



# Cornerstone Connection January 2012

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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### (See page 3 for new schedule)

### **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



The start of a new year means new possibilities. The month of January introduces an opportunity for each of us to start down a different road or path and to venture into territories we have not yet journeyed into. Each of us can get caught up in the day to day of our school, work, or volunteer routines. With the repetitive schedules, it can seem like never-ending cycles of repetition. But let us ponder that a new year can signify a dramatic break in that cycle of the same old, same old.

As you prepare to leap into 2012, consider this interesting fact. A recent book about technology and modern culture indicated that homes back in colonial America contained fewer than 100 objects. We can imagine that the furniture, utensils, and accessories for daily life 200 years ago were most likely a lot simpler than in homes of 2012.

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor at East Liberty in Pittsburgh, PA, recently challenged his congregation to engage in a mental exercise. He asked them to take out a sheet of paper and jot down the possible items that one could imagine were present in the colonial homes. He then asked them to look around their kitchens, family rooms, bathrooms, and bedrooms. He highlighted that many of the items around us would be unknown to folks living in colonial America. He also noted that a typical grocery store today sells more than 48,000 different items.

Since there are often many items around us in the rooms in which we live. A question that pastor Bush asks and I think we should ask ourselves as well is: Do we need all of these items around us? Pastor Bush says: If those objects could talk, they would likely reply, "Of course, you do!" Worried that some drastic house-cleaning is about to unfold, the frying pans, breadmakers, and toaster ovens would describe how they make your life better and your meals more convenient. The answering machines, cellphones, and computers would insist that they are necessary to stay connected in this electronic day and age. The (continued)

Worshiping at McAuliffe Middle School 35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson Mailing address: P.O. Box 140, Jackson, NJ 08527

# Cornerstone Community



Louise Jeremich, 1/1 Kristen DiGirolamo, 1/6 Amity Mamola, 1/7 Tim Woolverton, 1/10 John Bestenheider, 1/10 Dylan Nelson, 1/18 Nina Jung, 1/18 Sean Slusak, 1/18 Glenn Tunis, 1/19 Manny DaConceicao, 1/21 Marlene Kiefer, 1/21 Laura Stone, 1/23 Ben Leach, 1/26 Sam Hekl, 1/28 Leah Hekl, 1/28 Shavonne Osiakwan, 1/30 Anna Mudalel, 1/31 John Hekl, 1/31



Bob & Anne Bendon, 1/24

### 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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racks of clothes, piles of shoes, stacks of books, albums, CDs and magazines would let you know that they bring you happiness and help keep you in style.

And, he also says, "It is hard to argue with such persuasive household items. But before you invite them into the conversation, reimagine the colonial house." And Dr. Bush encourages us to fill a good-sized box with items that you are reasonably sure you can live without. He says that just because we put the items in the box does not mean we have to give them away. He says write January 2012 on the box and then if you find that by next January – in 2013 – if you still haven't used the items, then you can donate them and then re-fill it with new items next year to consider giving away.

If we listen to Pastor Bush and try this exercise, we might allow ourselves to look at all that we have with fresh eyes and find ways to simplify our existence. In the process, we might re-think and re-evaluate what is really important to our daily lives. If we do say we are going to venture into 2012 as a new year and head down a new path....we need to engage in "self-examination" and "try new things." Otherwise 2012 will simply be another year and not a new year. God could use this season to help us to ask necessary faith questions and to consider how we might share with others what items we have as our resources that have been entrusted to us. Make this a new year and try to simplify and evaluate. I plan to do so and remain in prayer for each of us to do so. Blessings in Christ for a meaningful and blessed 2012.

