



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

December 2011

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45am
(starting 10/2)

Fellowship 9:45 - 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

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Message from our Pastor



My friends, I hope these words find you having enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast with family or friends, and that together we may welcome the season of Advent and the joy of Christmas. Now that Thanksgiving has past, many preparations begin for Christmas. Most of us rush along in the season of Advent and we miss the real meaning of the Advent Season. Let us remember that the Innkeeper did not have room for strangers and let us take time to think about how we might welcome strangers and be prayerfully engaged and concerned about the homeless and socially outcast. Let us ponder how Jesus was born in a stable with the animals in a humble location and teaches us to be humble and to share in caring for God's creation and God's creatures. Let us remember the Shepherds and how they were open to following God's direction to visit a holy child. And, let us learn from the magi in how to be generous with our Lord and with others in need. As we consider Mary and Joseph, let us think on the gift of parenthood and how wonderful it is to be a mother or a father to one of God's children. As we continue in the season of Advent, I ask you to join me in seeking to find and share the real meaning in Christmas with family, neighbor, church and stranger. May the Advent Season be meaningful and your Christmas merry! I am here if any of you needs a special word of encouragement or support in this holiday season. I remember you in my prayers with thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Pastor Courtney

Worshiping at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Brandon Capurso, 12/1
 Denise Mudalel, 12/3
 Grace Tomczak, 12/4
 Doug Jung, 12/5
 Anne Bendon, 12/6
 Tyler Capurso, 12/14
 Frank Fowler, 12/19
 Joyce Connelly, 12/22
 Matthew Herrick, 12/22
 Courtney Cromie, 12/24
 Wendy Payseur, 12/25
 Cassidy Predale, 12/27
 Michael DiGirolamo, 12/27
 Sharron Smith, 12/27
 Nicholas Tedeschi, 12/28
 Lori Miller, 12/29
 Ian Scott, 12/29
 Sami Miner, 12/31



Gordon & Joyce Connelly, 12/19
 Sueli & Dominique Robert, 12/26

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.

A prayer for Christmas

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Amen.

~Rev. Richard J. Fairchild



ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

BOARD OF DEACONS

2011	Bob Wegner Marye Barbagallo Joan Mallison Dominique Robert	Michele Calhoun, Laura Tunis
2012	Sharron Smith Jim Ryan Barbara Dougherty James Hughes	Laura Stone
2013	Okoro Okparaeké Denise Mudalel Lisa Capurso Ray Schleckser	Betty Thompson

Prayer Requests



Please keep in your prayers:

- All shut-ins who are unable to join us in worship
- Donnette Hubert's mother Doris who is in Care One
- Becky Osiakwan's family as her brother is in critical condition after abdominal surgery.
- Rodney Puig's mother who has been ill
- Lisa Capurso's grandmother in hospice care

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

Advent Celebration and Caroling 12/11

On Sunday, December 11th, we will have an Advent Celebration at DeBows Methodist Church from 4:30-6:00. Come and make Christmas ornaments and enjoy some time of fellowship with a potluck meal (please bring a salad, pasta, or Christmas cookies). All are welcome to join us afterwards at 6:00pm to go Christmas caroling with the Youth at the homes of shut-ins.

Christian Education Resources

Our thanks to Patty Williams, the Christian Education Consultant from Monmouth Presbytery who came and spoke during worship on 11/27 about all the resources available to us in every area of ministry. The Resource Library is located in Hope Presbyterian Church, Lakewood. Please contact Patty if you would like more information or would like to visit and browse the resources: 732-276-9800, or patty@monmouthpresbytery.net.

New Photo Directory

We are planning to put together a new photo directory for the church! **We will be taking photos of individuals and families on December 18th after church and between services on Christmas Eve.** We are thankful to John Pushko for agreeing to help with this effort.

Outreach/Evangelism Committee

Pastor Courtney invites you to join her in canvassing neighborhoods to invite folks to join us for worship and to be in community of faith for the holidays. If you are willing to help, let Pastor Courtney know. Cornerstone also needs a committee for hospitality and evangelism. If you would like to serve on this committee, also let Courtney know.

Christmas JOY Offering



A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (USA) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts of the offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. Envelopes for this offering will be available December 18 and following and will be collected Christmas Eve. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in supporting this mission.

