



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

April 2012

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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| Sunday School for Adults (childcare available) | 9:00 - 9:45am |
| Fellowship | 9:45 - 10:00am |
| Worship (Sunday School for kids during worship) | 10:00am |

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Message from our Pastor

Greetings, Friends and Members of Cornerstone!

Sunday, April 1st is the day that many Christians observe and remember a day long ago when Jesus was triumphantly welcomed into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and recalls the day that Jesus was greeted with Hosannas and welcomed with palm branches. Soon after this time of celebration, though, we are somberly reminded of the rest of the story. On Maundy Thursday, we are taken back into the time in Jesus' life when he had his Last Supper with his closest friends and relayed to them his commandment to "Remember." His arrest happens soon after and then we are taken to Good Friday where Jesus, our Savior, was crucified. As Holy week comes to a close, we then think on Jesus in the tomb. What would our lives be like if that was the end of the story? But, alas - Easter arrives and we are called upon to celebrate the empty tomb and the resurrection of our Lord! For Christians, this week is full of emotion and passion. It is often called Jesus' Passion. And, as we think on Jesus' suffering and on the difficult emotional journey he pursued during this week, we take to heart how Jesus died for us and of what He endured in His love for us. I encourage each of you as we enter into Holy Week to look with hope towards the gift of Easter. And as we anxiously await the Good News, we must also allow ourselves time to be faithful in remembrance of Jesus' passion through the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We should fall on our knees in thanksgiving for the love and forgiveness found in Christ's sacrifice and in Christ's suffering for us. We are called to be faithful as we enter the joy of Easter and to respond with passion so that our lives might allow Christ's light to illumine others in the hope and knowledge of eternal life found in the Good News of Easter. Let's be passionate!

- Reverend Courtney

Worshiping at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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Cornerstone Community



Michelle Welch, 4/3
 Bob Wegner, 4/4
 Ian Rosato, 4/4
 Pete Jeremich, 4/9
 Brooke Morrow, 4/9
 Sara Seich, 4/10
 Helen Granozio, 4/11
 Seraphim Osiakwan, 4/14
 Maggie Varrelmann, 4/18
 Joan Daniels, 4/18
 Betty Corio, 4/20
 Kathie Hekl, 4/22
 Vikki Leach, 4/24
 Sara Miller, 4/24
 Sean Beeg, 4/27
 Ryan Pushko, 4/30



Bob & Joan Daniels, 4/3

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.

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

2012 Sharron Smith
 Jim Ryan
 Barbara Dougherty
 James Hughes

2013 Okoro Okparaeke
 Denise Mudalel
 Lisa Capurso

2014 Dominique Robert
 Bruce Thompson
 Kellie Pushko
 Todd Moyer

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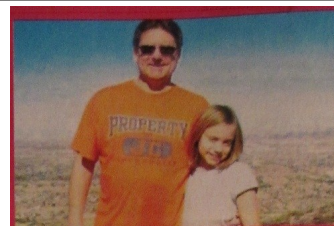
Laura Stone
 Alice Jones

Betty Thompson
 Laurie Wegner

David Carlson



Congratulations to Mark Plunkett,
 our former intern! Mark was
 ordained and installed as the pastor
 of Heritage Presbyterian Church in
 Houston, TX on March 25. If you'd
 like to send a card, the address is:
 Mark Plunkett
 8709 Lupton Lane
 Houston, TX 77055



Girl Gets Help From Community After Loss

After suffering the tragic loss of her father, Joseph Horvath, 9 year old Mackenzie, a student at Switlik Elementary School and her mother Danelle were overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support from their fellow Jackson residents. "People we barely knew sent us condolence cards and asking what they can do to help," Danelle said. "Gifts were left on our doorstep for Mackenzie and everyone reached out." Danelle also said the Jackson Moms Club's Sunshine Angels brought the family fully cooked and prepared meals and kept Mackenzie busy with play dates through their ordeal.

"The amount of love and support we have received was overwhelming," she added "I feel so blessed to live here in Jackson, where you can count on people and never be alone. It's an awesome community." Danelle said besides the Mom's Club, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, parents and scouts from Girl Scout Troop 248 and dozens of friends and neighbors helped her and her daughter get through a very tough time. Although Danelle and Joseph had been divorced for 5 years, they worked hard, together to make sure the family stayed close to provide a good life for Mackenzie.