In Christ,

**Pastor Courtney** 

ELDE	RS ON OUR SESSION	BOARD OF DEACONS
2012	Sharron Smith Jim Ryan Barbara Dougherty James Hughes	Laura Stone Alice Jones
2013	Okoro Okparaeke Denise Mudalel Lisa Capurso Ray Schleckser	Betty Thompson Laurie Wegner
2014	Dominique Robert Bruce Thompson Kellie Pushko Todd Moyer	David Carlson

**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

# WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Based on the results of the recent congregational survey at the end of a threemonth trial period, The Christian Education and Worship Committees voted on December 18 to return Children's Sunday School to coincide with the 10 a.m. worship service. Session has also added its stamp of approval. Adult Sunday School will still be offered from 9 AM - 9:45 AM with childcare available. These changes will begin **January 15.** We are in need of additional Sunday School teachers to step up so that our existing Sunday School teachers can have the opportunity to occasionally attend worship for the entire service. This will involve teaching on a rotating basis. If you are interested in being one of the rotating teachers where lessons will be provided to you, please contact Kristen DiGirolamo or Pastor Courtney.

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for Jackson, NJ area Christian Churches

Come on out on Monday, January 16, 2012 to join in a day of worship and service to those in need. Since there is no public school that day and since many others have the day off, the worship and service projects will occur during the day for individuals and families to join together make a difference in the Jackson community. The theme of the day is "Service" in Dr. King's honor. The day will begin at Saint Monica's Roman Catholic Church at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited at this time, including older children, youth and adults from all area churches. At 10, there will be a short 15-minute time of mediation, worship, and prayer. Then everyone will be divided into about four different work project groups. The projects planned are being coordinated by area clergy. Then at 3 p.m. all will resemble at St. Aloysius for a summary of the day and its meaning. There will be a Plan B arranged if the weather is inclement. For more information, contact Pastor Courtney or Rev. Rob.

# Say Cheese! Photo Directory Updates

John Pushko has agreed work with Elizabeth Hughes and Pastor Courtney to organize an updated 2012 Photo



Directory of Cornerstone Presbyterian Members' and Friends. Pictures were taken by John Pushko on December 18 after worship and on Christmas Eve between services by Elizabeth Hughes and Pastor Courtney. If you would like to submit a family photo or individual photo for the photo directory, you may email Elizabeth Hughes with the photo as an attachment to: Or, you may give us a hardcopy photo and we would be happy to scan the photo in to update our directory. Possible dates in January will also be scheduled to ensure that as many members and friends of Cornerstone as possible can be included in the directory. Questions? Contact John Pushko, Elizabeth Hughes, or Courtney Cromie. It is our hope to have the new photo directory available by the end of January 2012.

# "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:**

**1/1** "Will This Be a New Year or Just Another?" Romans 6:1-11

**1/8 Epiphany Sunday** "What on Earth is an Epiphany?" Matthew 2:1-12

**1/15** Pastor Daniel Schafer will preach

**1/22** Joint Service with JUMC at 10:00 a.m. (see below), theme is "Greed"

1/29 "Righteous Anger"

# Welcome to Daniel Schafer on 1/15!



We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Daniel Schafer to preach for us on January 15th when Pastor Courtney is away. Rev. Schafer is the pastor at Calvary Assembly of God in Hightstown, NJ. In addition, he is Chaplain to the police and fire departments, and the

founder and president of Crisis Intervention International LLC. He also served as Chaplain at Ground Zero in New York City for a year after September 11th. We are so blessed to have him as our guest!

# JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT JACKSON UNITED METHODIST

JANUARY 22, 10:00 a.m.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will combine with Jackson United Methodist for a joint worship service on Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 am. The worship service theme is on the topic of "Greed." We will have joint music efforts, joint worship leadership from both The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie from Cornerstone and the Reverend Joe Tiedemann from Jackson United Methodist. There will be no Sunday School for any age group this Sunday and we hope each and every member and friend of Cornerstone will join in this wonderful opportunity for meaningful combined worship. Jackson United Methodist is located at 68 Bennetts Mills Road in Jackson.

# Thank you for a Meaningful and Blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

We are grateful for the members, guests, friends, supporters, staff, and leaders at Cornerstone Presbyterian. Indeed, we cannot get through the holidays without the love and support of our Cornerstone family. Thank you for reaching out to each other in prayer and in love.

Thank you to the Choir, Musicians, and Christine Tegeder for the Advent and Christmas music.

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers and staff, as well as Christian Education Director, Kristen DiGirolamo, for organizing the Christmas Alphabet Play for Worship on December 18th and the Nativity Play during Christmas Eve worship.

