



### Cornerstone Connection June 2013

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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**Courtney Miner** 

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### A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Solo Saints in a Community of Faith? What's Wrong with This Picture?



The image of a rugged individualist was seared into the American cultural memory when courageous pioneers ventured across the untamed wilderness in search of a new life. Manifest Destiny lured our forefathers westward with the promise of free land and a chance to break their very own sod. My great-grandfather was one of those hardy souls who loaded all his belongings onto a

wagon and headed west to the Dakota Territory. When he arrived at the patch of land along the Missouri River, he claimed it as his homestead. Soon he built a prairie house and started to till the earth. However, living out in the wilderness in isolation was not the end of the story. Remote and cut off from people all week, farmers and their families longed to "go into town," and built a community. At the center of almost all community life in the American west was the church.

Reel forward to 21<sup>st</sup> century America. Today's post-modern Americans live in houses and apartments, work at jobs that usually don't require dirt under their fingernails, travel in gasoline-powered cars along sleek roads at speeds that would terrify a pioneer. Despite all the differences, there is one common life experience of historic and modern Americans...a longing for authentic community.

The same Creator who looked at the first man and said, "It is not good for man to be alone," intended us to be in community. The earliest recorded memoirs of the church in Acts log the priority that community had in the lives of our spiritual forefathers: "All the believers were together and had everything in common...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." (Acts 2:44, 46) In a phrase, they were "doing life together."

God designed the church to be a place where life gets lived under the authority, direction and safety of Christian community. At Cornerstone Church we believe that every follower of Jesus is important and needs a loving community in which to belong.

Three blessings that come from answering the call to community.

- 1. You will grow spiritually stronger when you connect with other believers through mission activities, Bible Study, or fellowship gatherings.
- 2. When you face difficult times you will be encouraged, prayed for and built up by those around you.
- 3. Your Christian life will be more stable and resilient when you balance it with authentic fellowship and honest accountability.

Solo is not the way to go.

-Pastor Courtney

(article inspired and encouraged by Jerry Rueb)

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

### Cornerstone Community



Kayla Moyer, 6/1 Ike Okparaeke, 6/3 Annabel Hughes, 6/5 Jacob Welch, 6/6 Marissa Tunis, 6/7 Tyler Pushko, 6/8 Matthew Fowler, 6/14 Amy Slusak, 6/15 Don Welch, 6/17 Susan Bainbridge, 6/18 Julia Nelson, 6/18 Allyson Moyer, 6/20 Sara Floyd, 6/23 Joan Breuninger, 6/27 Marissa Rosato, 6/29 Betty Thompson, 6/30



Ed & Joan Breuninger, 6/6 Elizabeth & James Hughes, 6/6 Jim & Sue Bainbridge, 6/8 Bruce & Betty Thompson, 6/22

### **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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2013	Okoro Okparaeke Denise Mudalel Lisa Capurso Chuck Calhoun	Betty Thompson Laurie Wegner
2014	Dominique Robert Bruce Thompson Kellie Pushko Todd Moyer	David Carlson Sueli Paes de Barros
2015 Clerk	Barbara Dougherty Wendy Barone Gail Carlson David LaCross Sharron A. Smith	Laura Stone Jim Ryan



### Please pray for:

- Sharron Smith's mother, Marlene, recovering after a mini stroke; her brother Darryl after spinal surgery; and the JOY of Bubba being back at work!
- Alice & Russ Jones after the sudden passing of their cousin Jean

### Continued prayers for:

- Alice Jones's niece Betony recovering from a lung transplant
- Laura Stone's brother Fred continuing to recuperate, home now in Hawaii
- Bob and Joan Daniels
- Tina Kas's friend John being treated for bladder cancer
- Our troops at home and around the world, and their families

**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

## In the NEWS...

Pastor Courtney and Kathy Genus at the Festival of Homiletics in Nashville, TN







Nick Tedeschi graduated from Rutgers.



Kayla and Ashley Moyer at the Jackson Memorial Day Parade, and the Jackson Jaguar Memorial Marching Band!



graduated from Law

Chuck Calhoun graduated from Rowan.



Gail & David Carlson's oldest grandchild and only granddaughter, Brigit Carlson, graduated from Middlebury College in May!



Our former intern, Jeremiah Knabe, and his wife Lindsey welcomed a new son, Peter Jeffrey Knabe, on 5/11.