Did you know that recent services and audio of sermons is available on our website? Check out this and other new features:

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

Open House at Pastor Courtney's

Pastor Courtney has invited us to an Open House at her new home on Sunday 12/4. Stop by anytime between 12:45 and 3:45 and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Her address is 76 Quince Court, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Parking: Please use spaces without a number and park along the curbs as well.

"How Do I Join Cornerstone Presbyterian Church?"

If you are interested in making an official step to connect to Cornerstone Presbyterian by joining our church family as a new member, please see pastor Courtney. Membership is for those who seek to belong, to be encouraged by other believers in Jesus Christ, and to find ways to develop your gifts for ministry. Joining a church is the right step for a person who has made the decision to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord. Christians are designed by God to need to belong to a community of believers for encouragement and growth in their life of faith. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Courtney or Elder Lisa Capurso.

Upcoming Sermons:

12/4 Series for Advent: A Search for True Love, Week 2 of 4," Deuteronomy 10:17-19a, John 13:34-35

12/11 "Series for Advent: Hungering for Joy, Week 3 of 4," Isaiah 65:18, Luke 2:8-11

12/18 "Series for Advent: A Peaceful Heart, Week 4 of 4," Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:12-20

12/24 Christmas Eve "The Meeting of Our Hopes and Fears," Isaiah, 11:1-9, Luke 1:39-56

12/25 Christmas Joint Worship at Jackson United Methodist Church, 10:00am



Sermon Series on Advent

This Christmas season, we want to prepare our hearts for Christ to be born anew in each of us. Let us use this advent season to consider how hope, peace, joy and love can speak to us of Christ's meaning in our lives. Let us prayerfully experience the transformational power of Christmas in new ways this year. Do you need hope? Searching for true love? Are you seeking peace? Hungering for real joy? In the messages of Scripture for Christmas, all that you need in life is found in Christ Jesus. Are you willing to let Christ transform your life? You can be made new this Christmas in an invitation for Christ to be born anew in your heart. Prepare for the birth of baby Jesus and pray your way through Advent in hope, love, peace, and joy.

Christmas at Cornerstone



December 11, 2011

Advent Celebration/Caroling

Crafts & Potluck, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

DeBows Methodist Church

Caroling, 6:00 p.m.

December 18, 2011

Children's Christmas Pageant

during 10 a.m. Worship

McAuliffe Middle School

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve

St. Aloysius Church

935 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson

7:30 p.m.—Nativity Service

8:45 p.m.—Candlelight Communion Service

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

Jackson United Methodist Church

68 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service

January 1, 2011

New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

McAuliffe Middle School

(no children's Sunday School)

MEET THE NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

NEW ELDERS



Todd Moyer lives with his wife Allyson and their two daughters, Ashley (9) and Kayla (7). He is a software manager at Comcast. This will be Todd's second term as an Elder for Cornerstone. He has also taught Sunday School, helped with the Tech Team and the Sound Crew, and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee.



Kellie Pushko is an attorney for the State of New Jersey. She lives with her husband Mike and their two sons, Tyler (9) and Ryan (7). Kellie has taught Sunday School for several years, and also served on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Her mother Marlene will be one of Cornerstone's new Deacons!

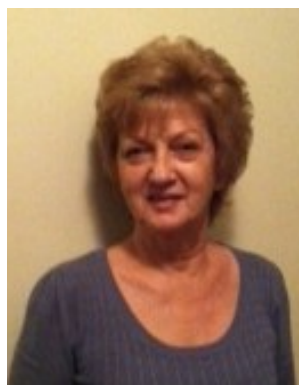


Bruce Thompson has previously served as an Elder and is currently a Trustee for the Monmouth Presbytery. He and his wife Betty live in Westlake, and they have 4 daughters and 13 grandchildren. Bruce was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and he has also been active in Cornerstone's stewardship campaigns and planning related to our church property.

NEW DEACONS



David Carlson and his wife Gail live in Westlake, and between them they have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. David and Gail have volunteered at Vacation Bible School for several years, and they have also served as greeters at church on Sunday mornings.



Marlene Kiefer lives with her husband Don in Little Egg Harbor, and she spends time every week in Jackson at the home of her daughter Kellie Pushko (one of our new Elders), taking care of her two grandsons, Tyler and Ryan. Marlene has volunteered her time to help at Vacation Bible School for several years.



