



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

April 2013

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

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

Pastor:

Courtney Cromie, 561-703-2263

Director of Music:

Susan Rovira, 609-371-1473

Interns:

Konnie Clary, 509-590-9156

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Jim Ryan, 732-833-8514

Administrative Secretary:

Elizabeth Hughes, 732-833-6857

Treasurer:

Tina Kas, 732-928-1778

Director of Christian Education:

Kristen DiGirolamo, 732-657-7808

Nursery Care:

Patti Miller, 732-928-3212

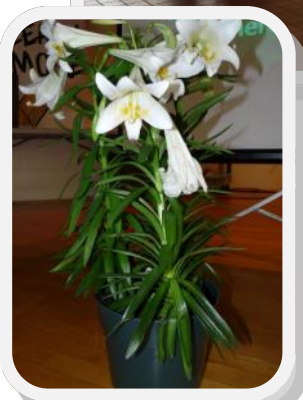
Courtney Miner

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Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Easter at Cornerstone
3/31/13



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

Cornerstone Community



Michelle Welch, 4/3
 Bob Wegner, 4/4
 Ian Rosato, 4/4
 Brooke Morrow, 4/9
 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
 Malachi Hekl, 4/26
 Sean Beeg, 4/27
 Ryan Pushko, 4/30



Bob & Joan Daniels, 4/3
 Michele & Chuck Calhoun, 4/10

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

2013 Okoro Okparaeke
 Denise Mudalel
 Lisa Capurso
 Chuck Calhoun
 2014 Dominique Robert
 Bruce Thompson
 Kellie Pushko
 Todd Moyer
 2015 Barbara Dougherty
 Wendy Barone
 Gail Carlson
 David LaCross
 Clerk Sharron A. Smith

BOARD OF DEACONS

Betty Thompson
 Laurie Wegner
 David Carlson
 Sueli Paes de Barros
 Laura Stone
 Jim Ryan



Please pray for:

- Alice Jones's niece Betony recovering from a lung transplant
- Laura Stone's brother Fred continuing to recuperate
- Todd Moyer's father in rehab after recent hospital stay
- Bubba Smith recovering from surgery
- Bob and Joan Daniels
- All those grieving during the holidays
- Safe travels for Pastor Courtney and her family as they travel to Florida for a memorial service for her father
- Tina Kas's sister-in-law Andrea and friend John, both being treated for cancer

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



Shavonne Osiakwan and Madeleine Welch at Jackson Memorial High School's production of "Suessical," where they both participated in



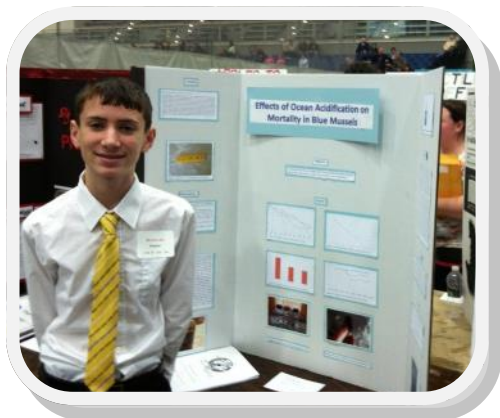
David LaCross at his job as a contractor helping to make cellular service available in the NYC Subways!



Konnie Clary at the Presbyterian Ministry Conference at the United Nations.



Kahra Woolverton performing at the Stockton Dance Concert on March 3. Beautiful!



Nicholas Hughes presented "Effects of Ocean Acidification on Mortality in Blue Mussels" at the Jersey Shore Science Fair on March 16th where he received an Honorable Mention from the judges.

Congratulations to Ryan Kas who was chosen to participate in the Switlik Elementary School Read Across America Game Show on March 15th!



Open House and Farewell Reception for Konnie Clary April 14, 2013

Join us after worship for a reception at McAuliffe as we say goodbye to our intern Konnie Clary. Please bring a snack to share if you are able. Pastor Courtney will also hold an Open House in her new home that afternoon from 12:45-3. Address is 2567 Yardville Hamilton Square Rd., Apt 3, Hamilton Square, NJ. Please RSVP to Pastor Courtney if you plan to come!

Pastor Emeritus Celebration, Fundraising Event & Talent Show May 11, 5:00 PM at DeBows Methodist Church

Join us for a meal, entertainment, and a silent auction as we celebrate the Pastor Emeritus status of Reverend Rob "Rev Rob" Morrison! Please speak to one of our co-chairs, Lisa Capurso or Sharron Smith, if you can help. Thank you to Donna Rosato and Michele Calhoun for organizing the food for the evening!



