



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

January 2014

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)

Pastor:

Courtney Cromie, 561-703-2263

Director of Music:

Susan Rovira, 609-371-1473

Interns:

Anthony Maimone, 732-722-8006

Youth Director:

Mary Gardiner, 706-358-8128

Administrative Secretary:

Elizabeth Hughes, 732-833-6857

Treasurer:

Tina Kas, 732-928-1778

Director of Christian Education:

Kristen DiGirolamo, 732-657-7808

Nursery Care:

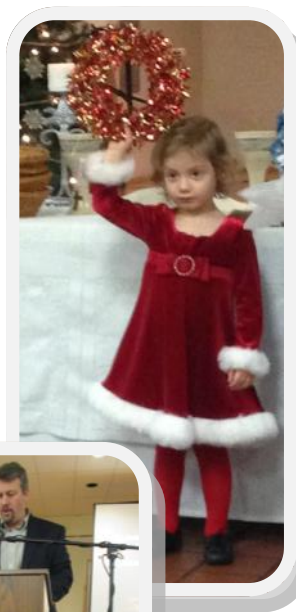
Courtney Miner

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*For unto us
a child is
born!*



Christmas Eve Worship

Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Kristen DiGirolamo, 1/6
 Amity Mamola, 1/7
 Tim Woolverton, 1/10
 John Bestenheider, 1/10
 Dylan Nelson, 1/18
 Sean Slusak, 1/18
 Glenn Tunis, 1/19
 Manny DaConceicao, 1/21
 Marlene Kiefer, 1/21
 Laura Stone, 1/23
 Ben Leach, 1/26
 Sam Hekl, 1/28
 Leah Hekl, 1/28
 Shavonne Osiakwan, 1/30
 Anna Mudalel, 1/31
 John Hekl, 1/31

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

2014 Dominique Robert
 Bruce Thompson
 Kellie Pushko
 Todd Moyer

2015 Lisa Capurso
 Wendy Barone
 Gail Carlson
 David LaCross

2016 Tina Kas
 Rosanna Maimone
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)

BOARD OF DEACONS

David Carlson
 Sueli Paes de Barros

Laura Stone
 Laurie Wegner

Betty Thompson
 Donna Rosato



Please pray for:

- Bob Daniels who is in hospice care in the Hampton Ridge Nursing Home in Toms River, and for Joan Daniels who has moved in with her daughter (address: 105 Barbados Drive South, Toms River, NJ 08757)
- Laura Tunis recovering from knee replacement surgery

Continued prayers for:

- John Lukacs in Fountain View Rehab Center, soon moving to a nursing home in Freehold
- Beverly Kaiser who has left the rehab center in Lakewood and is now living with her daughter
- Laura Stone's brother Fred and sister Beth
- 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



Our Cornerstone Deacons (above) at their Christmas Lunch and our Elders (right) at their Christmas Potluck Dinner. We thank them all for their service to our church!



Rev Rob and Kathe Morrison have moved to Florida so that Rev Rob can take a one-year position as the Senior Interim Pastor at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven. They will continue to have their permanent residence in Jackson, but their address in Florida is:

18 Enclave Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Our prayers go with Rob and Kathe as they embark on this new journey!



Congratulations to **Veronica Smith** who got engaged to Troy Kelsey on Christmas morning! They are shown here with their beautiful daughter Naija! Congratulations to them all!

At the end of 2013, there were 4 elders and 2 deacons who completed their terms—we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to them for their service to our church: Elders Denise Mudalel, Chuck Calhoun, Lisa Capurso, Okoro Okpareke and Deacons Betty Thompson and Laurie Wegner. At this time, we are pleased to introduce you to the new elder and deacons for 2014!

NEW ELDERS



Sharron Smith is a long term member of Cornerstone Church and has served as our Clerk of

Session for many years. She is returning to a position as Elder after a one year break. Sharron is active in our choir and also the Worship Committee.



Rosanna Maimone joined Cornerstone in November with her husband Anthony, who is our pastoral

intern from New Brunswick Seminary. Rosanna most recently volunteered with the Children's Ministry on their visit to Ronald McDonald House in December.



Lisa Capurso has served as an Elder for the past 3 years and we are blessed to have her

continue for one more year. Lisa has taken an active role as the Cornerstone Worship Leader, and acting on the Worship Committee.



