share it for God's Kingdom. Cornerstone members and friends as they gather together become a family of God - brothers and sisters in Christ and we call out each Sunday a truth claim which says, "God is GOOD!" - "ALL THE TIME!"

Every year at this time we are asked to count our many blessings for a celebration of Thanksgiving and also for a Season of Stewardship. I challenge you this Season of Gratitude to pray and to live into the future God has planned for us. Perhaps a building is in our near future....a building we can call home. Perhaps we can get a team together where we go to others and serve those in need in a hands-on experiential service-trip. Pray that as each of us can put together our resources that our ministries can continue to grow and thrive. Pray about stepping up to volunteer in our many opportunities for our young people. Consider stepping up as an adult to serve as a deacon and/or an elder. Share with God of your time, talent, faith, and treasure. Know that the Lord is Good and that He loves a cheerful giver!

Cornerstone, as a Body of Believers, can work together to be the hands and feet of God guiding others to Christ through the work and ministry of our congregation in Jackson and beyond.

As we journey through our stewardship sermon series and consider that we begin our act of stewardship as an acorn. God uses a small seed of faith and generosity to spread far and wide. As we then live more into our faith, we sprout and become a seedling where we step up and out in service. Next we find ourselves growing into a tree where we get nourishment from the Lord but stand tall as a sign to others of our faith and commitment. And, then in the faithfulness of time, we find ourselves bearing fruit and that fruit is guiding others to their own faith and commitment.

Our congregation is not built on any one person but rests on the Cornerstone, which is Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ and his disciples modeled the way for us to be fruit-bearing and now we choose to follow, and to let ourselves grow into God's purpose and plan for our lives. Christ lives in you and calls you to share what have you have received in the giving of yourself and all that you have to God's service.

Take time to celebrate the wonderful church that Cornerstone continues to be with (continued)

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 Michele Calhoun 11/8 Todd Moyer, 11/10 Vanessa Smith, 11/12 Colin DiGirolamo, 11/14 Tina Kas, 11/15 Daniel Fowler, 11/16 Michael Hekl, 11/18 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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each of you sharing in its ministry. All that happens here at Cornerstone Presbyterian does not happen by accident. The reason we can have such an amazing staff, worship, fellowship, youth/children programs, mission activities and beyond is through the stewardship resources shared by Cornerstone members and friends. As each shares their time, their talents, their faith, and their treasure...then we find ourselves blessed in so many

ways. As we continue through this Stewardship Season, please ask and pray, "What is God asking me to give?" The best way we can continue to be a beacon of light to Jackson and beyond is if we have the budget to lead our church to new places, serving Jesus Christ more boldly and broadly each day.

We will celebrate our faith and demonstrating our trust in God and one another by dedicating our pledge of our treasure on Sunday, November 24. There will be a celebration following worship with food and fellowship. And, Wendy Bailey, our General Presbyter, will be in attendance to guide us in a time of faithful reflection on what makes Cornerstone a gift to you.

Thank you for the gifts that you continue to bring to this community and for the tithes and offerings freely given. God is good, all the time. Let us respond faithfully to our God and continue to make a difference in people's lives through this year's pledge campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of Session or Pastor Courtney.

In Christ, Courtney

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2014	Dominique Robert Bruce Thompson Kellie Pushko Todd Moyer	David Carlson Sueli Paes de Barros
2015 Clerk	Barbara Dougherty Wendy Barone Gail Carlson David LaCross Sharron A. Smith	Laura Stone

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month. If you have something for the newsletter, please email to Elizabeth Hughes at: administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org



Welcome to Darby June Thompson, new granddaughter to Bob & Laurie Wegner, born on October 20, 2013!



Congratulations to Zach Tunis and his team from McAuliffe Middle School who placed 3rd in the county at the Ocean County Cross Country Championship on October 22nd!



October 5th—The "Rat Pack" (Tim Woolverton, Sean Beeg, Faron Trick, and Bob Burkhardt) was reunited for a Benefit Concert at the Chiques United Methodist Church in Mt. Joy, PA to benefit John Wolgemuth, the survivor of a railyard explosion.



Please pray for:

 The Moyer family after the passing of Todd's father, Reverend William Moyer

Continued prayers for:

- John Lukacs in Fountain View Rehab Center recovering from a fall
- Alice and Russ Jones as they continue to struggle with health problems
- Laura Stone's brother Fred and sister Beth
- Bob and Joan Daniels
- Our troops at home and around the world, and their families



On October 6th, several Cornerstone members ran/walked in the Race for the Cure at Great Adventure. Nice job Tina & Keith Kas, Elizabeth Hughes, and the Slusak family!



