



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

March 2013

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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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Courtney Miner

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SEMINARY INTERN, KONNIE CLARY

The Season of Lent

As we begin the season of Lent, we must remember to prepare. The sermon last Sunday was about preparing: our minds for change, our hearts for transformation, and our spirits for new life. As we approach Easter, we approach resurrection and new life. It is with this hope in mind that the season of Lent can be a time of preparation.

Kathy Genus reminded us in the last newsletter that Lent can be a time to prepare by “doing something” instead of “giving something up.” So often we hear about people giving up their favorite food or beverage for Lent, but what Kathy highlighted is the reformed thinking of doing something to strengthen and bolster our faith, rather than sacrificing something, or even in addition to sacrificing something.

Lent is not a time to create “New Year’s Resolutions,” that can only be held onto for forty days. It is a time to transform and to change, inviting in new life—life in Christ. Lent is a time where we may give something up, or join a group to worshipfully study the word in community, or dedicate time each day to prayer, or decide to read through the New Testament; but it is a time when we do so in order to prepare our hearts to receive the gift of life in Christ. This means that after the forty days are up, perhaps we don’t stop. Maybe we continue on with whatever we did that has transformed us. Through the course of Lent, if we allow the things we take on to transform our hearts and minds, we invite in a new mentality that can be extremely life-giving.

A few years back, I gave up coffee for Lent. It was challenging at best, for a person who drinks several cups a day. But what I learned that year was not so much about God; it didn’t deepen my faith so much as simply teach me self-control. Certainly it was beneficial for me to do this exercise; and for some people this type of sacrifice is beneficial and does help build faith. But it was a different year that I chose to “do something” that really affected me deeply.

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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



Ben Miner, 3/10

Matt Hekl, 3/15

Emily Welch, 3/17

Jim Ryan, 3/19

Chuck Calhoun, 3/21

Ashley DiGirolamo, 3/23

Heather DiGirolamo, 3/26

Sue Woolverton, 3/29



Bubba & Sharron Smith, 3/6

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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Another year I decided to read through the New Testament during the Lenten season. I figured that if Lent was a time of preparation for new life in Christ, what better time is there to read through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ. That year Lent was overwhelmingly meaningful. My faith, which had become stagnant over the years, took on a new vibrancy and I grew and changed much through that experience.

Shortly after Lent that year, I experienced a major time of grief. Looking back, I realized that God carried me through that time, and helped me to prepare for that with a stronger faith and a deeper reliance on Him. Lent was more than a time of intentional focus on my spiritual walk. It was a time of preparation and a time of hopeful waiting that ended up transforming me deeply and carrying me through some difficult times.

Though this is just one story, I hope that you have experienced something similar through Lent. And I hope we are able to experience this year what God can do in and through our lives by dedicating a short season to doing something for the Lord.

Note from Pastor Courtney

Greetings!

I want to say thank you to each and every one of you for the overwhelming support and prayerful encouragement I have received from my Cornerstone family since the passing of my father. My mother and sisters as well as my aunt and our close family and friends were so amazed at the outpouring of love from each of you.

In Christ's Unfailing Love, Pastor Courtney



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

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

A Valentine from our former intern, Jeremiah Knabe! He and his wife Lindsey are expecting a second baby in May! If you'd like to send them a card, their address is:

Jeremiah & Lindsey Knabe
113 Frontier Drive
Oceanside, CA 92054



Happy Valentines Day from the Knabe family! Our biggest 2013 news is the addition to the family, another little boy, expected to arrive May 1st, 2013. Additionally, we decided that we like California enough to buy a home here. Lindsay celebrated her 30th birthday May 20th, and we closed on the house May 18th, so I got to "give" the most expensive birthday present she will ever get...a home with a bow on the front door! Our home has a lot of natural light and we spend most days with windows and doors open, not to mention it is only 3 miles from the ocean! We feel so blessed to live in this beautiful place and take care of it!