Article from the March 2012 JTOWN Magazine

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

Meet our Summer Interns from Princeton Seminary!

They will be starting on May 27th.



Devin Berry is a Masters of Divinity student from Princeton Seminary and will join us this summer as our general pastoral intern. Devin comes from South Boston, Massachusetts and is very excited to be working at Cornerstone this summer. Devin has a Boston accent that she has spent many years working on hiding, but if she is tired or excited she sounds exactly like a character in the movie "The Departed" or "Good Will Hunting". Her father, who raised her, taught her that the Boston Red Sox were the saints of the church. One of the most difficult things about living in New Jersey has been the number of Yankees fans. Her favorite things in life include listening to music (primarily Celtic Rock, Classic Rock, and Country), reading, and exploring. She started attending a Presbyterian church on her own when she was in elementary school and then convinced her father to attend. She has been ordained as both a Deacon and an Elder and is under care of the Presbytery of Boston.



Carson Dockum will serve this summer as our Youth/Young Adult Seminary Intern. Carson grew up in Murrieta, California and graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in theology. He is just finishing up his second year at Princeton Theological Seminary and has one more year in their M.Div program. He enjoys spending time with people, playing games, shooting hoops, eating food, and just talking about life. He is very excited to have the opportunity to serve in ministry this summer at Cornerstone and can't wait to get to know all of us better!

JACKSON CLEANUP DAY

Jackson Clean Communities annual spring cleanup will be on Earth Day, April 21. **THANK YOU to all who have signed up to support this effort!** This is an amazing opportunity to serve our community and also earn \$600 for the church.

If you signed up to help, please arrive at the Senior Center (on Don Connor Blvd) by 11:15 AM so that our group can be checked in. We must have 16 people present for the check-in. A free lunch will be provided, and we will then move on to cleaning our assigned road at approximately 12:00 PM. If you have questions, please see Allyson Moyer.



One Great Hour of Sharing

This year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, April 1st; Palm Sunday and Sunday, April 8, Easter. One

Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. The money donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing Program is distributed to three different areas for people in need: The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and The Self - Development of People. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of others! Please donate as you are able.

Services in April:

April 1: 6th Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday "Shouts of Hosanna"

April 5: Maundy Thursday service at JUMC, 7:00 p.m.

April 8: Easter "Unnecessary Tears: Mary in the Garden"

April 15: "And Their Eyes Were Opened"

April 22: "A Coat of Many Colors: The Story of Joseph"

April 29: Youth Sunday

"Children in Church" Humor

One Sunday in a Midwest City ,
a young child was "acting up" during the
morning worship hour.

The parents did their best to maintain
some sense of order in the pew
but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up
and walked sternly up the aisle on his way
out. Just before reaching the safety of the
foyer, the little one called loudly to the
congregation,

"Pray for me! Pray for me!"

One particular four-year old prayed,
"And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who put trash in our
baskets."

Easter Season

God has provided a rhythm of seasons which orders life and influences the church's worship. God's work of redemption in Jesus Christ offers the Church a central pattern for ordering worship in relationship to significant occasions in the life of Jesus and of the people of God.

During this **Easter** Season, we gather for worship at the foot of the cross in the season of **Lent**, a season of spiritual discipline and preparation, anticipating the death and resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life began on Ash Wednesday, where we confronted our sinfulness and mortality. Throughout the season of Lent, we take time to remember that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. Only through the love and work of Christ can we truly live. Join us for Sunday worship throughout Lent and walk the journey to the cross of Easter.

SAVE THE DATES

- **May 20**—Deacon Sunday
- **June 3**—Farewell to Music Minister, Christine Tegeder

