



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

October 2012

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Fellowship 9:45 - 10:00am

Worship 10:00am
(Sunday School for kids during worship)

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Treasurer:

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Courtney Miner

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A Message from our Pastor



Bring a Friend Sunday, "Come and See," October 14!

If you read closely about the life of Jesus, you will see that He continually invites others to follow Him in Ministry. He also trained the disciples, His followers, to invite others to join in the Christian life. Our times also call for us to "invite" others into faith and into Cornerstone Church! We have a wonderful church where we can worship, share ministry opportunities, enjoy Christian fellowship, and experience all the blessings of what it means to be part of a church family! We are blessed, are we not?

Do you know someone who could use the kind of Christian community that we are so blessed to enjoy? Do you know someone who might be curious about Jesus who could Come and See what we experience in worship here at St. John's? Do you know anyone who is lonely and could come and see the opportunities for fellowship we enjoy? How about someone who may be hurting or grieving? Would you be willing to bring that person to Cornerstone to come inquire how Jesus might minister to them here? Is there someone you know who is suffering from unemployment, an illness in the family or some other heavy burden and might appreciate the chance to know that God is Good? Could someone you know be craving for an opportunity to serve Jesus in ministry? Could you invite them to be involved in Cornerstone through the outreach of our church?

Think back to the first times you visited Cornerstone. How did you experience the love of Jesus here? What drew you? Who drew you? Is it your turn to invite someone to?

In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God and Jesus begins to gather His disciples. He invites the first two disciples, Andrew and John, to Come and See where He is staying. They followed and stayed with Jesus that day. After their time with Jesus, they were convinced

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Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Mike Morrow, 10/1
 Sean Kas, 10/1
 Arne Ildsgaard, 10/3
 Vernice DaConceicao, 10/3
 Dominique Robert, 10/4
 Daniel Sarti, 10/6
 Zachary Tunis, 10/6
 Ryan Kas, 10/6
 Rachel Mamola, 10/9
 Sueli Paes De Barros, 10/11
 Joe Mamola, 10/13
 Sean Morrow, 10/14
 Meg Milligan, 10/16
 Donnette Hubert, 10/17
 Crystal Palmeri, 10/17
 James Hughes, 10/21
 Bob Daniels, 10/29
 Elizabeth Hughes, 10/31



Don & Michele Welch, 10/3
 Ann & Paul Sarti, 10/10
 Patti & Ed Miller, 10/18
 Kristen & Michael DiGirolamo, 10/18
 Kellie & Michael Pushko, 10/24
 Mike & Brooke Morrow, 10/28

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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that they had found the Messiah. Andrew found his own brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. Jesus declared him to be Peter, the Rock. Soon afterward, Jesus saw Phillip and told him "Follow me!" Phillip was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, and told his friend, Nathanael. Nathanael was skeptical, but Phillip insists that Nathanael "Come and See." As you read further in the story, as Jesus ministers to Nathanael, he becomes convinced that Jesus is indeed the Messiah.

Our Bring a Friend Sunday where you can invite someone to "come and see" will be October 14. Invite someone to Come and See our church family in action as we worship! Invite a friend to church because It's easier to go somewhere when a friend comes with you.

There will be special invitations you can pick up to invite a friend, suitable for giving or mailing. Start praying now about who you know that might need to Come and See!

Blessings! Pastor Courtney

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Laura Stone
 Alice Jones

Betty Thompson
 Laurie Wegner

David Carlson
 Sueli Paes de Barros



David Carlson, grandson of Gail & David Carlson, at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

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

Blue Jean Sunday, the second Sunday of the month, to BEGIN Sunday, October 14

On this day we invite everyone to wear blue jeans to worship and to bring any size blue jeans for someone in need. They can be gently used or brand new. Jeans will be delivered to those in need near to the Jackson area. Why Blue Jean Sunday you may ask? A while ago, I purchased a book called, *Jesus In Blue Jeans*. At first I was confused...Jesus wearing blue jeans? Can it be?