Tina Kas has served as the Treasurer for Cornerstone Church for the past year and she has done

a fantastic job! She also volunteers as the treasurer for Switlik Elementary School, where her 2 sons attend.

NEW DEACONS



Donna Rosato has previously served Cornerstone as an Elder, and will now serve as a

Deacon. Donna has been involved with cooking and organizing many community and fellowship activities such as Jackson Day, and has attended the Women's Bible Study for many years.



Laurie Wegner has been a Deacon for the past 3 years and will now continue to serve. Lori has

been active in the Adult Evening Bible Study, and she is also a Registered Nurse.



Betty Thompson has served as a Deacon for the past 3 years and will be continuing

on for another term. Betty has also served Cornerstone as an Elder, been very active in the Church Ladies, and attended the Women's Bible Study for several years.

Volunteers Needed

As we start a new year, we are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, and preparing communion. A sign-up sheet is available on Sundays – please sign up or see Elizabeth Hughes if you can help.

2014 Offering Envelopes are Available

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those that pledged and don't tithe electronically. Those interested in pledging and/or receiving envelopes should see Bruce Thompson.

"Updated" Photo Directory

We are continuing to update the church photo directory! If you would like to change your photo, please email a current photo of you and/or your family to:



administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

Also include any updates to your contact information, including email addresses, cell phones, birthdays, etc.. Also, if you would like us to help you to capture a NEW photo, please ask Pastor Courtney, Annabel Hughes, or Elizabeth Hughes to take your photo after worship.

Equipping the Saints: Leadership Training Day for Church Elders, Deacons, Clerks, and other Leaders

A Cooperative Effort by the Educational Ministries of Elizabeth, Monmouth and New Brunswick Presbyteries and of Princeton Theological Seminary as a ministry of the Synod of the Northeast.

Saturday, January 11, 2014

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Stuart Hall

Princeton Theological Seminary

Snow Date (if needed): Saturday, January 24, 2013 at Princeton Theological Seminary

A day of workshops, worship, resources and fellowship planned especially to support and equip new and ongoing church officers, pastors, worship leaders and interested others in their ministries, organized by the educational ministries of Elizabeth, Monmouth and New Brunswick Presbyteries, in partnership with Princeton Theological Seminary, and as a ministry of the Synod of the Northeast. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information and registration forms, visit:

<http://ptsem.edu/offices/coned/index.aspx?id=5613>

January Services:

- January 5th, Epiphany/Master's Clowns
- January 12th, Missions Sunday & Farewell to Kathy Genus
- January 19th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
- January 26th, Communion to be served; Congregational Meeting

Farewell Lunch for Kathy Genus on January 12th



We will have a special time of appreciation to say farewell to Kathy Genus, our intern from New Brunswick

Seminary. Kathy has been with us for over a year, and has been active in so many areas of our church, including Worship, Missions, Evangelism, Youth, and Vacation Bible School. We are so blessed to have had her with us and we wish her well!

We will have a lunch of bread and soup after worship on Sunday, January 12th. Please sign up in worship on January 5th if you are able to donate food.

The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls a Congregational Meeting after worship on January 26th to approve the terms of call for the pastor.



The Master's Clowns

January 5, 2014

On Epiphany Sunday, we will welcome the Master's Clowns to lead us in worship.

The Master's Clowns are an inter-denominational, non-profit group that dedicates its self to spreading the Good News of the Gospel. They minister, through Christian clowning, to Churches, hospitals, convalescent centers, schools and community functions. They use the art of clowning and mime to share the love of Jesus Christ with God's children of all ages.

The group believes that their message is the most important thing they share with a group. When they give a presentation, they are ministers and not entertainers. This does not mean that the message is not entertaining. Be prepared to laugh, maybe even cry, and experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a unique way.

A Clown's Prayer

Dear Lord, help me create more laughter than tears, disperse more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer than despair.

Never let me grow so big that I fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.

Never let me forget that I am a clown—that my work is to cheer people up, make them happy, and allow them to forget momentarily all the unpleasant things in their lives.

Never let me acquire financial success to the point where I will discontinue calling upon my Creator in the hour of my need or acknowledging Him in my hours of plenty.

Amen



The Welch Family 12/1

Advent Candle Lightings



The Hughes Family 12/8



The LaCross Family 12/15



The Pushko Family 12/22



The Maimone Family 12/24

WORSHIP



Youth Activities with Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Open to all middle school and high school youth. Talk to Youth Director Mary Gardiner or Pastor Courtney for more information on Youth Group!