Summer Worship at Liberty

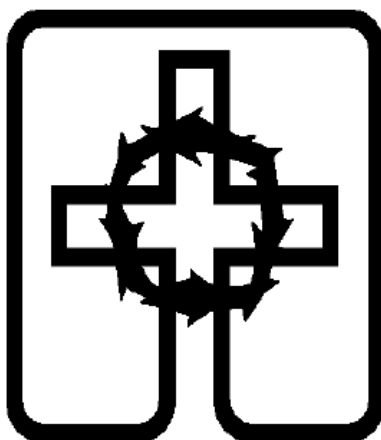
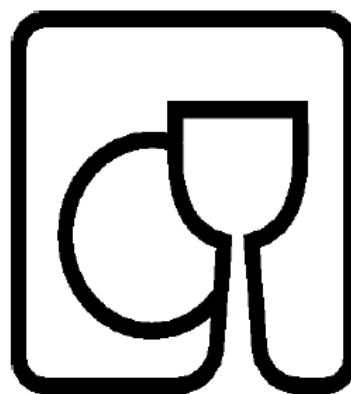
Due to a construction project at McAuliffe this summer, Cornerstone will be worshipping at Liberty High School in July and August. Here we go again! We have worshiped in 5 different schools, and we've been at Liberty before – everything will work out just fine and we'll be back at McAuliffe in September. The Jackson School District has been very supportive in making this move as painless as possible, and they have agreed to let us store the items we use on a weekly basis inside the classroom that we will have allocated for Sunday School. This is a huge help – halleluiah!

The Days of Holy Week



Palm Sunday is the specific day when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Many churches reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on this Sunday during the season of Lent. This practice can be traced back to the fourth century in the city of Jerusalem. During this procession, participants carry palms and other branches into the church. The church becomes a symbol of the city of Jerusalem. After the procession with palms, the worship service that follows becomes more somber as Holy Week begins.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday that occurs during Holy Week. The emphasis for this Thursday is on Jesus' new commandment of love: "Love one another even as I have loved you." The word "maundy" comes from the English form of the Latin *mandatum*, which means commandment. Maundy Thursday is a combination of three things—a time to commemorate the Last Supper, a time when penitents are reconciled to the family of believers, and a time to prepare for Baptism. It is also a time when the discipline of Lent is concluded with forgiveness. Jesus' new commandment to his disciples, "Love one another even as I have loved you," contrasts sharply with Judas' betrayal at the completion of the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is demonstrated by his service to others, as well as in his gift of himself for our salvation. The washing of the disciples' feet as part of the Last Supper was a concrete example of the loving service Jesus shared with his followers. Foot washing is often a part of Maundy Thursday celebrations today, as a response to the new commandment and as a symbol of Christian charity and service.



Good Friday, the Friday during Holy Week, became widely kept as a commemoration of the cross by the end of the fourth century. On Good Friday, we emphasize a time of reflection, intercession, and adoration of Christ as the sacrificial lamb. Like many churches, we commemorate Good Friday with a Tenebrae service, remembering the last night of Jesus' life and the betrayals and trials he suffered, using the symbol of increasing darkness. This form of worship dates from the seventh century and has been named "tenebrae," a word meaning "darkness" or "shadows."

Mid-Week Lent Services at Jackson United Methodist Church



"Lectio Devina"

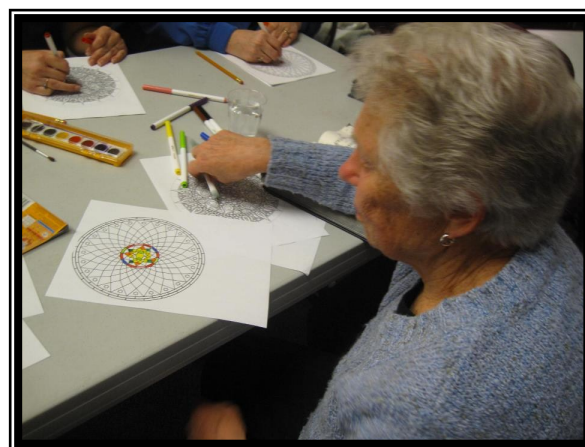
"Fasting"



"Mandela"—
Communicating with
God through art



"Prayer and Healing"