Jackson Street Cleanup 4/20



Cornerstone will once again participate in the Jackson Clean Communities Street Cleanup. We will meet on Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 PM. Please let Elizabeth Hughes know if you can participate! This is a wonderful opportunity to serve both our church and our community. Adults and youth ages 10+ are welcome!

PCTR Women's Retreat April 26-28, 2013

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. **If you are interested in attending, please contact Ruth Ann Polito before April 5th, polito39@comcast.net, 732-657-9522.**

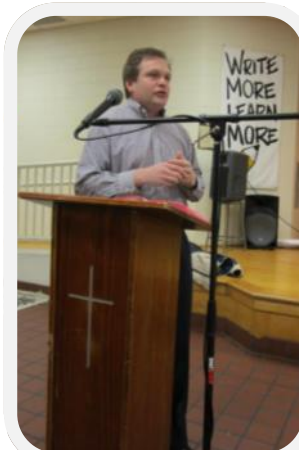
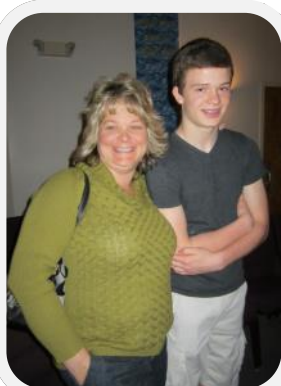
Volunteers needed

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.

April Sunday Services:

- **April 7**, Kathy Genus to preach.
- **April 14, Blue Jean Sunday**, Konnie Clary to preach on her last Sunday with us.
- **April 21**, Pastor Courtney to preach "Forgiveness: The Healing of Deep Wounds," based on Matthew 18:21-35.
- **April 28**, Pastor Courtney to preach "Being Still and Observing Sabbath," based on Genesis 2:1-3 and Psalm 46.

Mid-Week Lenten Services



WORSHIP



Prayer Stations



Palm Sunday



Easter Egg Hunt!

WORSHIP



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:

- **Friday April 5** Sleepover at DeBows starting at 7:00 PM on Friday night and ending at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning. Games, snacks, movies, and a special discussion on missions with our intern Konnie Clary! Children should bring a snack to share, a sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, and any necessary toiletries and change of clothes.
- **Thu. April 11** Queen Esther
- **Thu. April 25** King David

Mission for April:

Write letters to missionaries and learn about missions.



Meeting on 3/14



Making dinner at Ronald
McDonald House



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



Cornerstone Youth are encouraged to participate in three upcoming mission opportunities with our church! On Saturday, April 13th we will be having a work day with Principe de Paz Church in Keyport. On April 20th, we will be cleaning a street in Jackson township at 1:00 PM, and Friday May 3—Saturday May 4 we will be participating in the VIP Water Walk in Allentown. Talk to Pastor Courtney or Kathy Genus for more information!

Youth Girls Night May 10 – All girls in grades 5+ are invited to an evening of FUN and pampering: a light dinner, discussion on being created by God and self-esteem, facials and foot scrubs, and more! 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Hughes' home, 5 Kindling Way, Jackson.



Great Potato Day!



**Video Game Competition
and Discussion**





Cornerstone Class of 2013

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

The following are the 2013 confirmation candidates and mentors:

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

Schedule (April through June):

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 - "Baptism" – Mentor and Confirmand

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

May 12 – 10 AM – Youth Sunday

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 5 - Special Confirmation Dinner with Session, 6 PM

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

*******2 Afternoon/Evening Retreats are being planned...one to St. John the Divine in NYC and the other to Princeton, NJ. Please let Pastor Courtney know dates that would be possible.***



Vacation Bible School

"Kingdom Rock"

August 12—16, 2013

10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Jackson United Methodist Church

Sunday School for Kids During 10 AM Worship!



This spring, the **elementary** children are 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 8.

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. Our team sign ups have started! A sponsor sheet is available on page 14 of this newsletter. 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



villages in partnership

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

Friday, May 3 to Saturday, May 4, 2013

Name of Walker/Email Address: _____
(Please print)

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.

SPONSOR NAMES

Name (Please Print)	Address & E-Mail	Phone #	Donation*

* Make check payable to Villages in Partnership. Donations are tax deductible.

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee will continue to meet on the second Sunday of every month immediately following the church service. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please join us at the next meeting.

Upcoming events:

- 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 3/23!