Activities for January will be available soon!

**Youth Christmas Party
December 15th**



Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM

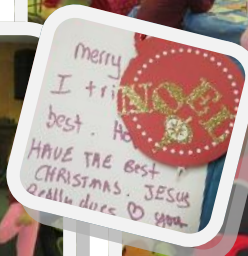
Meets at DeBows United Methodist Church ,
509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ

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, Anthony Maimone, 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: January 9th & January 23rd

Sleepover at DeBows

12/6-12/7



Visit to Ronald McDonald House

December 14th





Bible Dedications on December 15th—Children in 3rd and 4th grade were given the gifts of new Bibles!



Adult Sunday School

Anthony Maimone is leading a new Adult Sunday School class before worship at 9:00 AM. The title of the class is: *Acts of the Apostles: Activities of the Early Church & Spiritual Realm*. All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Sunday School for Kids!



The **Elementary** children are learning from the We Believe series called "God's People Together." The children will learn about key relationships in the Old Testament through reading the Bible, playing games and doing crafts. Reading will include Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Miriam and Moses and many more.

The **Middle School and High School Youth** will be continuing a survey of the Bible, with an Old Testament study called "Moses and the Exodus," beginning with the birth of Moses and continuing through the journey through the wilderness and the building of the Tabernacle.

Teachers:

Nursery: Courtney Miner

Elementary: Allyson Moyer and Kellie Pushko

Middle & High School: Elizabeth Hughes and Kristen DiGirolamo



Thank you to our Director of Christian Education, Kristen DiGirolamo, and to all of the Sunday School teachers for their efforts in organizing the Christmas play on December 15th and the nativity scenes on Christmas Eve!





Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

Cornerstone Choir News

The Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:15 PM.

Choir rehearsals begin with a bible verse and prayer, warm ups of the voice, and then the rehearsing of anthems. Rehearsals are low key and fun! We are always looking for new members and hope that you will prayerfully consider joining this awesome group of singers. Singing is another way that we can pray. If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by one Thursday evening or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).

A special thank you to our Director of Music, Susan Rovira, and the members of the Cornerstone Choir who blessed us with the special gift of beautiful music during the season of Advent.



Our guest soloist John Calkins singing
"O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve





Cornerstone Missions Committee

The Missions Committee plans monthly service projects for Cornerstone. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, speak to Committee Chair, Elder Wendy Barone.

Angel Tree—Thanks to ALL who Donated!

Through our angel tree, this year we were able to support a group of 12 single moms who are members and friends of the Bay Head Methodist Church who were affected by Superstorm Sandy with the gift of almost \$1000 in gift cards. We also provided many gifts for a local Jackson Family, and for 2 young boys in Bay Head. THANK YOU to all whose generosity helped us to help local families in need!



Delivering gift cards and presents from the angel tree to the First United Methodist Church in Bay Head



Youth Group wrapping presents

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

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

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study—All Women Welcome!

The Women's Bible Study takes place on Tuesday mornings, led by Pastor Courtney at the home of Elizabeth Hughes from 10:30 AM—12:15 PM. The women are doing a Beth Moore DVD Study called *David: Seeking a Heart Like His*, and will complete this Study on Tuesday, January 14th. A new study will start January 21st.

Church Ladies

The Church Ladies meet on the third Wednesday of every month September—June 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.



Thank you to the Church Ladies for raising funds for our church with a Bake Sale on 12/15!



The Church Ladies at lunch after attending the Newark Boys Choir Concert

ADULT BOOK STUDY—TUESDAY EVENINGS

meets at the home of Bob & Laurie Wegner at 6:30 PM every Tuesday.

A new book study will begin January!





Electronic Giving

A Simple and Convenient Way to Give

In this new year of 2014, 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. It also provides a much needed consistency in the donations that our church receives. It's easy to sign up—

automatic donations can be made using a credit card or directly from your checking account. For more information, talk to Elizabeth Hughes or Dominique Robert. Forms and more information are also available on our website!