Jackson has taken all the life transitions in stride. He continues growing like a weed. He is 21 months old but already tall for his age...we can't figure out why... He still isn't "talking" but he enjoys humming such tunes as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Baa, Baa Black Sheep". He has not had problems communicating without using words. He has strong opinions, much like his parents!

I've been having a great deal of fun at Church. The much beloved Senior Pastor of 21 years took a position in Seattle and left Jan. 6. I'm currently running the show until we procure an Interim Pastor. We all excitedly experience God's care and guidance through this new phase at Christ Presbyterian Church.

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season and have had a great start to 2013. If anyone is looking for a San Diego getaway we would be happy to have you come and stay!

With Love,
The Knabe Family

The Rev. Dr. Richard Marlin Cromie of Matthews, N.C., formerly of Pittsburgh and a former moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, died on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, in Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy. Rev. Cromie preached at Rev. Courtney Cromie's Installation Service in October 2011 and was a generous supporter of Cornerstone.

Minister's faith inspired others to follow path, Published: Friday, February 15, 2013

By Jerry Vondas, *Staff Reporter of Pittsburgh Tribune*



The Rev. Dick Cromie made God's work come to life in many ways.

The Rev. Cromie could give just a look, word or prayer and alter the course of a person's life forever, family and friends said. "As a youngster growing up in Mt. Lebanon, I attended Southminster Presbyterian Church with my family, where I heard Dr. Cromie preach," said the Rev. James Tinnemeyer Jr., senior pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. "He was someone to look up to. And it was from his dedication in serving others that I answered a call to the ministry."

The Rev. Dr. Richard Marlin Cromie of Matthews, N.C., formerly of Pittsburgh and a former moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, died on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, in Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy. He was 76.

He inspired his daughter, Courtney B. Cromie, to follow in his footsteps. On Oct. 2, 2011, she was installed as the pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Jackson, N.J. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, the Rev. Cromie was one of four children of Harry Marlin Cromie and Margaret Acker Cromie.

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the Rev. Cromie received his doctorate from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and in 1981 his Doctor of Divinity from Grove City College.

The Rev. Cromie was always true to his Scottish heritage. On St. Andrew's Day, which honors the patron saint of Scotland, he preached attired in a kilt.

Before his retirement in 2004, Cromie served pastorates in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mt. Lebanon and McCandless, as well as the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Good Cromie; daughters, Catherine C. DeCramer of Charlotte, Anne C. Cromie of Gainesville, Fla., and the Rev. Courtney B. Cromie of Jackson, N.J.; his sister, Alice Williams of Pittsburgh; and two grandchildren, Madeline and William. He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Williams, and his brother, Robert.

Please pray for:

- Pastor Courtney and her mother and sisters after the passing of Reverend Richard M. Cromie last month.
- Bob Wegner and his family after the passing of his mother Mary Rose Wegner last month.
- Faron Trick and his family after the passing of his step-father Jim Wilbur on February 21st.
- Fred Mallison, recovering at home after a recent hospitalization for pneumonia and congestive heart failure.



Pastor Courtney's new address:



Rev. Courtney Cromie
2567 Yardville Hamilton Square Rd.
Apt. 3
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

EASTER FLOWERS



Orders are being taken for Easter flowers in church on March 3rd and 10th. Flowers must be prepaid and will be delivered to church on Easter. Please see Betty Thompson to order (forms available at church).

PCTR Women's Retreat April 26-28, 2013

Good news: the date of the VIP Water Walk has changed to May 3-4, so this retreat is no longer on the same weekend!

The Presbyterian Church of Toms River has invited our ladies to attend their 2013 Women's Retreat, to be held at Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch, NJ. The retreat theme is "Choosing Joy". The cost is \$225 per person - which includes the two nights, two breakfast meals and Saturday evening dinner. A deposit of \$100 can reserve a spot, if paid by March 1st. Total payment will be due by April 1st. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ruth Ann Polito, polito39@comcast.net, 732-657-9522.



March 10

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!



One Great Hour of Sharing

This year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be

collected on Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday and Sunday, March 31, 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.