In the preface, Laurie Beth Jones writes, "Many years ago I dreamed that I was standing in a meadow. Suddenly I saw a man approaching me. As He got nearer I gasped to realize that it was Jesus in Blue Jeans. When He saw the expression on my face He said, 'Why are you surprised? I came to them wearing robes because they wore robes. I come to you in blue jeans because you wear blue jeans.'" Could this be what Paul means when he wrote about Jesus being made in human likeness. In Philippians 2:6-8, Paul says that Christ Jesus, "being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!"

If we truly understand Jesus coming down to earth, we see that Jesus became like us. He looked like us. He talked like us. He even dressed like us. He came to them wearing robes because they wore robes. And, if we think about it ...He comes to us wearing blue jeans because we wear blue jeans.

Years ago there was a preacher, Eddie Sharp, who would come dressed in blue jeans and take his place at the austere pulpit in an old cathedral like worship center. It seemed wonderfully out of place. Here was this man in work clothes invading the holy arena of the pulpit. The impression, though, that was taken away was a positive one. For the preacher was trying to say that who we are on Monday-Saturday was intertwined with who we are on Sunday at church. If we think of it, wearing blue jeans in the House of God could bring your worship life and all other aspects of your life together. When we are before God, there is no casual side and formal side. Sunday morning is not an isolated, restricted compartment in our lives. Faith is something that has to do with action and service.

So, let's TRY IT - Every Second Sunday of the month, we will observe BLUE JEAN Sunday at Cornerstone! Even the pastor/preacher will also wear jeans and we will consider what it is to have Jesus meet us "as we are..." So Starting October 14, wear jeans to church and if possible, bring at least one pair of jeans for somebody in need.

Cornerstone Presbyterian Family Enrichment Night in Combination with Jackson United Methodist Church

Begins October 4th for All Ages!

Grades K-5

Thursdays from 6:15pm -7:15 pm

The first 15 minutes of the evening is spent in the Sanctuary with worship and a time for a fun devotion. At 6:30 p.m., children will choose to work on a specific skill and separate in rotations including sewing, arts and crafts, etc. At the close of each rotation, teachers will say a short prayer for them and continue to pray throughout the week.

Art Class



Children will learn and create using different modes of art like crayon, marker, paint, etc.

Sewing



Sewing can become a life-long love and skill that children can practice at home. What a great opportunity for little ones to create and make some practical, fun projects!

Youth Group for Grades 6-12

Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 pm

(see page 8 for more info on Youth Group)

Adult Study: Praying God's Way from Deepening Life Together

Thursdays from 6:15-7:30 pm

(see page 15 for more info on Adult Study)

Introducing Our New Intern, Kathy Genus



We are blessed to have Kathy Genus as a new year-long Seminary Intern from New Brunswick Seminary. She comes from a rich background having served as a Christian Educator at Yardville Presbyterian Church, Yardville, NJ and Presbyterian Church on the Hill in Ocean, NJ. She is a Certified Christian Educator with PCUSA and has also served Trinity Presbyterian Church in East Brunswick and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield as Christian Education Director. Feeling a call to serve the Lord in more pastoral/clergy related ministries, she recently returned to seminary at New Brunswick and is under care for ordination with the Monmouth Presbytery. Raised as a Presbyterian, she has served as a Deacon, Elder, Sunday school Superintendent, as well as the Educational Ministries Department for Monmouth Presbytery and Moderator of The Educational Ministries Department in Elizabeth Presbytery. Kathy has also served the North East Association of Presbyterian Church Educators as event coordinator, President and historian. She did her certification work at Princeton Seminary prior to enrolling full-time as a seminary student at New Brunswick Seminary. She has also served as seminary intern for Bound Brook Presbyterian Church in Bound Brook, NJ. Ms. Genus is a resident of Sayreville, and is married with two grown children and a new granddaughter.

Juice Pouch Recycling

We will once again be collecting used juice pouches at church! The pouches will be given to the MOMS Club of Jackson who will recycle them and earn money towards a charitable donation. Please remind your children to look for the labeled bin near the hospitality table when they are done with their juice!