Thank you to the Jackson Schools for allowing us to continue to worship in their multi-purpose room and for allowing us to keep our storage shed at McAuliffe School.

Thank you to Elizabeth and James Hughes for all the special slide shows.

Special Thanks to the people of St. Aloysius for allowing us to use their sanctuary.

Pastor Courtney also extends her gratitude for all the goodies, gifts, housewarming surprises, the beautiful stoles she has received, and the wonderful cards and letters of support for pastoral ministry. She feels so grateful and blessed to be called to serve in this time and place as the pastor for Cornerstone Presbyterian.



Bible Dedications for 3rd & 4th Graders 12/4



Installation of new Elders and Deacons 12/18



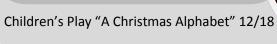
Children's Ministry Caroling at Care One



Ad<sub>Vent</sub> Celebration and Caroling 12/11











### NOTES FROM DECEMBER SESSION MEETING:

- 1) The session received a 30 minute report from Stephen Heinzel-Nelson and Jean Pinto, representing the Presbytery, to show us a video presentation and to receive comments, suggestions, and questions from members of Cornerstone Session. It was a wonderful visit and the session took seriously the time of questions and enjoyed the video which gave a summary of what Monmouth Presbytery does and who it serves.
- 2) The session received a treasurer's report from Gordon and a budget for 2012 from the Finance Committee. Since there was a shortage of necessary funds to balance the budget, the session voted to approve the proposed budget until the January Session Meeting where it would re-visit budget discussions and to agree on an approved budget for 2012.
- 3) The session had examinations for incoming elders including statements of faith and the good word of their reading of their elder packets. It was a very meaningful time and many were moved to tears in hearing the words of our incoming leaders. Cornerstone is truly blessed with outstanding members who have agreed to serve 3 year terms as elder.
- 4) Pastor Courtney and the session recognized our outgoing elders with certificates, words of appreciation, and gifts to thank them for their service and to wish them well in their future commitments to Cornerstone Presbyterian.
- 5) Six elders and pastor Courtney agreed to work on a Building Committee to discuss possible plans for the future including ideas for Cornerstone's existing land plot, office space, re-location, etc. Members of Cornerstone who are not on session will also be recruited for work on this committee.
- 6) The Clerk of Session shared a letter that was received from Rodney Puig encouraging us to write to other Presbyterian leaders and leaders of places of worship to ask for prayers and support of Cornerstone. The session agreed to consider a draft of a letter but hoped to have a plan for a building beforehand. The session also received a wonderful and meaningful update from Joan Mallison regarding the donations of shoe boxes to children in need in the Jackson area and through Operation Christmas Child. A total of 87 boxes were shared. Joan offered up thanksgiving to all who supported this wonderful project including members and friends of Cornestone, including the church ladies, neighbors, and other interested individuals. What a wonderful update!
- 7) The Pastor's report included encouragement for elders to attend Equipping the Saints at Princeton Seminary on January 21. She also highlighted how Dominique was remaining on session to serve an additional three year term. And, it was also mentioned about the joint service of worship with Jackson United Methodist on January 22 and highlighted the date for Installation of Elders/Deacons for December 18.



Our Cornerstone Session!



Rev. Stephen Heinzel-Nelson, Rev. Jean Pinto, and Pastor Courtney

### **SESSION NEWS**

The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) describes the office of elder in the following way: Elders are chosen by the people. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation that is committed to their charge. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the laws of love especially rest upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities.

At Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, the elders meet on the second Monday of each month, plus called meetings as needed. They discuss and make decisions about their oversight of worship, Christian education, outreach to visitors and new members, community building within the congregation and the church's finances. These meetings are opportunities for the Session to consider our relationship with and responsibility to the wider church. At these meetings, elders also hear reports and act on recommendations from and for the Finance Committee and other committees as necessary.