Volunteers needed

We are seeking volunteers for **greeters** before worship, **Media Shout operators** during worship, **Setup**, and **Sound Crew**. For all of these areas, a "crew" of people will spread out the work and keep our volunteers from being overburdened. Please consider helping in one of these areas. Contact Elizabeth Hughes to be a greeter, Todd Moyer about Media Shout and Sound Crew, or see Bob Wegner for the setup sign up sheet.

March Sunday Services:

- **March 3, 3rd Sunday of Lent,** Reverend Cromie preaches Sermon Series "Words for Lent" Week 3: Denial, Matthew 26:30-35.
- **March 10 Blue Jean Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent,** Kathy Genus preaches Sermon Series "Words for Lent" Week 4: Prayer, Matthew 26:36-46.
- **March 17, 5th Sunday of Lent,** Reverend Cromie preaches Sermon Series "Words for Lent" Week 5: Blessing! Matthew 26:26-29.
- **March 24, Palm Sunday, 6th Sunday of Lent,** Reverend Cromie preaches Sermon Series "Words for Lent" Week 6: Passion, Matthew 26:47-67.
- **March 31, Easter Sunday**



Lent is the forty day season when we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The following mid-week Lenten services are planned in March for joint worship with Cornerstone, Hope Cathedral, and Jackson United Methodist Church (JUMC). All services are at 7:00 PM.

March 6, 2013

Cornerstone hosts, Reverend Joe Tiedemann preaches

March 13, 2013

JUMC hosts, Pastor Trevon Gross preaches

March 28, 2013: Maundy Thursday

Service at JUMC, led by Cornerstone



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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

- Thu. March 14 Queen Esther
- Friday March 22 Make supper for residents at Ronald McDonald House

Mission for March: Ronald McDonald House

Please visit our website to see the Schedule through May:

http://cornerstonechurchofjackson.org/?page_id=391



On Valentine's
Day, the
Children's
Ministry delivered
valentines to the
residents at Care
One



Upcoming Youth Events for Cornerstone (Open for 6th to 12th Grade) Led by Pastor Courtney and Kathy Genus

Sunday, March 3: Great Potato Day! Come one Come all - Middle and High School youth - to Cornerstone's first ever Great Potato Day: Sunday March 3rd following the Confirmation class and lasting until approximately 1:15 PM. This event will include a blind potato chip taste testing, Potato Bowling, the Potato King contest, a baked potato bar where you can fill your own potato with all your favorite goodies, and SO much more! You won't want to miss it!



Sunday, March 24: Parent/Youth Video Game Discussion and Competition, 12:30 PM at the Capurso's home. Xbox Ethics Is It All Just a Game? Video games continue to develop and offer an expanding array of options. One can be entertained for hours alone or with friends. What is the purpose of playing games? How should Christians make decisions about what games to play or avoid? Can violent video games create violent people? Are there limits to what we should play?

Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 20: Group Work Day in the Bronx with overnight at the Reformed Church in Bronxville You can join us April 20th as we come together to beautify a section of The Bronx. By painting a school, cleaning up a park, sprucing up a city block...it's your chance to get youth involved in serving the community we all share. Let's team up and pour out into this awesome community! A variety of projects will be available at different levels of expertise, therefore **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Adults invited and all Youth Grade 6 and above....



Important Dates for The Bronx Big Day Registration: Super Early Bird, \$29 a person before Feb 19, Early Bird, \$34 a person from Feb 20 – Mar 21, \$40 a person from Mar 22- Apr 20.



On February 3rd, our Youth collected \$60.59 which was donated to the Jackson Food Pantry



"Fast Food Frenzy" February 18th

Our Youth Are an Important Part of Church, by Kathy Genus

We have been blessed at Cornerstone to have witnessed several baptisms this year! It is always a joy when a child is welcomed into the family of faith through the sacrament of baptism. Part of that sacrament is the parents of the child stating their desire for the child to be raised in the church and their willingness to do all that they can to teach the child about Christ.