Our intern from last summer, Carson Dockum, not only got married—but he and his new wife Brittany both also graduated from Princeton Seminary!



The House of Hope Cafe' will present a very special evening of phenomenal music and worship with Terry and Nancy Clark on Saturday, June 8th from 7:00 – 10:00 PM.



The Clarks are on tour from Texas and will only be visiting the northeast for a very limited time, making this event an evening Not to be missed! This is a totally FREE concert, which will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. To learn

more about Terry and his incredible ministry, visit: <a href="http://catalystpeople.com/">http://catalystpeople.com/</a> For a sneak preview, please check out the clip we've posted below, then be sure to come and experience Terry and Nancy's ministry LIVE! You will be blessed... guaranteed! The House of Hope Cafe' is located at Brick Presbyterian Church, 111 Drum Point Rd, Brick Township. For Directions or to learn more about House of Hope Cafe', please visit: <a href="https://www.brickpresby.com">www.brickpresby.com</a>.



### **Johnsonburg Camp Summer 2013**



The Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center is a year round camp and conference center in northwestern New Jersey. In 1959, Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center was established to provide experiential Christian education in support of the Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. Johnsonburg today is a place where city kids meet country kids, where black and white discover common ground, where the rich and poor of means and spirit are valued equally, and where each is encouraged to take another vital step toward realizing oneness in Christ.

Currently, Johnsonburg Camp is accepting registration for the 2013 Summer Camp Schedule. There are camps for FAMILY to attend together as well as camps for Elementary, Junior and Senior High Youth. To learn more about schedule, pricing, particulars, please speak to Pastor Courtney or visit www.campjburg.org. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance.



MERCY ME in Concert at Six Flags Saturday June 8 -6 PM Six Flags Great Adventure and STAR 99.1 present

CELEBRATION featuring **MERCY ME** live in concert on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Northern Star Arena. Concert is included with theme park admission or a season pass. RSVP to Kathy Genus if you would like to attend...open to Youth and adults!



### **June Sunday Services:**

- June 2, Choir/Sunday School Teacher Appreciation, Pastor Courtney to preach "Do You Know Someone in Need of an Attitude Adjustment?" based on Ephesians 4:17 -24.
- June 9, Confirmation Sunday/Blue Jean Sunday, Pastor Courtney to preach "The Mirror Image," based on James 1:22-25.
- June 16, Father's Day/Children's Sunday, Children lead worship!
- June 23, Pastor Courtney will preach "Summer Lovin' - God in All Seasons," based on Psalm 74:14-16 & Luke 9:18-24.
- June 30, Kathy Genus to preach, Communion will be served.





On May 19th we were blessed to celebrate Pentecost with guest preacher Rev. Raymond E. Bonwell III.

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It is the hope of the Worship Committee that we would have a group of volunteers who could rotate several responsibilities during worship. A team of people in each area will ensure that no one person is overburdened. The rotation could be by month or by week or however it is possible to coordinate. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

### **Sound Crew**

A team is needed to setup and breakdown the sound equipment. This involves arriving early to set up the equipment, and/or helping to put it away in the shed after worship. The procedure has been simplified to make it EASY, and training is available! Please consider helping even if only for one Sunday a month. This responsibility is best filled by a high school youth or an adult.

### **Media Shout**

Volunteers are needed to help run the Media Shout during worship. It's not hard! Have a seat up front if you want to observe one Sunday and see how simple it is! This responsibility is best filled by a middle school youth, high school youth or an adult.

### **Worship Leader**

We are also trying to form a rotating list of folks to serve as Worship Leader on Sunday mornings. We would like to have at least five people serve in this way. This responsibility is best filled by a high school youth or an adult.

If you are willing to help in any of these positions, please contact Pastor Courtney at pastor@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org or Todd Moyer, Chair of Worship, at 732-961-3192 or by email

tkmover@gmail.com.

Youth Sunday and Mother's Day! May 12, 2013



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

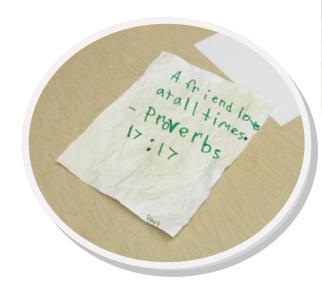


The final Children's Ministry gathering for this school year has been postponed until Thursday, June 13th, with a pool party at the Moyer's home (7 Kindling Way) from 5-7:30 PM. All children in grades K-6 and their parents are invited for an evening of dinner, games, and fun!!! Please let Allyson Moyer know if you plan to come.