On October 8th, it was announced that Ryan Calhoun has completed all of the requirements to be a full member firefighter for the Jackson Mills Fire Company Station 54. The photo (left) shows Ryan at his graduation from the Fire Academy in June. Congratulations!



John Lukacs is feeling better in Fountain View Rehab Center (527 River Ave, Lakewood Township, NJ) as he continues to recover from injuries after a fall.



October 5th—Meg "Macaroni Anne Cheeze" Milligan face painting at the Stomping of the Grapes at Laurita Winery.

The church had a garage sale at the Capurso's home on October 12th. We were able to sell items from the donations the church was given from the estate of one of Marye Barbagallo's neighbor, as well as other items donated from church members. In total, \$728 was raised for the church! Our thanks to Marye for coordinating the sale of the household goods, and to her neighbor Paul for storing them; also to the Church Ladies for their help in pricing items, to Ryan Calhoun for helping to move the furniture, and to the Capurso Family for hosting the garage sale!







the barbecue!



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday October 13th





Thank you for

Shining

His

Light

at Cornerstone,

in Jackson, and beyond!

Cornerstone
Volunteer Appreciation

October 13, 2013









"Updated" Photo Directory

We are continuing to update 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.. Also, if you would like us to help you to capture a NEW photo, please ask Pastor Courtney, Annabel Hughes, or Elizabeth Hughes to take your photo after worship.



Please help the homeless in New Jersey by helping SPREAD THE WORD about the *Destiny's Bridge* documentary film and the associated project!

Destiny's Bridge is a film about the community of 100+ otherwise-homeless people who live on "public land", out-of-the-way in the woods of Lakewood Township, NJ. It tells their personal stories, documents the on-going conflict with the local government that is trying to bulldoze their makeshift homes, and talks about new and better ideas for how to solve the problem of homelessness.

The next screening of *Destiny's Bridge* is on **November 7th**, 7PM, in **Toms River** (AMC Loews Seacourt 10; 635 Bay Ave). Buy tickets online - http://BrownPaperTickets.com/event/483381 - only \$11.34 (\$10 + service fee).

Screenings of *Destiny's Bridge* constitute a launching platform for a subsequent Q&A session and discussion about the next step - a Tent City 2.0 to be built on donated land!

More info about the film - http://DestinysBridge.COM

More info about Tent City itself - http://TentCityNJ.org

If we all work together, we can help create cost-effective communities where formerly-homeless individuals will be able to pull their economic weight, practice mutual aid, and work to better themselves and improve their prospects for employment. The problem of homelessness can be solved for good!



Poinsettia Sale

The Church Ladies will be selling poinsettias and the proceeds will benefit our church!

Forms will be available in church.

Information on pricing and order forms will be available in the next week.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November24th, 6:00 PM, at Hope Cathedral on Bennetts Mills Road next to JR Landscaping. Several of our members have attended this service over the years and are always moved by the joyful music and the celebration of all that we have to be thankful for. Come join with churches throughout our community for this special service! Those who attend are invited to bring a dessert or snack to share. For more information, talk to Pastor Courtney.

November Sunday Services:

- November 3, Stewardship Sermon Series Week 1: The Growth of A Giving Tree: An Acorn, Matthew 13:31-35
- November 10 Blue Jean Sunday, Stewardship Sermon Series Week 2: The Growth of A Giving Tree: A Seedling, Mark 4:26-34
- November 3, Stewardship Sermon Series Week 3: The Growth of A Giving Tree: A Tree, Psalm 1; Anthony Maimone to preach.
- November 24 Stewardship Sunday, Stewardship Sermon Series Week 4: The Growth of A Giving Tree: A Tree, Luke 13:6-9. Communion will be served.







October Youth Activities with Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Open to all middle school and high school youth. Talk to Youth Director Mary Gardiner or Pastor Courtney for more information on any of these activities!

November 3: Games & Gospel, 1:30-3:00 PM at the Hughes's home, 5 Kindling Way

November 10: Canvassing for the food pantry

November 17: 6th Graders are welcome to join the Children's Ministry in visiting Ronald McDonald House to make dinner for the residents; 2:30—5:00 PM.