Laurie Wegner is a registered nurse. She is married to Elder Bob Wegner and they have 2 daughters, 1 son, and 2 grandchildren. Laurie has volunteered her time to help with Children's Church and Sunday School at Cornerstone for many years.

Children's Ministry Visit to Ronald McDonald House

November 10, 2011



Stewardship Sunday Celebration 11/20/11



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER:

- The session received an update from the Worship Committee announcing details for Christmas Services and a date for Installation/Ordination of officers (December 18). It was highlighted that there will be a joint Christmas Day Service with Jackson Methodist Church at 10 AM. In addition, the Worship Committee encouraged members/friends of Cornerstone to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service at Hope Cathedral at 7 PM, November 20. It was announced that our children will be singing and ringing bells with Debows Wesley Club.
- An update was received from Elder Joan Mallison regarding a successful Shoe Box Mission Opportunity. A total of 87 boxes were collected and 37 will be given to local Jackson residents and the remainder will be sent to Samaritan's Purse and distributed to children in difficult circumstances around our world.
- The Session reviewed the Priorities for 2012 and discussed where in our ministries are we focusing on these goals. Prayers are requested for how Cornerstone can continue to be faithful in these areas.
- It was reported that several donations were received to cover the cost of computer equipment and needs for staff and worship.
- The session agreed to a book study in January on discerning our spiritual gifts for leadership.
- The session voted on details for examination of elders where the examination of incoming elders will take place in a reading of materials and a sharing of faith journeys at the December session meeting.
- The December Session Meeting will include a Christmas dinner and White Elephant as well as recognition of outgoing elders and welcoming and examining of new elders.
- The Finance Committee did report that if all pledges were received in December that there should be a balanced budget for 2011.

What's Up with Monmouth Presbytery?

- 1) **Grow in your Knowledge and Love of the Lord: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS 2012 Leadership Training** – open to members of session, deacons, church staff, average members, and guests who want to know more about how to give of your time to Christ's church. When? Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Princeton Seminary, 8:30AM- 3PM Cost: No Charge--Reserve lunch for \$10 or bring your own Workshops Available? •Church Treasurers •Church Administrative Assistants/Secretaries •Clerks of Session •New & Returning Elders and Deacons/Caregivers •Worship Leaders •Christian Educators •Youth Leaders •Church Historians/Recordkeepers •and more! Workshop Details and Registration is available here: <http://www.ptsem.edu/offices/coned/index.aspx?id=8489> For more information, see Pastor Courtney!
- 2) **2012 Women's Retreat for Monmouth Presbytery** – May 4-6, 2012 at Camp Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center. Theme: The Seasons of our Faith Finding Spirituality throughout our life as we journey through each season. Come participate in this retreat to connect with other women of faith and to enjoy a season of rest, relaxation and have an opportunity to appreciate the beautiful camp location. Cost is \$100. For more information, contact Mary Maleski: 609 448 0055, mmaleski@highstownpres.org
- 3) **Advent Village at Allentown Presbyterian Church**, 20 High Street, Allentown, NJ – Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10 AM – 3:00 PM – Spend the afternoon at the Advent Village shopping amidst carolers and musicians. In the spirit of God's giving take advantage of this alternative Christmas shopping experience.
- 4) **Stay Connected with our new Regional Presbyter – Wendy Bailey**. She writes a blog that is updated weekly: njregionalpresbyter.wordpress.com. Wendy also has a facebook page: [facebook.com/baileyws](https://www.facebook.com/baileyws) and a Twitter account: [baileyws](https://twitter.com/baileyws). An invitation is extended to the entire membership of the presbytery of Monmouth and New Brunswick to attend Wendy's Installation Service on Thursday, January 26 at 7 :00 PM at Princeton Seminary.

Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club

Meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm., at DeBows United Methodist Church. This group is for children in Kindergarten—6th grade. Each month there will be a Missions theme with an associated craft or trip. A fun evening of Christian fellowship through bible lessons, music, crafts, holiday plays, games and field trips. Talk to Pastor Courtney for information on any of these upcoming events:

- **12/2 SLEEPOVER AT DEBOWS 7:00pm—12/3 9:00 a.m.** Bring a sleeping bag/blanket, pillow, change of clothes, and toiletry items.
- **12/8 CAROLING AT CARE ONE:** Meet at DeBows at 6:00pm, return by 8:00pm.
- **12/18 SINGING IN CHURCH:** The Children's Ministry will be singing during worship on this day.