May 9th Meeting with a lesson on King Solomon







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



### **Summer Youth Activities with Cornerstone Youth Ministry**

Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. Talk to Pastor Courtney for more information on any of these activities:

### June 21: Youth to make Dinner for Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch

July 14: Trip to the Safari Off Road Adventure – New for 2013 Season!

July 18: Neighborhood food canvassing for Jackson and DeBows food pantries

July 23: Trip to Hurricane Harbor

August 7: Go on rides at Six Flags Great Adventure, 3:30-10:15 PM.

August 10: Lakewood Tent City mission

August 18: Youth Swim Party

August 23: Beach Trip







### **Cornerstone Class of 2013**



The Confirmation season is coming to a close! We ask the church to pray for the Confirmation Youth and mentors.

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.

### **Important Dates:**

June 5 - Special Confirmation Dinner with Session, 6 PM, Lisa Capurso's home (1 Kindling Way)

Saturday, June 8 - Trip to NYC for a tour of St. John the Divine. We will leave by 8:30 AM and we will come back by 2:30 PM.

June 9 -Confirmation Sunday, candidates received in 10 AM worship



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



Cornerstone VBS "Kingdom Rock"

August 12—16, 2013 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Jackson United Methodist Church

We are also invited to attend the DeBows evening VBS program with the theme "Everywhere Fun Fair." June 24-28. 6:15-8:00 PM.

### Children's Church

Teacher: Patti Miller

Our regular Sunday School program for children is taking a break for the summer. June 2nd will be the first Sunday for Children's Church, our summer Sunday School program for young children during who are too restless to remain in worship. Children in grades 4 and under are invited to leave for Children's Church after the Time for Children each week. The summer will begin with a unit on the Lord's Prayer, and then move on to "Undercover Heroes of the Bible."

### SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER STUDY OF THE PSALMS

Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 sharp we will begin a study of the book of Psalms. These beautiful songs are prayers that give us a voice for every stage of life. They help us to sing with joy and celebration, find the words in our deepest sorrow, to praise the Eternal God of all creation, to explore the mystery of death and life.

The most amazing part of the Psalms is that they provide an example as the voice of the people of Israel becomes our voice; they show us that God is big enough to handle all of our emotions. We can cry out to God, be mad at God, feel abandoned by God and celebrate God and all the while God is always present. These rich prayers remind us that we are in a real relationship with God, that God understands us deeply, and loves us even more intensely. The Psalms are rich and powerful and provide us with a template for how to live as God's people.

So set your alarm just a wee bit early and join Pastor Courtney and Kathy Genus as together we explore these wonderful treasures.

### **Teachers Needed!**

Many thanks to Patti Miller, who has been a faithful and dedicated Sunday School teacher for more than 10 years. Patti is ready to take a well-deserved break from teaching, and we are currently looking for volunteers to step up and help out. If you are willing to teach Sunday School during October-May, either every Sunday or occasionally, please speak to Kristen DiGirolamo!

### Sunday School Party May 26, 2013



### The Cornerstone Choir

The Cornerstone Choir will complete their singing for the September 2012-June 2013 church year on June 2, 2013. Director of Music, Susan Rovira, is honored to direct this fine choir.



The Summer Praise Team/Choir will begin rehearsing on June 6 at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:00 PM.

This is an informal group for anyone, Middle School through retirement and beyond, who would like to sing on Sunday morning during the summer months. Think about trying something new – your voice in a choir. Very low-keyed and enjoyable! If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by one Thursday evening or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).





### 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!





### **Missions Committee Meeting June 9th**

The Missions Committee is in the process of planning monthly service projects for Cornerstone. **There will be a meeting of the committee after worship on June 9th.** If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please attend this meeting or speak to our new Committee Chair, Elder Wendy Barone.