Another part of that same sacrament in the Presbyterian Church is that the congregation also makes a vow to be responsible to also do everything they can to be a witness of faith and to journey with that child as they grow to know Jesus as well. This is a vow that we must make very intentionally. We are promising something to these children and to their families.

While it is very true that children, youth and their families are essential for church growth, they are important because they are part of the family of God. It is the church's responsibility to provide a solid Christian Education, Confirmation and a youth program for them to explore, discover and come to know Christ in a way that will impact their lives forever. Cornerstone is doing a great job with our Sunday School under the direction of Kristen Digirolamo, and our faithful teachers, and we have a strong Confirmation program. The area we need to grow is developing a solid youth program for our Middle and High School students.

Cornerstone does have its challenges in this area, we are a small congregation and a few people cannot do everything. We do not have our own space which makes meeting a challenge and we do not have the resources we might like to have to support all of these things. Given these challenges we still have a serious baptismal promise we have made to our youth. Please join Pastor Courtney and Kathy Genus in prayer as we attempt to discern the best road possible for our young people. Seminary Interns are great support people and valuable to our congregation, but they rotate through our lives quickly and this is most challenging for youth. These young people need to be certain that this is their church, that they matter and that the church cares about them. Let us pray for those who might feel called to leadership in this area, for financing to hire staff and for other possible strategies so that we can build something faithful, engaging and long lasting for these amazing young people God has entrusted to us.

If you have thoughts or ideas please speak to Pastor Courtney or Kathy Genus, but in the meantime, please pray with us, that God will show us a path.



Cornerstone Class of 2013

The Confirmation season has begun! We ask the church to pray for the Confirmation Youth and mentors during this season from February to May.

The following are the 2013 confirmation candidates and mentors are:

Jared Calhoun/James Hughes, Nicholas Hughes/Courtney Cromie, Sean DiGirolamo/John Rosato, Austin Floyd/Dominique Robert, Julia Nelson/Vernice DaConceicao, Maggie Varrelmann/Wendy Barone, and Lori Miller/Lisa Capurso.

Revised Schedule (February through June):

Feb 24, 11:30 – 12:15, Class Meeting, Confirmands and Pastor/Elder

Week 1 - February 24 - "Getting Acquainted" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 2 - March 3 - "God" – Mentor and Confirmand

Mar 3, 11:30 – 12:15, Class Meeting, Confirmands and Pastor/Elder

Week 3 - March 10 - "Jesus" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 4 - March 17 - "Holy Spirit" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 5 - March 24 - Palm Sunday - "Worship" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 6 - March 31 - Easter – Spring Break, "No Meeting"

Week 7 - April 7 - "The Bible" – Mentor and Confirmand

Apr 14, 11:30 – 12:15, Class Meeting, Confirmands and Pastor/Elder

Week 8 - April 14 - "Saints & Gifts" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 9 - April 21 - "Ministry" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 10 - April 28 - Youth Sunday - "Baptism" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 11 - May 5 - "Spiritual Life" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 12 - May 12 - "Death & Resurrection" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 13 - May 19 - "Life in the Church" – Mentor and Confirmand

Week 14 - May 26 - "The Faith Journey Continues" – Mentor and Confirmand

Jun 1 Day Retreat to Princeton, NJ – 9 AM – 4 PM

Jun 5 - Special Confirmation Dinner with Session, 6 PM

Jun 9 - Confirmation Sunday, received in worship at 10 AM

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The egg hunt will take place after worship on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday).



Please remember to return the fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing on March 24th (Palm Sunday) or March 31st (Easter).



Sunday School for Kids During 10 AM Worship!



This spring, the **elementary** children will be learning from the We Believe Spring 2013 curriculum called "We Worship in the Spirit."

The spring quarter begins with the continuation of the Lenten unit on the elements of worship, followed by the Palm Sunday, Passion, and Easter narrative. A unit on the Lord's Supper, both in its biblical context and as our sacrament today, is studied. The theme of worship is continued with sessions on affirmations of faith and commissioning to serve. The quarter concludes with sessions on Pentecost and the new church community.