The Labyrinth

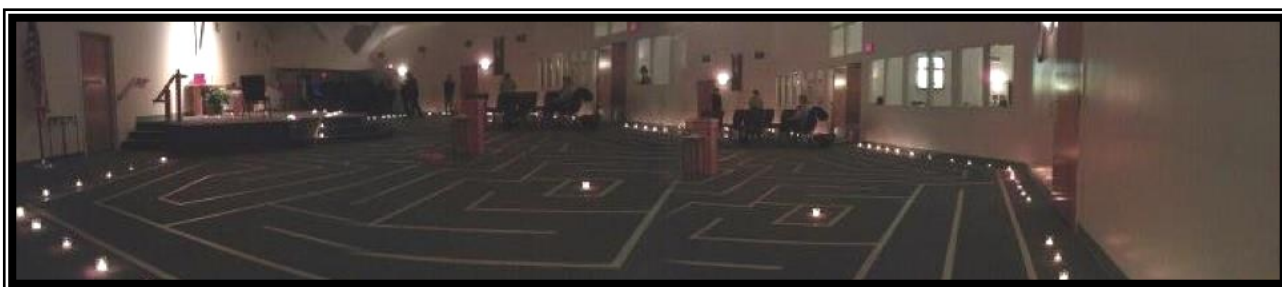


PHOTO GALLERY

Prayer Stations, March 12th



Reading a Poem about Prayer



A Reading for St. Patrick's Day

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of the Girl Scouts



Cornerstone Presbyterian Session Minute's Summary, March 2012

*The Session extended their gratitude to the members of the Finance Committee for their hard work, including the Treasurer, Gordon Connelly, and Chair of Finance, Faron Trick. Dominique Robert has agreed to take over as finance chair in May.

*The March Finance report includes the 19,110 that has come in from donations from an appeal later that Pastor Courtney sent to friends and family. In addition, a member gave an anonymous donation towards the cost of a youth seminary intern for Summer 2012.

*The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, April 1 to discuss 3 options for investment options for existing resources.

*Pastor Courtney during the time of devotion asked elders to consider five reasons why Cornerstone is a church they love. In addition, she asked them to brainstorm how we might share these things with others. Some ideas were shared including: Pastor brunches, Bring a Friend Day for Young People; Words of Encouragement from the Pastor/ Members for people to be faithful in worship attendance. In addition, Courtney shared that she would like help and assistance from the elders in bringing in new members and guests to services and programs.

*A Worship Committee Update included the request from Todd Moyer for each elder to take at least one Sunday a year to prepare the communion elements and to help with communion set-up. Joan Mallison has stepped down after many years of faithful service. Elders agreed to signing up to prepare and set-up communion over the next months. Todd is organizing a chart. Pastor Cromie reported that Want-Ads have been posted for a new Music Minister since Christine Tegeder's time with us comes to a close the first week of June. Suggestions were requested in how to find a replacement and elders recommended contacting clerks of area presbyteries and the Jackson school music teachers.

*In the Pastor Report, Courtney shared that two Seminary Students will join us from Princeton Seminary this summer. An anonymous gift will pay for one and the other will be funded by Princeton Seminary. There could be up to three seminary students in the fall.

*Revision to approved Terms of Call – The session discussed how pastor benefits should be revised to combine study leave and automobile expenses as was communicated to Presbytery. This was passed and the pastor's terms of call should include a combined \$6,700 for other professional expenses.

*Two Elders should attend the March 27th Presbytery Meeting. 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown, 420 Farnsworth Ave, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Kellie Pushko and Todd Moyer will check their schedules to see if they could attend.

* The session voted to create a Deacon's Assistance Fund in the budget as requested by the church ladies where the pastor could access these monies for those in need who request assistance. The church ladies have agreed to donate \$100 from fundraisers to start this fund. One Sunday per year a special offering will be held for donations to this fund. The Deacon's Fund was approved.

* It was reported that the Choir is interested in hosting a Talent Show/Private Auction Fundraiser. They need affordable space to hold the event. Elders shared ideas for location for any upcoming fundraisers to include: Fire Halls, Hope Chapel, Amvets, etc. One elder said that perhaps a portion of the Shop Rite card profit could go to this fund instead of Building Fund. Another elder said that the pastor and others should encourage the purchase of shop-rite gift cards as gifts to those in need and others.

* It was reported that there will be a relocation to Jackson Liberty High School for Summer 2012 – to begin July 1 until August 26.

* The next session meeting will be held at the home of Todd Moyer on Monday, April 23 at 7 PM

Important dates in May:

Monday, May 14th - Call for a Special Session Meeting for the purpose of hearing the faith statements from our confirmation youth and voting to receive them into membership. This will be a "Pot-Luck" Dinner held at the home of the Welch Family;

Friday, May 18th - Spring Retreat & Short Session Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - place to be announced.