Fall Fundraiser at Cicconi Farms

From September 28 through October 30th, 10% of your purchase at Cicconi Farms will be donated to Cornerstone! Purchase your pumpkins, mums, and all kinds of outside fall decorations and support our church at the same time! You must present the flyer at the time of purchase – available at church on Sundays or you can download from our website www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org. Share the flyer with your friends, family, and neighbors!

Nominations Needed

The Cornerstone Nominating Committee is currently taking nominations for Deacon and Elder. We have four spots for Elder and one spot for Deacon. Nominations are being taken through October 2012. Please give your nominations to any member of the nominating committee: Barbara Dougherty, Sueli Robert, Allyson Moyer, Constantine Osiakwan, Okoro Okparaeke, Sean Beeg or Betty Thompson.

Needed: Members for Mission, Outreach and Evangelism Committee

This fall, we have a new seminary intern, Konnie Clary, who is joining us to focus on mission, outreach, and evangelism while she spends September to April with us. She has a wonderful background in her work history to encourage Cornerstone in its need to grow in number as well as faith and to serve others in need around us. If you would like to get to know Konnie's heart for God and to pray about and organize ways Cornerstone can be invitational to the Jackson community and to reach those in need in the community and beyond, let Pastor Courtney know that you want to join this NEW committee. Hear God's call and respond!

Upcoming Services:

- **October 7 World Communion Sunday/Rally Day**, Pastor Courtney to preach "We are One in the Father Through Christ."
- **October 14 Bring a Friend Sunday/Blue Jean Sunday**, Pastor Courtney to preach "Come and See."
- **October 21 Deacon's Sunday**, Pastor Courtney to preach "Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve," Reception following worship
- **October 28 Reformation Sunday** Sermon Series begins on Stewardship—week 1: The Church's One Foundation

Sermon Series on Stewardship

Beginning October 28, on Reformation Sunday, a Stewardship Sermon Series will begin that will continue through November 18 when we celebrate Cornerstone on our Stewardship/Commitment Sunday where we commit our resources, time, and talents!

October 28: Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: The Church's One Foundation, Text: Matthew 7:24-27

Nov. 3: Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: The Structure Needs Support, Ephesians 2:11-22

Nov. 11: Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: What About the Inside? Malachi 3:6-3:12 and Mark 12:41-12:44

Nov. 18: Stewardship Sunday: Series on Stewardship/A Building in Progress: Thankful for the Keys, Text: Matthew 16:13-20



In a number of Denominations the First Sunday of October, which is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is observed as "World Wide Communion Sunday" or "World Communion Sunday". World Communion Sunday is a call for all Christians - of whatever background - and of whatever theological tradition - to recollect that we are in fact one in Christ - and that the table we receive from and communion at is God's table - not our own. Take joy in the image of men, women, and children of every language, color, and nationality gathering in fields, straw huts, brick schools, wooden shacks and stone cathedrals and praising God in Christ through the act of communion. And in so doing, each enters into both a physical and spiritual communion with one another as the planet turns under the gaze of the sun and the stars that God has placed over us all.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church.

On October 7, Cornerstone will observe World Communion Sunday where readers will do readings from different languages, we will have slideshow of people observing communion around the world in celebration of how we are one in The Father through Christ.



Appreciation for our Deacons:

Come join us for a Sunday where we say thank you to our deacons for their wonderful ministry among our Cornerstone friends and family members. Currently our Deacons support the following ministries. Please let us know if you would like to support any of these ministries with your time, talent, prayers, or willingness to help support the deacons in this very important ministry:

- Bereavement support
- Visiting those who are ill in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Residences
- Visitor Follow-up in Coordination with the Pastor
- Overseeing Deacon's Fund
- Prayer for Members and Friends of Cornerstone
- Hospitality/Sharing Table
- Communicating Church Events to Members and Friends of Cornerstone
- Corresponding with Members and Friends of Cornerstone at Holidays and in Challenging Circumstances
- Set-up and Take down for Sunday worship
- Greeters for Sunday worship
- Support of All-Church Annual Events
- Fellowship Dinners out with Members and Friends
- Monthly Birthday Recognition

The Deacons hope to organize the following ministries in the future:

- Meal Ministry
- Transitional Ministry for those Moving Away
- Coordinating a Cornerstone Information Table for Sunday Worship
- Fellowship/Kitchen Ministry
- Regular Cornerstone Visitor/Attender Gatherings for Brunch or Dessert at Members' Homes
- Education Events on Health and Healing from a Christian Perspective
- Recreational/Sports Ministries
- Special Family Events/Mixers

SO - What is a Deacon?