The **Middle School Class** has started a New Testament curriculum on "The Parables." Lessons include: Parables of the Kingdom (3 lessons), Parables of Forgiveness, Parables of the Love of One's Neighbor, Parables of Praying, Parables of Self-Righteousness and Humility, Parables of the Cost of Discipleship, Parables of the Invitation of God, Parables of Repentance, Parables of the Importance of Preparing for the Future, Parables of Individual Responsibility.



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 Susan Rovira, 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 a youth or adult that is interested in joining or would like more information, please call Susan Rovira at 609-371-1473 or send a message via email: musicminister@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org.



Looking for Instrumentalists!

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



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 7.

VIP Water Walk: May 3-4, 2013



Water Walk - "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes"

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. Please contact Denise Mudalel or Pastor Courtney for more information.

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

Update from the Missions Committee

The Missions Committee met for the first time on Sunday February 10. We plan to continue to meet on the second Sunday of every month immediately following the church service. If you are still interested in being a part of this committee, please join us at the next meeting. At the first meeting we discussed the general direction we want to take and planned for several events in the next few months. The general consensus was that hurricane relief work was important to the people of Cornerstone, and we would like to build long-term relationships with churches partnering in hurricane relief. There are certainly many other passions represented in this congregation and we hope to continue to integrate missional opportunities into the work of Cornerstone. Mark your calendars for the projects that were approved by the mission committee for the coming months, we look forward to having a great turn out. Please contact Konnie Clary for more details or to sign up for a specific mission projects.

- February 23-Our first hurricane relief project with Principe de Paz Church in Keyport (PHOTOS BELOW!)
- March 10-Mission Committee meeting immediately following the service
- March 22-Making Dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House
- March 23 or 30 (date TBD)-Hurricane relief work with families of Principe de Paz Church
- April 5-Children's Ministry Sleepover and Mission Night
- April 13-Hurricane relief work and combined worship with Principe de Paz Church
- April 14-Mission Committee meeting immediately following the service



THANK YOU to all who participated in the workday at Principe de Paz Church on 2/23!



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes.

Study of Esther—It's Tough Being a Woman, Schedule for March:

- March 5—Session 8
- March 12—Session 9
- March 19—We will watch the movie “Esther” and share in a potluck lunch
- No meeting on 3/26 (Spring Break)



STARTING April 2: Beth Moore's study of James: Mercy Triumphs—All Women Welcome!

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. In Beth Moore's newest study, see how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos but in other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.

Lenten Study for Adults

This study is co-taught by Kathy Genus and Pastor Courtney from 6:30—8PM and meeting each Tuesday through March 26.

The study is based on the book: **A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent** by Sarah Parsons.

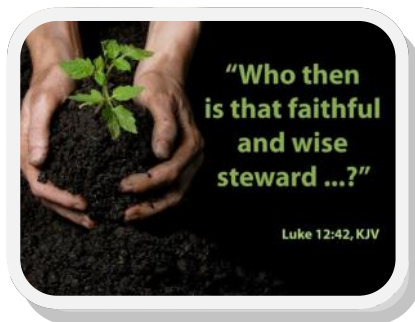
Description: People all around celebrate the day-before with colorful parades and over-the-top parties. Then Wednesday arrives ... Sigh. Lent. has. begun. Friends give up innocent things and stress out to live a more perfect life six weeks. It's time to rethink Lent. Lent can be positive like a spring-cleaning for the soul! Lent offers us time to pause, consider, and renew our relationship with God — an altogether hopeful (not dreary) experience. Cost of the book is \$5. Scholarships for books are available.



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: Wednesday March 20th, 1:00 pm.