Cornerstone Winter/Spring 2012 Confirmation Class Update:



The Confirmation season is in full swing! We ask the church to pray for the Confirmation Youth and mentors during this season.

The following are the 2012 confirmation candidates/mentors: Brandon Capurso/Bruce Thompson, John Varrelman/Don Welch, Marissa Tunis/Vikki Leach, Courtney Miner/Laurie Wegner, Shavonne Osiakwan/Michele Welch, and Madeleine Welch/Lisa Capurso.

We are blessed to have active and vibrant youth at Cornerstone and this is a special season in the lives of our youth and in the life of Cornerstone. God is good!

Suggested schedule is as follows for remaining Mentor/Confirmand Meetings:

April 1 - Palm Sunday - Week 9, "Baptism" - Mentor and Confirmand

April 8 - Easter - Spring Break, "No Meeting"

April 15 - Week 10 - "Spiritual Life" - Mentor and Confirmand

April 22 - Week 11, "Death & Resurrection"

April 29 - Youth Sunday - Week 12, "Life in the Church"

May 6 - Week 13, "The Faith Journey Continues" - Mentor and Confirmand

Important Dates:

- **Confirmation Classes** with Pastor Courtney and Elder Lisa Capurso: April 1 and April 15 - after worship for one hour, approximately 11:15-12:15.
- **Confirmation Day Retreat for Confirmation Youth and Mentors** to Princeton: May 6th 8:30 AM—5:30 PM
- **Special Confirmation Dinner with Session**, May 14 - 6 PM
- **Confirmation Sunday:** May 27 received in worship on Pentecost at 10 AM



Some of the confirmation class and their mentors walked the labyrinth at Jackson United Methodist Church on March 28th.

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. We have some exciting things planned for the Spring and early Summer—the Youth of DeBows United Methodist and Cornerstone have combined together for this year and together we can have fun while learning about God and growing in our faith in Christ. Middle School Youth Group meets EVERY week and ALL YOUTH (6th - 12th grade) are invited to special events coming up!

Sun. April 1 April Fools Day Party at the home of Julia Nelson, 6-8 PM

Sun. April 8 Easter—no meeting

Sun. April 15 Bowling at Fort Dix, 5 PM

Sun. April 22 Earth Day Hike in a park and plant a tree

Sun. April 29 Middle School Discussion: Is God limited to the male gender? Does God transcend what we know as male and female? Rob Bell DVD “She.”



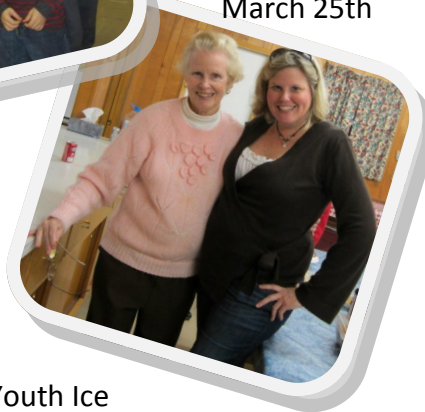
Digital Scavenger Hunt in the
Freehold Mall and Sleepover at
DeBows, March 16th



Parent/Youth
Team
Competition
March 25th



Youth Ice
Skating
March 4th



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.

March Mission Theme: Jackson Animal Shelter

April 12: (Spring Break) Picnic and visit to the animal shelter

April 26 : "Jesus Loves His Enemies (Matthew 5:43-48), 6:30-7:30 PM



Helping at the DeBows Food Pantry, March 12th



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Cornerstone's Vacation Bible School will be during the mornings the week of **July 23-27**. Our theme will be: **Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity**.

We are also invited to attend Debow's evening VBS the week of July 9-13.

Please remember to return the fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing on April 1st or April 8th!



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 "Encountering Jesus". This study follows Jesus through the Gospel of John, The Gospel of Matthew and Acts.

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. This month we are completing a series called "The Final Week" with detailed lessons about Jesus' last days before His death and His resurrection.

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

Adult Class

"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.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The egg hunt will take place after worship on Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday).



Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be weekly on Thursdays 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!

The choir will sing at the Maundy Thursday service at Jackson United Methodist Church on April 5th at 7:00 PM. There will be no choir rehearsals on April 5th or April 12th.