From *"What do Presbyterians believe about deacons? Called to be servants,"* in the April 2009 issue of *Presbyterians Today* by Stephany Jackson.

"While all Christians are called to care for persons in need, the ministry of deacons is the light that guides the way," Stephany Jackson writes, "Deacons are a reflection of the heart of Christianity. As our country faces some of its most challenging times, growing numbers of people will need care and compassion. Deacons are called to model and extend the love of Jesus Christ."

She also highlights a quote from Earl S. Johnson, Jr. who wrote *The Presbyterian Deacon: An Essential Guide*, that a deacon's job description includes the following: Exhibit within the church and before the world the exemplary moral authority of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Jackson says, "Being a servant to all is tough business. Working with people's problems, hurts, disappointments and needs requires."

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s *Book of Order* puts it, that deacons be "persons of spiritual character." They should be persons of deep faith and high moral standards (see 1 Timothy 3:8-13), committed to a life of prayer, study and other spiritual disciplines. Attention to these practices can help deacons persevere during times of disappointment or burnout. The office of deacon was established early in the New Testament church to make sure food was distributed to widows and others in need (see Acts 6:1-6). The leader of the first group of deacons was Stephen, whose witness cost him his life (Acts 7).

We are blessed at Cornerstone to have such a fine Deacon Body who serve selflessly in the above duties and ministries. Please pray for our deacons: Betty Thompson (Chair), Dave Carlson, Alice Jones, Sueli Paes de Barros, Laura Stone, and Laurie Wegner. Also, if you can - take time to come on out on Sunday, October 21 to hear them lead us in worship and to visit with them at the Reception following worship with refreshments!

PHOTO GALLERY



Thank you to Marissa and all who volunteered to help with the Media Shout!



Pastor Courtney with our new intern, Konnie Clary!



Welcome Party for Konnie at the Nelson's home 9/9



Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM, begins September 13 & 27 Meets at DeBows United Methodist Church , 509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ

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

October meetings:

- **October 11:** "A Blind Man Can See, John 9:1-41."
- **October 28:** "Trunk or Treat" — see below for more information!



"Trunk or Treat" Fall Community Festival with DeBow's Methodist Church!

When? - Sun. Oct 28, 6-7:30 PM

Children will first gather in the fellowship to enjoy some snacks and Fall-Oriented games. There will also be a costume parade. Then each will go trunk to trunk in their costumes to collect their treats.

What? Trunk or Treat Fall Festival at DeBows" (Set-up at 4:30 PM)

Why? Fall Fun with games, treats, community fellowship, and **prizes for the BEST Decorated TRUNKS :)**

How? Come join us at our joint Fall Event with DeBow's United Methodist Church from 6-7:30pm in the church fellowship hall and later in the parking lot. Decorate your car and bring treats to hand out to children from both our churches and some from our community. Cars will start lining up in the parking lot from 4:30-6pm with trunks full of goodies and games. Appetizers, Desserts, Drinks, and Snacks should also be brought to share during the game and fellowship time earlier in the evening.

If you are not able to attend, but would like to donate individually wrapped treats for the cars to share, let Pastor Courtney know!

ALSO - Volunteers Are Needed to Organize Games/Crafts/Snacks...And, of course, we need folks to DECORATE THEIR TRUNKS! :) See Pastor Courtney for MORE info!

Here is a link to decorating ideas for your TRUNK:

<http://trunkortreat.homestead.com/>

Here are two websites for some game ideas for Trunk or Treat....Anyone willing to help out?