November 24: Stewardship Celebration Lunch after worship at McAuliffe; Community Thanksgiving Service, 6 PM, Hope Cathedral



October 20, 2013









Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM Meets at DeBows United Methodist Church , 509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ

This group meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm., unless otherwise noted. It is for children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, and is led by Pastor Courtney and Pastor Betty. Each month there will be a Missions theme with an associated craft or trip. A fun evening of Christian fellowship through bible lessons, crafts, holiday plays, games, snacks, and field trips.

November—December Schedule:

Thu. Nov. 14 "Deborah" Judges 4:4-16

Sunday, Nov. 17 Prepare Dinner for Residents of Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch, NJ; Leave Jackson at 2:30 PM

Mission: Write Christmas Cards to Shut-ins, Children's Hospital, Missionaries, and Military

Sun. Nov 24 "Community Thanksgiving Service" Children will sing as part of worship

Thu. Nov. 28 No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 5 No Meeting

Fri. Dec. 6 - Dec. 7 Sleepover at DeBow's Church 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Sat. (pizza at 5:30, travel to

homes to carol. Then we return to church for kids' sleepover!

Thu. Dec. 12 Meet at 5:30 PM at Debow's to travel to Care One to deliver blankets and to carol

Sat. Dec. 14 Live Nativity at DeBows

Mission: Caroling to Care One Residents and Shut-ins













Adult Sunday School

Our intern Anthony Maimone is leading an adult class on Sundays from 9 - 9:40 AM with lessons focused on "improving interpersonal relationships" based on characters of the Bible; the first biblical reference will focus on the relationships between Abraham, Sarah and Hagar. Please speak to Kristen DiGirolamo if you would like to attend and need nursery care.





Sunday School for Kids!

This fall, the **Elementary** children will be learning from the We Believe series called "God's People Together." The children will learn about key relationships in the Old Testament through reading the Bible, playing games and doing crafts. Reading will include Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Miriam and Moses and many more.

The **Middle School and High School Youth** will be studying a survey of the Bible, with an Old Testament study called "Moses and the Exodus," beginning with the birth of Moses and continuing through the journey through the wilderness and the building of the Tabernacle.



Teachers:

Nursery: Courtney Miner

Elementary: Allyson Moyer and Kellie Pushko

Middle & High School: Elizabeth Hughes and Kristen DiGirolamo





Cornerstone Choir News

The Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:15 PM.

Choir rehearsals begin with a bible verse and prayer, warm ups of the voice, and then the rehearsing of anthems. 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. If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by one Thursday evening or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).





Looking for Instrumentalists!

Please talk to Susan if you can share your gift and play a role in our music ministry! All ages and instrument types are welcome!





Cornerstone Missions Committee

The Missions Committee plans monthly service projects for Cornerstone. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, speak to Committee Chair, Elder Wendy Barone.

Samaritan's Purse



The Church Ladies have filled 89 boxes for "Operation Christmas Child." Thank you to all who donated supplies and filled boxes,

and a special thanks to Joan Mallison and the Church Ladies for

their hard work! It is also a JOY that Prince de Paz Church in Cliffwood has filled 30 boxes to include in our donation! Praise God!



THANK YOU for the SHOES!

Throughout the sermon series on "Following in Jesus' Footsteps," we collected gently used and/or new shoes for any age so we can have others' make new footprints in much needed shoes. THANK YOU to all who donated! The shoes were taken to Your Grandmother's Cupboard in Toms River, where they will distribute them to residents of Tent City and other local residents in need.



Prison Ministry—Collection Ends November 10th

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:40

Our current mission focus is Prison Ministry. We are hoping to purchase 50 bibles to send to women at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in New Jersey. We are also be collecting composition notebooks for the women to use as prayer journals. If you are able to make a donation to this very important effort to bring God's Word to those in difficult circumstances, please see Wendy Barone. The last day to make a donation will be Sunday, November 10th.

Please help us to reach our goal!



On October 13th, the children made bookmarks to include with the Bibles. Each child also prayed over the bookmark that they made.



Please Pray and Correspond with our Two Adopted Missionaries! If you are computer savvy, you may subscribe to their blogs and/or read letters at the PC(USA) website.

Kay Day – Missionary Worker in Malawi

Email: kay.day@pcusa.org

Blog/Website: http://kaydaysdiary.blogspot.com/

PCUSA Website for Kay: http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/day-mary-

catherine/

Birthday: August 9

Kay's bio: Kay was appointed as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in July 2009 and serves in Malawi at the invitation of the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Dennis and Maribel Smith—Missionary Workers in Argentina

Emails: dennis.smith@pcusa.org, maribel.smith@pcusa.org

Pcusa website: http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/smith-dennis-and-

maribel/

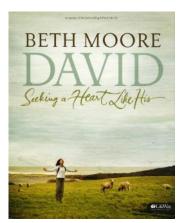
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Birthdays: Dennis - 11/1, Maribel - 6/22, Lucas - 9/22, Benji - 8/21

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study—All Women Welcome!