Congratulations to our Music Minister, Christine Tegeder, shown above speaking at the Presbytery Meeting on March 27th. She was formally approved as a candidate!



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 11.

VIP Water Walk: April 27-28



villages in partnership

The Village Water Walk event is designed to raise awareness of the need for access to safe water and the struggle to survive that our friends in Malawi, Africa face every day, and to raise funds for Villages in Partnership's efforts to provide life-changing, sustainable development projects that help alleviate those burdens. Teams of participants will walk continuously for 24 hours in and throughout the Allentown community. At least one member of each team must be walking for the duration of the event. Our hope is for Cornerstone to field at least one team to raise a minimum of \$2000. Most teams have 10-12 individuals each walking 2 or 3 hours. If each team member raises \$200 in sponsorships the team as a whole can raise the \$2000. A consent/sponsor form is available on the next page of this newsletter. **There are still some time slots available! Please contact Denise Mudalel or Pastor Courtney if you can walk or be a sponsor for this project.**

Mission Trips to Malawi

First Presbyterian Church of Allentown has invited us to participate in upcoming VIP Friendship trips to Malawi. If anyone feels God calling them to join this team, please see pastor Courtney. There will be cost associated, but it should be quite meaningful.

May 22-30 - Medical Mission - Students and Faculty from UVA School of Nursing sponsoring a medical clinic at Kalupe Center in Sakata

July 24- August 1 - General tailored trips to our participants, building the school, building the maize mill, digging wells, training pre-school teachers, soccer clinics,

August 3-11 - General tailored trips to our participants, building the school, building the maize mill, digging wells, training pre-school teachers, offering soccer clinics, any talents and gifts that people want to share, we will find a way to offer!

Johnsonburg Camp Services

The Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center is a year-round camp and conference center in north-western New Jersey. In 1959, Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center was established to provide experiential Christian education in support of the Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. Johnsonburg today is a place where city kids meet country kids, where black and white discover common ground, where the rich and poor of means and spirit are valued equally, and where each is encouraged to take another vital step toward realizing oneness in Christ. Currently, Johnsonburg Camp is accepting registration for the 2012 Summer Camp Schedule. There are camps for Elementary, Junior and Senior High Youth, and Special Needs. To learn more about schedule, pricing, particulars, please speak to Pastor Courtney or visit www.campjburg.org. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance.

Summer Camp – Ten weeks of Christian camping and leadership training.

Programmed Retreats – Nine weekends annually for older elementaries, junior-highs, senior highs, and families.

Spiritual Sanctuary – Sabbath events and opportunities for personal retreat and respite. Outdoor chapels, labyrinth, spiritual direction, seven miles of trails.

Conference/Retreat Venue – 400-acres in the rolling hills of northwest New Jersey -- with year-round overnight lodging, dining service, meeting rooms, worship and recreational facilities.

Special Needs Camps - Opportunities for adults who are intellectually disabled.

Four weeks of service to the homeless through the Interfaith Hospitality Networks of Warren and Sussex County.



Revive! is coming again to Trenton! April 21 at Shiloh Baptist Church

The original Revive! brought together over 350 Christians in 2010 to talk about Jesus and Justice. Join us again on April 21 for a day of proclamation, worship and conversation, sponsored by Trenton Ecumenical Area Ministry (TEAM) and the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Revive is:

* **Proclamation:** Five of our most gifted local preachers - Darrell Armstrong, Melinda Contreras-Byrd, Paul Jeanes, David Rojas and Simeon Spencer - will inspire us and call us to action.

* **Joyful Praise:** Revive! will feature an instant gospel choir, led by William Heard and Deborah Ford; The Trenton Children's Chorus; praise dancers; and spirited worship that will enable us to praise God with heart, mind, body and soul.

* **A Moral Conversation:** How do we respond as Christians to the critical justice issues of immigration and incarceration – in our own congregations, and our own neighborhoods? How do we become "Healing Communities"?

For more information, and to register, go to: Revivejustice.org



villages in partnership

Village Water Walk - "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes"

Friday, April 27 to Saturday, April 28, 2012

Name of Walker/Email Address: _____
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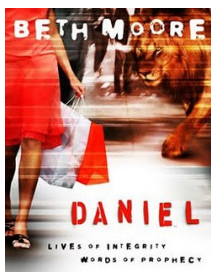
Signature/Consent _____
(Parent or adult signature if under 18 years old)

STATEMENT OF CONSENT: I understand the risks involved in participating in the Water Walk and willingly and voluntarily accept these risks. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I grant permission for the organization to use photographs/images and quotations from me in accounts and promotions of this event.