Post Office Box 1042

Jackson, NJ 08527

February, 2013

Dear *Cornelia Presbyterian Church*

The Jackson Women of Today would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of \$ 60.59 to the Jackson Food Pantry.

The Jackson Food Pantry could neither run nor exist without the generous support from the community. It is because of your support that many families in need in Jackson will have food on their tables. The Jackson Women of Today and our clients are very grateful for every donation made in support of the food pantry.

Once again, thank you for thinking of the Jackson Women of Today and the Jackson Food Pantry.

Sincerely,

Peggy Heath, Director of the Jackson Food Pantry
Yvonne Thomas, President of the Jackson Women of Today
Joy Rende, Corresponding Secretary of the Jackson Food Pantry
and Treasurer of the Jackson Women of Today



A thank you for the donation we made to the Jackson Food Pantry after the "Souper Bowl" collection.

Hospice Volunteer Training Program

BARNABAS HEALTH Van Dyke Hospice and Palliative Care Center

2013 Van Dyke Hospice & Palliative Care Volunteer Training Program

A Special Kind of Caring

Offering support to patients facing end of life and their loved ones can make a difference in their life and yours.

"You may be one person in the world, but to one person You may be their world."

2013 Spring Training 10 consecutive

Tuesday Evenings: 6PM to 8PM

April 9,16,23,30

May 7,14,21,28

June 4,11

Location: Bayview Corporate Center
Suite 230

1433 Hooper Avenue Toms River, NJ

This training course is free, but re-registration is required. Van Dyke Hospice and Palliative Care Center provides end of life care to patients throughout Ocean County. Upon completion of the course hospice volunteers are matched to patients and families close to their own neighborhood or town. Our volunteer hours are flexible to your schedule and availability. There are also volunteer opportunities in our office environment and on our inpatient unit.

Come join our team in giving care and support to those who need it most~

For more information or to register please call Lee
732-818-6801

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

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



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.

Tuesday Evening Adult Study

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

On April 2nd, the group will conclude the Lenten study based on the book: **A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent** by Sarah Parsons.



Then on April 9th, the group will return to studying the book **Real Followers: A Radical Quest to Expose the Pretender Inside Each of Us** by Michael Slaughter and Warren Bird. Many Christians, disillusioned with lives of spiritual mediocrity that have been dampened by today's rampant materialism and cafeteria spirituality, are asking the same question: "Where is the substance that can move our church beyond ho-hum Christianity?" Books are available and all adults are encouraged to attend!

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 April 17th, 1:00 pm.



Financial Report for March

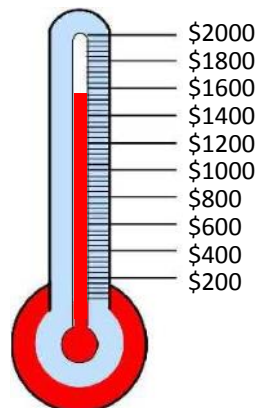
- Tithes/offerings* = \$10485
(Weekly: 3/3 = \$2997, 3/10 = \$1352, 3/17 = \$1733, 3/24 = \$1534, 3/31 = \$2869**)
- Per Capita offering = \$540.70
- Foundation Fund = \$1070 (Richard M. Cromie Memorial Donation + \$50 Shop Rite + \$20)
- Gifts from other churches = \$2000 (Allentown)
- Special Offerings = \$770 (Memorial Donations) + \$ 321 (OGHS) + \$118 (Sandy Recovery)
- Miscellaneous income = \$50 (gift for funeral services)

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

** Includes offering from Maundy Thursday service 3/28.

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 3/31
\$1573.70**

Our thanks to the Finance

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

STRONG FAITH

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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.

Donna Rosato

732-276-6805

Notary Public

Pampered Chef Consultant/Trainer
<http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnarosato>

John Rosato

732-806-7647

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Meg Milligan

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List your business here!

*Do you have a skill or talent that could benefit our members?
Talk to Elizabeth Hughes to put your ad
HERE.*

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.*

April 2013 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Adult Study 6:30 PM	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	5 <div>Children's Ministry Sleepover at DeBows 4/5 7:00 PM—4/6 8:30 AM</div>	6
7	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Adult Study 6:30 PM	10 Session Meeting 7 PM	11 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Children's Ministry 6:00-7:30 PM	12	13 Work Day at Principe de Paz
14 Blue Jean Sunday Reception after Worship Pastor Courtney's Open House 12:45 PM	15	16 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Adult Study 6:30 PM	17 Church Ladies Meeting 1:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7 PM	18 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	19	20 Jackson Street Cleanup 1:00 PM
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