The Women's Bible Study takes place on Tuesday mornings, led by Pastor Courtney at the home of Elizabeth Hughes from 10:30 AM—12:15 PM. The women are doing a Beth Moore DVD Study called *David: Seeking a Heart Like His.* In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. If you've ever experienced doubt, temptation, loss, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you!



Church Ladies

The Church Ladies meet on the third Wednesday of every month September—June at 1:00 p.m. The women take turns hosting the meeting at their homes. All women are welcome to join them for a time of fellowship, friendship, and service to our church and the community. Talk to Joan Mallison for more information.

The Church Ladies will meet on Thursday, November 14th at 1:00 PM at the home of Betty Thompson. All women are welcome! Please RSVP to Betty or Joan if you can make it!

ADULT BOOK STUDY—TUESDAY EVENINGS

at the home of Bob & Laurie Wegner



The adult book study continues this month with a study of the book *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. 'How,' Ann wondered, 'do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long--and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?' In One Thousand Gifts, Ann invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts. It's only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, we discover

the life we've always wanted...a life we can take, give thanks for, and break for others. We come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: we are wildly loved--by God. Let Ann's beautiful, heart-aching stories of the everyday give you a way of seeing that opens your eyes to ordinary amazing grace, a way of being present to God that makes you deeply happy, and a way of living that is finally fully alive. Come live the best dare of all! All adults are welcome!

Come Celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 24, 2013

Join us as we commit our pledges of time, talent and financial support for 2014 and as we each remember that we are at first seeds, then seedlings, and then we hope to grow into a tree and in faith and time bear fruit. A grateful heart and a faith-filled heart take time to grow and be seasoned. In our lives, we are called to share our time, talent, treasure, and our faith and we do so as we desire to do so and as we are able. In this new year of stewardship, consider how God might be asking you to grow and stretch a bit..perhaps from an acorn to a seedling or from a seedling to a tree. Then as our lives bear fruit in faithful service we all share in abundance thanking God for all our many blessings.

A special celebration will take place directly after worship and all are invited to stay, eat a delicious meal, and enjoy fellowship. The meal is being catered and is a gift to each in celebration of the ministry, membership, and friends of Cornerstone Presbyterian in service to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

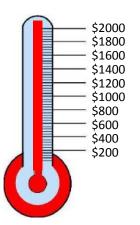


Financial Report for October

- Tithes/offerings* = \$6098
 - (Weekly: 10/6 = \$1691, 10/13 = \$1556, 10/20 = \$1565, 10/27 = \$1286)
- Per Capita offering = \$40
- Foundation Fund = \$50 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$2500 (Presbyterian Church of Toms River)
- Special Offerings = \$465 (Samaritan's Purse) + \$135 (Prison Ministry)
- Miscellaneous income = \$528 (sale of donated household goods) + \$250 (gift from wedding)
- * Our 2013 budget calls for \$2200 each week in offerings please prayerfully consider your giving each week.

Per Capita

To provide support for Monmouth Presbytery, Northeast Synod and General Assembly, our church is asked to pay "dues" to the Presbytery each year that is equal to \$35 per member. Therefore, we are asking each member to give a special offering of \$35 per year to help us cover this expense. This is what we call the per-capita. We have met our goal and exceeded \$2000 in Per Capita collections! THANK YOU! If you have not yet had a chance to give your dues, please place it in the offering basket on Sunday (mark it as "per-capita") at your earliest convenience.



Total Per Capita
Collected as of 10/27

\$2142.26!!

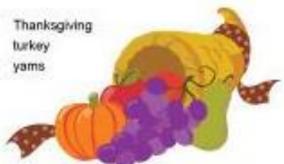
We did it!

Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Dominique Robert, Tina Kas, Okoro Okparaeke, and Denise Mudalel).



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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

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Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

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November 2013 at Cornerstone

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Mon		4	11	18	25
Sun		Youth Group 1:30-3 PM	10 Blue Jean Sunday Youth Group 1:30-3 PM	17 Children's Ministry to visit Ronald McDonald House 2:30-5 PM	Communion Served Stewardship Sunday Celebration after Worship