<http://itswrittenonthewalls.blogspot.com/2011/09/lucky-13-fun-halloween-party-games.html>

<http://pinterest.com/wahmof4girls/church-trunk-or-treat-ideas/>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



On September 13th and 27th the children learned about when Jesus turned water into wine and when Jesus calmed the storm.



FAMILY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM WITH JUMC*

Youth Group for Grades 6-12



Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 pm

Youth will gather for times of Bible Study, Fellowship, Drama, Games, and FUN! Led by a staff member of JUMC and help and assistance from Cornerstone volunteers.

** See page 3 for more info on Family Night*

The Youth Leader for this program is Rachel Holsey, who received her BA in Youth Ministry and Biblical Studies from Eastern University. She has experience ministering to and serving with youth in a variety of settings including church youth groups, conferences/camps, and non-profit organizations. Rachel's own experience growing up in her church youth group gave her the desire to share with people, especially youth, a love for Jesus and a passion for being Jesus' hands and feet to the world.

Cornerstone Confirmation Class Starting in February 2013

Confirmation Class for High School Youth in 9th grade and above will be offered from February–May 2013. 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 27th from 11:15 -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 and adult mentors. **Adult mentors are needed!** If you can be a mentor, please talk to Pastor Courtney.

HELP NEEDED

Adult Youth and Children's Ministry Volunteers are needed for our mid-week and evening programs, so if you are interested in helping with Youth or with Children, please let Pastor Courtney know.



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Starts 10/7

Pastor Courtney will be starting a Youth Bible Study at Jackson United Methodist Church (68 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ) for Cornerstone Youth the first and third Sunday Nights beginning October 7 from 6-7:30 PM. We will be studying Key Ancestors of the Old Testament with a short video, Bible study and reflection, as well as discussion questions. Come on out and learn more about what God has to say to YOU!

If are an ADULT and would like to serve as an adult chaperone or help out with this Youth Bible Study, please let Pastor Courtney know.

GET READY FOR...

Rally Day!

October 7, 2012

**Sunday School for Kids during
10AM worship**

Sunday School for Adults

9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

This class will be held on Sundays before worship from 9:00 –9:45 AM. The class is called “The Missional Church” and will be taught by our intern Konnie Clary. Please let Pastor Courtney or Kristen DiGirolamo know if you plan to attend and need child care.



Introducing Courtney Miner as our new Nursery Care staff member! Courtney is a Junior at Jackson Memorial High School, and she has been coming to Cornerstone for more than 10 years! We are very happy to welcome her to the Cornerstone Staff!

Sunday School for Kids!



This fall, the **elementary** children will be learning from the We Believe series called “We Worship God.” The children will explore the beginnings of worship with the people of Israel, which will help them gain an awareness of worship in our own time.

The **Middle School Youth** will be studying a survey of the Bible, starting with an Old Testament study called “The Patriarchs,” focusing on Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

THE PATRIARCHS
ISAAC - JACOB – JOSEPH



Teachers:

Nursery: Courtney Miner

Young Elementary (K-3rd): Allyson Moyer and Kellie Pushko

Older Elementary (4-5th): Patti Miller

Middle School: Elizabeth Hughes and Kristen DiGirolamo

The Cornerstone Choir

The Cornerstone Choir, under the direction of Ken Ahlstrom, rehearses from September to May, and performs each week, at the 10 AM worship service. They sing and perform a variety of anthems, ranging from traditional classics to current praise anthems. All of their music is done in a modern, contemporary style with a keyboard accompaniment.

The Choir rehearses at DeBows United Methodist (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ) each Thursday night from 7-8:30 PM. The members of the choir are an extremely dedicated group of individuals who enjoy singing, as well as spending time together.

The Choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of people and feel God's leading to make a joyful sound unto the Lord, please call or text Ken Ahlstrom @ 732.759.5219 or send him a message via email: kennethahlstrom@ymail.com for more details.



What a joy to have the Choir singing in worship!



Looking for Instrumentalists!

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

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



The Church Ladies will once again be coordinating this program to provide shoe boxes filled with toys and other items to children in need around the world. **This year, we would like this**

to be more of a congregation-wide mission project. The Church Ladies will provide some wrapped shoe boxes, or you are welcome to use your own. Fill the boxes and return them to church—the Church Ladies will take care of delivery.