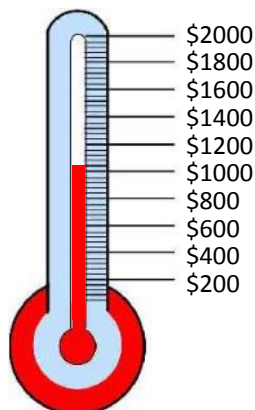
Financial Report for February

- Tithes/offerings = \$9462
(Weekly: 2/3 = \$2881, 2/10 = \$3191, 2/17 = \$2009, 2/24 = \$1381) *
- Per Capita offering = \$731
- Foundation Fund = \$130 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$1625 (Richard M. Cromie Memorial Donations)
- Miscellaneous income = \$60.59 (Souper Bowl—donated to Food Pantry)

* Our 2013 budget calls for \$2200 each week in offerings - please prayerfully consider your giving each week.

Per Capita

To provide support for Monmouth Presbytery, Northeast Synod and General Assembly, our church is asked to pay “dues” to the Presbytery each year that is equal to \$35 per member. Therefore, we are asking *each member* to give a special offering of \$35 per year to help us cover this expense. This is what we call the per-capita. 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. This year, our goal is to reach \$2000 in Per Capita collections—please help us meet this goal!



**Total Per Capita
Collected as of 2/24
\$1033**

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

HAPPY EASTER

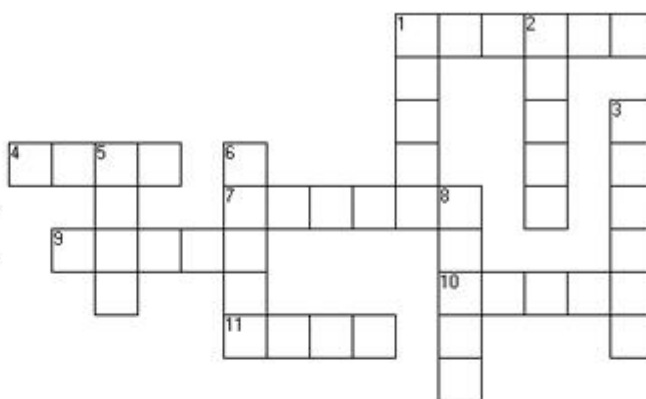
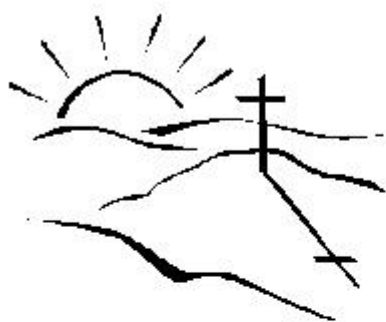


Can you find these words?

Easter
egg
hen

bunny
Sunday

chocolate
chicks



ACROSS

1. The guards were _____ when they saw the empty tomb.
4. A place where the dead body of a human being is deposited; a grave; a sepulcher.
7. The day we celebrate the resurrection is called _____.
9. Jesus was crucified on the _____.
10. When the women came to the tomb, the _____ had been rolled away.
11. The angel's clothes were as white as _____.

DOWN

1. Opposite of dead.
2. The tomb was opened by an _____.
3. The angel came down from _____.
5. The name of the two women who came to the tomb.
6. The Savior of the world.
8. "He is not here. He has _____ as he said."

Mary
angel
alive

afraid
heaven
risen

Easter
stone
Jesus

snow
cross
tomb



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March 2013 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 3rd Sunday of Lent Youth Group 12:00 PM	4	5 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Lenten Study 6:30 PM	6 Joint Lenten Worship Service 7:00 PM McAuliffe	7 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	8	9
10th Sunday of Lent Blue Jean Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins — Spring Ahead!	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Lenten Study 6:30 PM	13 Joint Lenten Worship Service 7:00 PM JUMC	14 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Children's Ministry 6:00-7:30 PM	15	16
17 5th Sunday of Lent Happy St. Patrick's Day! 	18	19 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Lenten Study 6:30 PM	20 Church Ladies Meeting 1:00 PM Session Meeting & Deacons Meeting 7 PM	21 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	22 Children's Ministry Mission at Ronald McDonald House 4 PM	23 Mission Trip to Princepe de Paz Church 9 AM
24 PALM SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt Youth Group 12:30 PM	25	26 Lenten Study 6:30 PM	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service at JUMC 7:00 PM	29	30
31 EASTER 						