LIVING NATIVITY AT DEBOWS 12/17

All are invited to be come to the Living Nativity at DeBows on 12/17-two times at 6:00 and 7:00.

All Youth and children who would like participate, please arrive at 5:30 to get costumes to be sheep or shepherds, etc.



Cornerstone & DeBows Youth Ministry

This group, led by Pastor Betty and Pastor Courtney meets on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm at DeBows United Methodist Church. The group is open to youth Grade 6-12. A wonderful schedule of Bible Discussion, opportunities for mission and outreach, as well as FUN with other youth and youth leaders.

- **12/4 MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT** 6-8:00pm
- **12/11 CAROLING** 6:00pm
- **12/18 CHRISTMAS PARTY** 6:00-8:00pm at the Calhoun's home. Cell phone scavenger hunt, memory game, white elephant gift exchange (bring a gift \$5 or less)
- **1/27-1/29 KESWICK RETREAT** Basketball, Soccer, Swimming Pool, Volleyball. College aged leaders who are strong in their faith will lead our youth. There will be a talent show on Saturday night and top-notch facilities. Cost is \$100.00 If you or your youth are interested in attending, this is open to 6th through 12th graders. There will be 150 youth in attendance from all over the NJ area. We are combining to attend this retreat with DeBows Methodist Youth.

Cornerstone Confirmation Class Starting in February 2012

Confirmation Class for High School Youth in 9th grade and above will be offered from February – May 2012. 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.

On **Sunday, January 29th from 11 -11:30 AM**, there will be an informational meeting in which youth and parents are invited to learn more about the Confirmation Process here at Cornerstone Presbyterian. If a youth decides they are ready to join our church or would like more information about membership, we hope the youth and parent will attend this meeting.

Confirmation Classes will be taught by the pastor, Courtney Cromie, Elder Lisa Capurso, and adult mentors. **Adult mentors are needed!** If you can be a mentor, please talk to Pastor Courtney.

Youth will be confirmed during worship on Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday, May 27th.

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m.
Classes for Adults and Children!

Sunday School for Kids!

In the first weeks of December, the children and Youth will be preparing for the Christmas Pageant on December 18th (during worship).

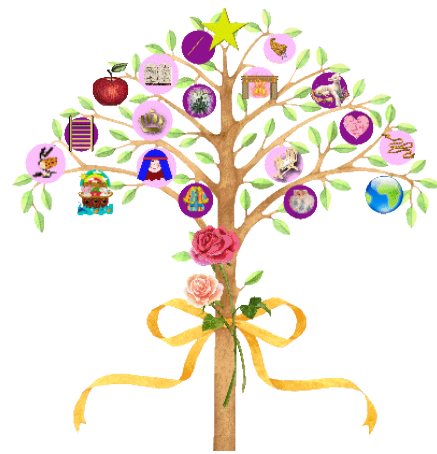
The Pageant is called “A Christmas Alphabet.” On December 4th and 11th, the kids will be making props and preparing for the Pageant, and there will be a dress rehearsal during Sunday School at 9:00a.m. on December 18th. All children are invited to participate!

There will be no Sunday School for kids on January 1 (regular worship on this day at 10:00 a.m. at McAuliffe).

Adult Classes

“**Bible Study for Advent**” is taught by Pastor Courtney and others. The study for the month of December is a walk through Bible passages related to Advent and Christmas. Come go deep with us into the stories of Jesus’ birth. Hope to see you there. If you would like to teach one Sunday, let Pastor Courtney know!

Financial Peace University course is taught by Dominique Robert at 8:00am. This is a money management course that empowers and teaches you how to make money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God’s plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much more. There is still time to enroll—and your first class is free. Talk to Dominique for more information.



A Jesse Tree

Wanted: Volunteers for Children’s Church!