Filled shoe boxes should be brought to church by the end of October. Also, please consider donating \$7 to cover the cost of shipping a box.

Some suggestions for items to fill the shoe boxes: small toys, wrapped hard candy or gum, school supplies (pens, pencils, markers, sharpeners), hygiene items (toothbrush or toothpaste, soap, hair clips, jewelry, sunglasses, socks, hats, (flashlights with batteries), etc. Please DO NOT include liquids or lotions, items that are used or damaged, or that will melt or break.

For more information, please talk to Joan Mallison. You can also visit the website www.samaritanaspurse.org for detailed instructions on how to fill a box and where they go.

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

Kay Day – Missionary Worker in Malawi

Email: kay.day@pcusa.org

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

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

Birthday: August 9

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

Dennis and Maribel Smith—Missionary Workers in Argentina

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

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

Office address: Sucre 2855, 3°, 1428, Buenos Aires, Argentina **Office phone:** +54 11 4787 0436;

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



Wish List for the Hope Center, located at the House of Hope

The Hope Center is a program funded by The House of Hope of Ocean County, Inc, an organization initiated by the Clergy Association of Greater Toms River. Our mission is to help the aged, the homeless, the hungry, as well as those who are isolated and in need of support. The following items are needed:

- Cleaning supplies- Lysol disinfectant spray, Lysol wipes, tall kitchen bags, large latex gloves, toilet bowl cleaner, liquid hand soap
- Gallon size Ziploc bags, tooth paste, toothbrushes, feminine products, deodorant, laundry detergent, diapers any size, diaper wipes
- Office supplies- pens, white and colored copier paper
- Gift Cards- Staples, Shop Rite and Foodtown

Donations can be dropped at the HOPE Center, Monday- Friday 9-3:30pm at 253 Chestnut Street Toms River

For monetary donations, checks can be written out to: The HOPE Center and mailed to:

253 Chestnut Street, Toms River, NJ 08753

The Hope Center is also looking for adult volunteers to help with their various ministries. Talk to Pastor Courtney or contact The HOPE Center at 732-341-4447 and ask for the Director.

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. Visiting Nurse Association Health Group Hospice is providing training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey.

Training and support will be provided by members of the VNA Health Group Hospice team on 3 consecutive Wednesdays, October 17, 24, and 31 from 9:30am to 2:00pm at VNAHG 176 Riverside Drive. Red Bank NJ There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, administrative support and special projects to support our mission of caring and compassion. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions.

To register, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933.

For more information about VNAHG services and programs, visit www.vnahg.org

Tuesday Women's Bible Study Continues—All Can Join!

"Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith" by Andy Stanley

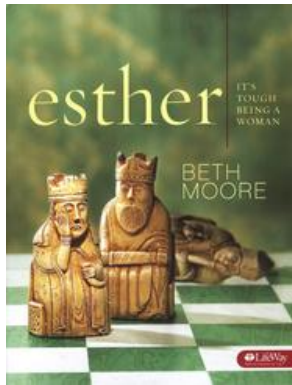
Six Week Series on Tuesdays through October 23rd from 10:30 - 12:15 PM

The sessions will be held at the home of Elizabeth Hughes and will include a fifteen minute welcome, an hour long DVD teaching from Andy Stanley and thirty minutes for DVD review and prayer.



Summary of the study:

How Do People Grow? We throw the "grow" word around a good bit. Specifically, we talk about a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. But what exactly does that mean? What exactly is growing? Andy Stanley highlights in this series how there are five primary things God uses to grow our faith. Stanley will speak to how God works in the lives of believers - and unbelievers to teach us through stories so that we can grow in our own faith. Each of us and our faith matters to God. In fact, God is most honored through our living, active, death-defying, out-of-the-box faith. That being the case, he's committed to growing it — BIG.



Study of Esther to begin October 30!

This Study is for 10 weeks, Tuesdays from 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes

Join Beth Moore in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. She peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. See Pastor Courtney for more information. Study Guides are \$16.00.