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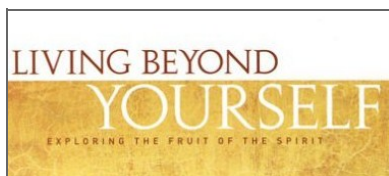
Women's Bible Study

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!

A new Beth Moore study "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" will be starting on April 17th! For more information contact Pastor Courtney.

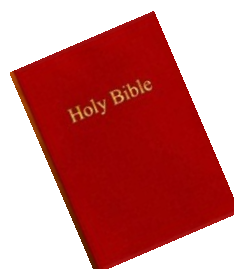


Church Ladies

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



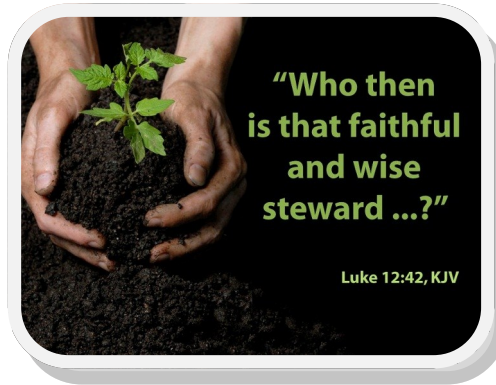
Men's Bible Study

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.



Financial Report for March

- Tithes/offerings = \$7777
(Weekly: 3/4 = \$1857, 3/11 = \$2348, 3/18 = \$2498, 3/25 = \$1074)
- Per Capita offering = \$90
- Foundation Fund = \$1100
(Shop Rite gift cards: \$50, Grant: \$1000, Special gift*: \$50)
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$2000 (donations for interns)
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

*Several friends of Pastor Courtney made very generous donations in support of our church since January. Praise God! These gifts will help us with our financial challenges, but we are still in need of everyone's continued contributions to meet our 2012 budget, which calls for \$1923 each week in offerings. Please continue to prayerfully consider your giving each week.



THANK YOU to Faron Trick for his many years of service as the Chair of the Finance Committee. We appreciate his hard work and dedication! We thank Dominique Robert for stepping up to take over this responsibility starting this month.

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

Easter Bible Word Find



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| Bible | Resurrection | New Life | Glorious King |
| Church | Jesus Christ | Cross | Redemption |
| Triumph | Sunrise Service | Joy | Sunday |
| Messiah | Lamb of God | Celebration | Third Day |
| Gospels | Everlasting Life | Easter Bells | Easter Lily |
| Alleluia | Light of the World | Candles | Empty Tomb |



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).

Rebecca Schiemer

*I make homemade jewelry, homemade soaps, candles, and gift baskets for all occasions. I can also offer my services in cake decorating, cookie bouquets, fruit basket arrangements, chocolate covered strawberries, pretzels, and other homemade candies and chocolates. Please contact Rebecca at **Memories Made Floral & Gifts** or e-mail at sweetlady_16508@yahoo.com or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

April 2012 at Cornerstone

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|-----|--|
| 1 PALM SUNDAY Confirmation Meeting 12-1 PM YOUTH GROUP APRIL FOOLS DAY PARTY 6-8 PM | 2 | 3 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm | 4 | 5 Maundy Thursday Worship at JUMC 7:00 p.m. | 6 | 7 |
| 8 EASTER  | 9 | 10 Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm | 11 Deacons Mtg 7 PM | 12 Children's Ministry Picnic and visit to the Jackson Animal Shelter | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Confirmation Meeting 12-1 PM YOUTH GROUP BOWLING 5 PM | 16 | 17 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm | 18 Church Ladies 1:00 PM | 19 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | 20 | 21 ROAD CLEANUP 11:15 AM |
| 22 YOUTH GROUP EARTH DAY Hike and tree planting | 23 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm | 25 | 26 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM | 27 | 28 <div>VIP WATER WALK 4/27 6PM—4/28 6 PM</div> |
| 29 YOUTH SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30 pm | 30 | | | | | |