Please sign up to help our children grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord during Children’s Church. There is an easy to use curriculum and crafts available. Children are welcome to stay to worship with their families in the 10 AM worship service, however some of them prefer to attend Children’s Church. The ages of these children average age 8 and under. Please let Pastor Courtney know if you are available to help lead during December/January.

In December, the children will be making a Jesse Tree during Children’s Church.



Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be weekly on Thursdays, starting on September 8th, from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at DeBows Methodist Church. If you are a **high school youth or adult** who would like to participate in the choir, please speak to our Music Minister, Christine Tegeder. All are welcome—no experience necessary! Also, if you play an instrument and would like to play one Sunday, please let Christine know!



Children's Music at DeBows

As part of the Children's Ministry Program with DeBows on Thursday nights, the children will be learning songs about Jesus and will be singing in worship. For more information, see page 8.

The children will be singing during worship on December 18th.



O Come, All Ye Faithful!

Be sure to come to worship and hear the beautiful music the choir is preparing for the Christmas season.

On Christmas Eve, Alice Jones will sing "Mary Did You Know?" at both services, and the choir will sing "Emmanuel" and "Agnus Dei" at the 8:45 service, along with traditional carols.



The Children's Ministry Sang and Played Bells
During the Community Thanksgiving Service on

11/20

Operation Christmas Child

This year the Church Ladies collected a grand total of 87 show boxes—wrapped and filled with gifts! They delivered 50 boxes to Samaritan's Purse to be shipped to children all around the world! Another 37 boxes will be delivered to the Jackson Food Pantry to benefit children in Jackson. Thank you to the Church Ladies and all who donated boxes and postage!



Joan Mallison and Betty Thompson Deliver 50 Boxes

New Mission Committee

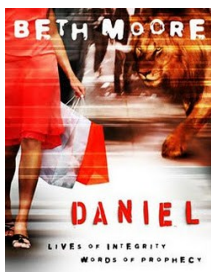
Contact Pastor Courtney if you are interested in being a part of a Mission Committee to help organize local and international mission efforts. We are blessed in so many ways by our Lord who is gracious. We are taught to follow Christ as He reaches out to those in need by sharing our resources, our time, our energy, and our love. If you would like to help Cornerstone be more engaged in Mission, step forward today to help organize such efforts.



Children and Youth in Mission

This summer, there are several exciting opportunities for children and Youth to attend a summer camp program dedicated to teaching young people about mission. Each of the following camps involves a registration fee per child—please let Pastor Courtney know of your interest ASAP. Fundraising ideas will be explored so that all who are interested can attend.

- **PASSPORT MISSIONS 2**, June 24-29, Washington, DC, An intense mission experience for kids in 7th grade through high school. Mission projects will range from ministering to children and organizing at a donation center to painting, landscaping, and serving at a soup kitchen.
- **PASSPORT KIDS**, July 15-18, Wingate, NC. An active faith-building experience for 3rd-6th graders. Bible studies, Devotions and Worship are designed to help children discover God's love and practice being followers of Jesus.
- **HOME REPAIR MISSION CAMP**, July 29-August 4, Brockton, MA, for high school students (age 14+). This is a work camp where kids will help make home repairs for the elderly population. Groups will lodge at a local school, church, community center, or similar facility.



Women's Bible Study

New Series Starting on December 6th!
Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

You are welcome to join the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at the home of Elizabeth Hughes and led by Courtney Cromie. The women are studying a curriculum by Beth Moore about the prophet Daniel. Join us in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. All women are welcome! For more information contact Pastor Courtney.



At the end of November, the Women's Bible Study completed a Beth Moore study of the Tabernacle. On 11/8, the women visited a replica of the Tabernacle in Lancaster, PA.

Savvy Christians

Pastor Courtney is starting a new fellowship group for individuals interested in getting to know other Christian friends with meals, faith sharing, arts and culture, and fun. Some upcoming activities:

Dec. 7 Carols of Many Nations at the Princeton Theological Seminary's Miller Chapel, 6:30 p.m., Free

Dec. 11 Cornerstone Caroling, Jackson Area, Free

Dec 14: Princeton University Chapel's Candlelight Service, 7:30 p.m., Free



Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

The Men's Bible study meets at Bob Wegner's home, 413 Leesville Road, on Tuesday evenings. All men are welcome! They are studying the book of Phillipians. Please contact Bob Wegner for more information.