A few of our Bible Study women from the Tuesday group attended the Beth Moore Simulcast on September 15 from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM in Ocean Grove. It was a meaningful time for all and it was held on a beautiful sunny day!

Adult Study: Praying God's Way from Deepening Life Together to meet at the same time as Family Night* at Jackson United Methodist Church (68 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ)

Thursdays from 6:15-7:30 pm

Pastor Courtney and Joe Tiedemann will co-lead this adult study on prayer for five sessions (October 4, 11, 18 and November 1, and 8).

Summary: Go deeper: In the Word. In your faith. In your life. If God knows our thoughts, why should we pray? What is the proper way to pray? Will God really answer all of our prayers? What if it doesn't seem like he's listen-ing? Deepening Life Together helps answer these questions and many more. Each session guides you through the Scriptures, cultivating a dynamic group discussion and helping you grow in a deeper relationship with God and others. Study Guides are \$9.00 Please let Pastor Courtney know if you plan to attend.

(There is a wonderful speaker and learning opportunity for participants to attend on October 25th and November 15 at an offsite location - details will be shared during the study.)

* See page 3 for more info on Family Night

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 Joan Mallison for more information.

Next meeting: October 17th - 1:00 pm at the home of Betty Thompson, discussion of Judaism and Islam

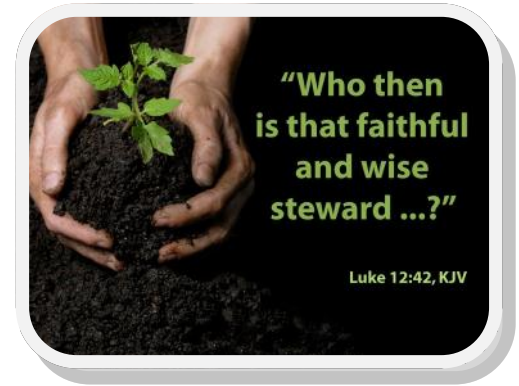
Save the date: The Church Ladies plan to go to see the Newark Boys Chorus in Manasquan on December 12th at 10:00AM with lunch to follow. Please let Joan Mallison know if you are interested!



The Church Ladies at their September meeting.

Volunteer Needed for Treasurer

After several years of diligent and faithful service acting as the Cornerstone treasurer, Gordon Connelly has decided to step down. We thank Gordon for all of his hard work! At this time, we are looking for a volunteer who would be interested in taking over this position. For more information on the specific responsibilities, please talk to Pastor Courtney.



Financial Report for September

- Tithes/offerings = \$10094
(Weekly: 9/2 = \$1735, 9/9 = \$2418, 9/16 = \$2746, 9/23 = \$1192, 9/30 = \$2003)*
- Per Capita offering = \$37
- Foundation Fund = \$200 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$500 (Manasquan)
- Special Offerings = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$12 (Staples rebate)

* Our 2012 budget calls for \$1923 each week in offerings - please continue to prayerfully consider your giving each week.

A Simple and Convenient Way to Give

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Cornerstone relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Two options are available: direct debit giving automatically transfers funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account; credit card giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit card. For more information, talk to Elizabeth Hughes or Dominique Robert.

Per Capita

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

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





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

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John Rosato

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Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

*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.*

October 2012 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Family Night at JUMC 6:15-7:30 PM	5	6
7 RALLY DAY! World Communion Sunday Youth Bible Study at JUMC, 6:00 PM	8 Session Meeting 7 PM	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM Family Night at JUMC 6:15-7:30 PM	12	13
14 Bring a Friend Sunday Blue Jean Sunday	15	16 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	17 Church Ladies 1 PM Deacon's Meeting 7 PM	18 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Family Night at JUMC 6:15-7:30 PM	19	20
21 Deacon Sunday (reception following worship) Youth Bible Study at JUMC, 6:00 PM	22	23 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	24 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	25 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Family Night at JUMC 6:15-7:30 PM	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday "Trunk or Treat" at DeBows 6:00 PM	29	30 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 			