# **Unopened Gifts: A Session Study**

It is now moving into the season after Christmas where most of us are looking to take our trees down, presents have all been given out, lights have been removed from the doorposts, and the visible signs of Christmas are fading away. Perhaps, though, you still have one or two gifts for a loved one whom you thought you would see over the holidays but you didn't get to hand them out. The Bible teaches us sthat God gives each of us spiritual gifts and calls each of us to use them. Much like other presents, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use of our spiritual gifts until they have been opened. We often recognize these gifts and their roles in our lives when we use our gifts of praise and musical ability while singing in the choir, when we use our gifts of wisdom and curiosity while studying the Bible, or when we use our gifts of compassion and service while aiding those in need. Unfortunately, without meaning too, many of us leave some of our spiritual gifts unopened. The Session has agreed to study more about their opened and unopened spiritual gifts from God in a "book study" for January/February. The book they will be studying is: Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community by Albert L. Winseman, Donald O. Clifton, and Curt Liesveld. They hope to learn how they can better serve God and God's people in opening their gifts and understanding them. Please join us in prayer as our leaders delve deeper into an awareness of who God made them to be for leadership.

# Grow in your Knowledge and Love of the Lord: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS 2012 Leadership Training – Princeton Seminary, January 21

Equipping the Saints is open to members of session, deacons, church staff, average members, and guests who want to know more about how to give of their 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: <a href="http://www.ptsem.edu/offices/coned/index.aspx?id=8489">http://www.ptsem.edu/offices/coned/index.aspx?id=8489</a>
For more information, see Pastor Courtney!

# **Cornerstone Confirmation Class Starting in February 2012**

Confirmation Class for High School Youth in 9<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

# **Cornerstone Children's Ministry**& The DeBows Wesley Club

This group meets on the Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at DeBows United Methodist Church. The group is for children in Kindergarten to 6th grade. Each month there will be a Missions' theme with an associated craft or trip. It is a fun evening of Christian fellowship through Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, and field trips.

Talk to Pastor Courtney for information on the Children's Ministry.

January Mission theme: Ronald McDonald House

Upcoming events:

- 1/12 Jesus Loves the Little Children (Luke 18:15-17)
- 1/27 (Friday

   no school) Trip to Ronald McDonald House



Children's Ministry Sleepover at DeBows 12/2-12/3

# 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 unless otherwise noted. The group is open to youth Grades 6-12. We do separate groups into HS/MS for discussions. A wonderful schedule of Bible Discussion, opportunities for mission and outreach, as well as FUN with other youth and youth leaders. All are welcome!

January 1 No meeting. Happy New Year!

**January 8** Nooma DVD. "Rhythm." Come ask, "What does it mean to have a relationship with God?"

**January 15** Nooma DVD. "Rain." Come ask, "Where is God When Bad Things Happen?

**January 16** (Monday) Community wide service projects in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. No school. Starts at 10:00 am at St. Aloysius.

January 22 Nooma DVD. "Shells." Come ask, "Is Saying 'No" Ever Better than Saying 'Yes'?"

January 27-29 Keswick Retreat in Whiting, NJ. College age leaders who are strong in their faith will lead our youth. Theme is "Remade" based on Acts 22:16. Expect 150 youth from all over NJ. Recreational center features a swimming pool, hot tub, gym, basketball, volleyball, racquetball courts and meeting rooms. For youth in grade 6 and older. Cost is \$100.

January 29 No Youth Group because of Keswick retreat.

# Classes for Adults and Children! January Schedule

**1/1** Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., no Sunday School for kids

**1/8** Sunday School for adults and kids at 9:00 a.m. (before worship)

1/15 NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for adults (childcare available), Sunday School for kids during 10:00 a.m. Worship

**1/22** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—joint worship service with Jackson United Methodist Church

**1/29 (and after)** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for adults (childcare available), Sunday School for kids during 10:00 a.m. worship

# **Adult Classes**

"Living Life as a Christian in the 21st Century" is taught by Pastor Courtney and others. In this individualistic society where everyone seems out for themselves, how will we be a community together? In this time in history when everyone spends and no one is disciplined to save, what will our future be like? When our young people are denied opportunity for arts & culture in schools as well as creativity and innovation, will we progress? This course takes a look at Scripture passages, literature, and other sources to use as a discussion for how can Cornerstone be faithful in our expression as Christians in the 21st century. 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 info.