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**: <a href="http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/smith-dennis-and-maribel/">http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/smith-dennis-and-maribel/</a>

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

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





### VIP Water Walk, Allentown, PA May 3-4, 2013

Way to go **TEAM CORNERSTONE!** 

Denise Mudalel—Event Chair for Cornerstone, Alice & Russ Jones, Bob & Laurie Wegner, Laura Stone, Dominique & Sueli Robert, Becky & Shavonne Osiakwan, Wendy Barone, Rodney Puig, Elizabeth & Nicholas Hughes, John & Leah Hekl, Faron Trick, Todd Moyer

Thank you to all who donated to support this fundraiser to help provide clean water resources for Malawi, Africa. Team Cornerstone raised \$1800 and in total over \$30,000 was raised!



### **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.



The Church Ladies' Annual Luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 19th at 12:30 PM at the Breakers in Spring Lake. Bring a guest and enjoy a day at the beach! Please RSVP to Joan Mallison ASAP if you plan to attend.

### **Tuesday Evening Adult Study**



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

The group is studying the book *Shiny Gods: Finding Freedom from Things that Distract Us* by Michael Slaughter. What happens when we truly put God first in all aspects of our lives? In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions, "enough" seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction.

What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral—would you take it? In *Shiny Gods,* pastor and author Mike Slaughter helps readers reassess priorities and create a culture and a lifestyle of giving with a special emphasis on missions. Books are available for purchase for \$11.24. All adults are welcome!

Special Outing to the Sculpture Garden in Hamilton on Sunday June 2nd! All are welcome! Lunch at Rats at 12:00 followed by a tour of the sculpture garden at 2:00.

Coming in July—Study with Reverend David Cotton at Ocean Grove!

### **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**

The Tuesday morning Bible
Study group will take a break for
the summer and resume in
September!

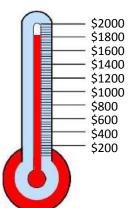


### **Financial Report for May**

- Tithes/offerings\* = \$7365
  - (Weekly: 5/5 = \$2150, 5/12 = \$1806, 5/19 = \$2293, 5/26 = \$1116)
- Per Capita offering = \$130
- Foundation Fund = \$130 (\$100 from Pastor Emeritus gift, \$30 from loose change)
- Gifts from other churches = \$1000 (First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan)
- Special Offerings = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$1510 (Pastor Emeritus fundraising)
- \* 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 5/26
\$1957

Almost there!

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

### Happy Father's Day

### Match Fathers and Sons from the Old Testament

- 1. Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ A. Japheth (Gen. 6:10)
- 2. Saul \_\_\_\_ B. Obed (Ruth 4:21)
- 3. Isaac \_\_\_\_ C. Samuel (I Sam 1:19-20)
- 4. David \_\_\_\_\_ D. Reuben (Gen. 35:23)
- 5. Moses \_\_\_\_ E. Er (Gen. 38:6)
- 6. Jesse \_\_\_\_ F. Isaac (Gen. 21:5)
- 7. Noah \_\_\_\_ G. Gershom (Ex. 2:21-22)
- 8. Jacob \_\_\_\_ H. Absolom (II Sam. 13:1)
- 9. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ I. Manasseh (Gen. 46:20)
- 10. Ahaz \_\_\_\_ J. Jonathan (I Sam. 13:16)
- 11. Solomon \_\_\_\_ K. Esau (Gen. 25: 21, 26)
- 12. Elkanah \_\_\_\_ L. David (I Sam. 16:19)
- 13. Boaz \_\_\_\_ M. Hezekiah (II Kings 18:1)
- 14. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ N. Rehoboam (I Kings 11:43)
- 15. Judah \_\_\_\_ O. Seth (Gen. 5:3)













### 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

732-928-8117

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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.

# at Cornerstone **June 2013**

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E	<b>-</b>	14	21 Youth to make dinner at Ronald McDonald House	<b>58</b>	
Тhu	6 Praise Team Rehearsal 7 PM	13 Children's Ministry Pool Party 5PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7 PM	20 Praise Team Rehearsal 7 PM	27 Praise Team Rehearsal 7 PM	
Wed	5 Session Meeting/ Dinner with Confirmands 6 PM	12	19 Church Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7 PM	56	
Tue	4 Adult Study 6:30 PM	11 Adult Study 6:30 PM	18 Adult Study 6:30 PM	25 Adult Study 6:30 PM	
Mon	ო	10	17	24	
Sun	Outing to Rats/ 2 Sculpture Garden Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM Children's Church during worship	9 Blue Jean Sunday Confirmation Sunday Missions Committee Mtg after worship	16 Father's Day/ Children's Sunday	23	30 Communion Served during Worship