PLEDGE FOR 2012

We celebrated Stewardship Sunday on November 20th. It was the end of a 5-week series on stewardship, including sermons on the gifts of time, faith, talent and treasure, and featuring 11 testimonies from individuals who shared what Cornerstone and their faith mean to them. On Stewardship Sunday, members and friends were invited to pledge their time, talents and treasure for 2012. To date, we have received 29 pledges—it's not too late! If you would like to pledge, please [download the forms](#) and mail them or bring them to church.

Per Capita

Perhaps one of the most confusing aspects of how the Presbyterian Church functions is "per-capita". Each year our church encourages its members to pay their per-capita apportionment. Why do we do this? Where does this money go? One of the great strengths of our denomination is its connectionism. We who worship at Cornerstone are tied to the larger church in ministry. One concrete form of that connection is through our per-capita. Every Presbyterian church in the country is required to pay a certain amount for each active member on its rolls. This money goes to support the work and ministry of our church throughout the country. Each governing body above the Session has staff members and expenses that support the work of the church. Unlike pastors, these individuals have no congregation to support their ministry. Although their ministry may not be as "glamorous" as missionary work in South America, they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church. These are the people who prepare the curriculum that our children use, the offering materials that we receive, and countless other resources. For the year 2011, our per-capita apportionment is \$35.00, which is split for the work of the Presbytery of Monmouth, the Synod of Northeast and our General Assembly. Many people view per-capita as their "membership dues" to the church. This is not true. The church is not like a fraternal or service organization that will dismiss their members for unpaid dues. Yes, the church is required to pay its per-capita to the large church. Many congregations encourage their members to help by inviting them to pay their own per-capita along with their regular giving. If members of the church are unwilling or unable to pay, then the hope is that other members might give more than their own per capita to help offset the cost for others. Consider per-capita not as your dues to be paid to the church, but rather as a form of mission giving to the larger work of the Presbyterian Church. As of today, Cornerstone's Per Capita is \$5880 for 2011 and only \$700 has been paid to date. If you are willing to help Cornerstone to be current with our Per Capita, please note in the memo of your check that money should be used towards Per Capita or write on an envelope "Per Capita" with a cash donation. See Pastor Courtney or Faron Trick, Chair of our Finance Committee, for more information.

Financial Report for November

- Tithes/offerings = \$6180
(Weekly: 11/6 = \$1606, 11/13 = \$1297, 11/20 = \$1827, 11/27 = \$1450)
- Per Capita offering = \$1
- Foundation Fund = \$50
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$1723 (Donations for equipment & Operation Christmas Child)
- Miscellaneous income = \$137

According to our 2011 budget, the congregation needs to average \$2215 per week in offerings. Please prayerfully consider your offering each week to help us to meet this goal.

Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Faron Trick, Gordon Connelly, Dominique Robert, Okoro Okparaeke, and Denise Mudalel).

Christmas Tree Maze

Can you find your way from the base of the Christmas tree all the way to the star?





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.

Rev. Helen Granozio

732-963-7051

Holistic theology, spiritual counselor, natural-herbal therapies, also owner of granite company, sales of countertops, vanities, bar tops, outside BBQ's and more, serving Tri-State area.

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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Donna Rosato

Pampered Chef Consultant/Trainer

732-276-6805

<http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnarosato>

John Rosato

732-276-6805

Minor household repairs/painting and minor handyman work (weekends only).

December 2011 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	2 Children's Ministry Sleepover at DeBows 7:00pm— 12/3 9:00am	3
4 Bible Dedications 10:00 am OPEN HOUSE 12:45-3:45pm YOUTH GROUP 6-8:00pm	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Caroling 6:00 pm	9	10
11 ADVENT CELEBRATION 4:30-6:00pm CAROLING 6-7:30	12 Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13 Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. (Joyce's house) Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	14 Church Ladies : Newark Boys Chorus Holiday Concert, 10 am Deacons Mtg 7:00	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Living Nativity at DeBows 6:00 and 7:00pm
18 Children's Christmas Pageant during 10am Worship YOUTH GROUP XMAS PARTY 6-8:00pm	19	20 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	21	22 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE St. Aloysius Church 7:30pm & 8:45pm
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Worship at 10:00am at Jackson United Methodist Church	26	27	28	29	30	31