Preparing for the Christmas Play

# **Sunday School for Kids!**

Young Elementary (K-2nd grade)
Teachers: Allyson Moyer, Kellie Pushko
Older Elementary (3rd-5th grade)
Teacher: Patti Miller

The elementary children are learning from the We Believe series called "God's People Together." They are learning about key relationships in the Old Testament, including Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Ruth and Naomi, David and Goliath, and more!

### Middle School

Teachers: Elizabeth Hughes, Kristen DiGirolamo

The Middle School class is doing a Bible Survey course, which involves an in-depth study of the books of the Bible in the Old and New Testament. Each week there is also a fun origami project related to the story.

Nursery Care Available during Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and during Worship

# **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 9.



# **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 were 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

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

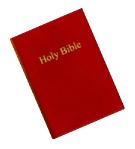
You are welcome to join the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at the home of Elizabeth Hughes and led by Courtney Cromie. The women are studying a curriculum by Beth Moore about the prophet Daniel. Join us in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed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

# **Church Ladies**

The Church Ladies meet on the third Wednesday of every month 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 Betty Thompson or Joan Mallison for more information.

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



# 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 Philippians. Please contact Bob Wegner for more information.

# **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. 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.



Cornerstone Presbyterian leadership would like to say **Thank You** for all the pledges and support of this very special congregation. The Session will meet on Monday, January 9th to set the budget for 2012, and the information will then be shared with the congregation.

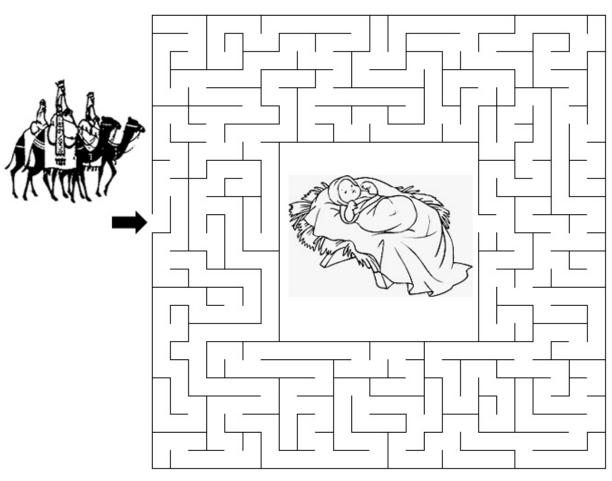
# **Financial Report for December**

- Tithes/offerings = \$10001 (Weekly: 12/4 = \$2423, 12/11 = \$1995, 12/18 = \$2087, 12/24 = \$2136, 12/25 = \$1360)
- Per Capita offering = \$245
- Foundation Fund = \$100
- Gifts from other churches = \$15,750
- JOY Offering = \$230
- Special Offerings = \$195 (donation for advertising)
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

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

# Wise Men Search for Jesus

Can you help the Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?



"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2



# 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

www.clowningbymac.com

Clowning by Macaroni Anne Cheeze

Celebrating an event? Let Macaroni Anne Cheeze entertain with face/arm painting and balloon animals

Reflection & Inspiration: Specialty note cards for that special person or occasion. Go Green! Send a lovely note card that can be framed and enjoyed by all! Total gift cost \$4.00.

# 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).

# Cornerstone at January 2012

Sat	2	14	21 EQUIPPING THE SAINTS Leadership Training Princeton Seminary 8:30-3:00	28	
Ē	ω	13	20	27 Children's Ministry Ronald McDonald House YOUTH GROUP KESWICK RETREAT	
Thu	5 <u>Choir</u> Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry 6:00-7:30 pm	19 <u>Choir</u> Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	26 <u>Choir</u> Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	
Wed	4	11	18 Church Ladies 1:00 Deacons Mtg 7:00	25	
Tue	3 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	10 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	31 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm
Mon	2	9 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	YOUTH GROUP Service Project Meet at St. Al's 10:00 am	23	30
Sun	7	8 YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30 pm	15 NEW SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS DURING WORSHIP YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30 pm	22 WORSHIP AT JACKSON METHODIST CHURCH 10:00 am YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30 pm	29 Confirmation Info Meeting 11:15 am