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. In 2013, we had a goal of collecting \$2000 in per-capita funds, and we exceeded this goal! It's now time to start collecting for 2014—please place your per-capita offering in the basket on Sunday (mark it as “per-capita”) at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

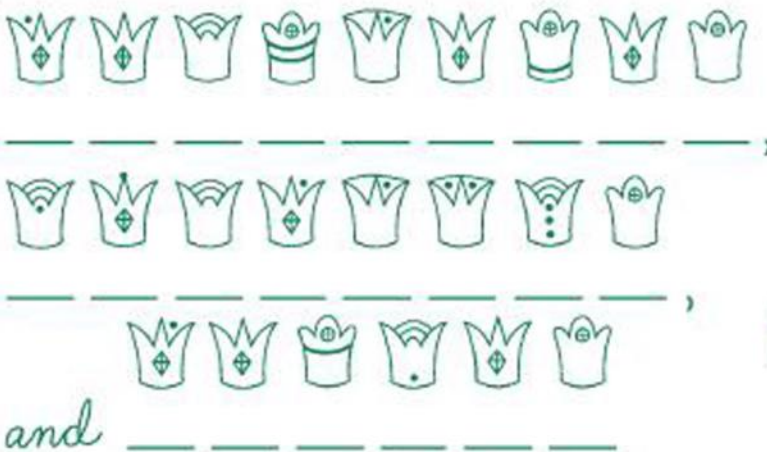
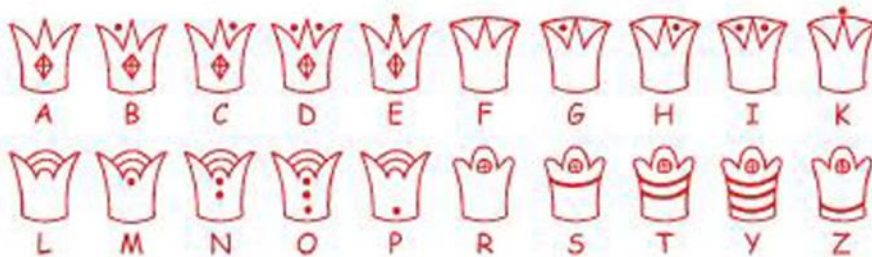
Financial Report for December

- Tithes/offerings* = \$12336
(Weekly: 12/1=\$1936 , 12/8=\$1675, 12/15=\$3399, 12/22=\$3534, 12/24=\$1118, 12/29=\$674)
- Per Capita offering = \$0
- Foundation Fund = \$50 (Shop Rite) + \$400 (special donation)
- Gifts from other churches = \$2500 (Presbyterian Church of Toms River)
- Special Offerings = \$235 (JOY Offering)
- Miscellaneous income = \$233 (Bake Sale) + \$180 (Jewelry fundraiser) + \$1420 (IRS Refund)

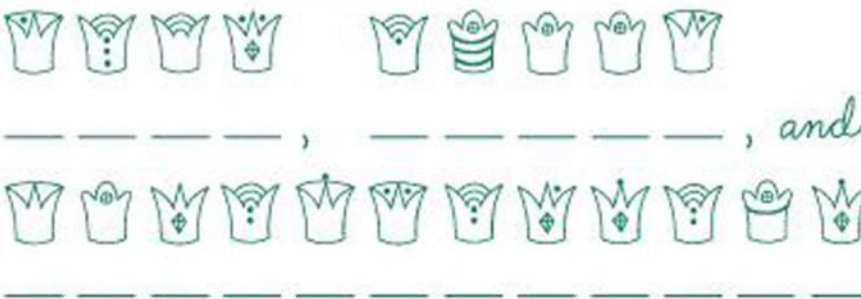
Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Dominique Robert, Tina Kas, Okoro Okparaeke, and Denise Mudalel).

Epiphany Sunday: January 5, 2014

Use the code to find the names of the three kings, AND the gifts that they brought!



BONUS: Use the same decoder to figure out what gifts the kings brought.





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

Things Done for You, LLC
Home Repairs and Property Maintenance
Licensed and Insured

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

www.clowningbymac.com
Clowning by Macaroni Anne Cheeze
Celebrating an event? Let Macaroni Anne Cheeze entertain with face/arm painting and balloon animals.

Reflection & Inspiration: Specialty note cards for that special person or occasion. Go Green! Send a lovely note card that can be framed and enjoyed by all! Total gift cost \$4.00.

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.*

January 2014 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div>1</div> 	<div>2</div> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM</p>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
<div>5</div> <p>Epiphany & Master's Clowns Sunday</p>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Adult Book Study 6:30 PM</p>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <p>Children's Ministry 6:00-7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM</p>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <p>Equipping the Saints Leadership Workshop at Princeton Seminary</p>
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