



# Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

## Cornerstone Connection

May 2014

*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

[www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://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

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Courtney Miner

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### A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings! In these weeks following Resurrection Sunday, also known as Easter, I want to take the time to say a few things:

1. **THANK YOU!** - Looking back over the Lenten Season, Holy Week including Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, as well as Easter - I am a grateful pastor! Thank you for sharing your time to work for the church, to share your gifts, and to bless others with the gift of your time. There are so many of you who sang beautiful songs, read beautiful readings, shared meaningful sermons, acted out the Last Supper, prepared and rehearsed for music and drama, took time and energy for special meals on Maundy Thursday and snacks for Sunday mornings. There were slide shows in media shout, a slideshow to celebrate the work of Christ at Cornerstone and there were beautiful Easter cards made by our young people to send to those in need of a caring note. Set up and Clean up each week is the combination of many who are selfless and giving of their time and their energy. I am grateful to those who picked up flowers, for those who purchased flowers, for the one who organized the sale and coordinated with the florist. And, for those who prepared communion and who made sure the space was beautiful and welcoming for guests including fellowship pads and bibles. For children's messages and heartfelt prayer requests. I am blessed to serve alongside a talented staff, who remain so willing to pitch in and work as a team. None of this happens without everyone sharing their gifts. So please know I am grateful to YOU!

2. **HOW DO WE RESPOND TO EASTER?** Although Easter has come and gone, did the message find room in your heart and in your life. I know it's a busy season this spring especially as we step right into end-of-year activities and back to our regular lives and all of our regular struggles. But have you not heard, do you not know - Christ is alive! Is your life a living example of that reality? I think the way to start doing so is by first focusing on community - for it helps and it's much easier to do all things with friends! We need to live this "different existence" together! Maybe you've been meaning to come to worship but haven't gotten there - make time to do so! Maybe you have a wonderful voice but haven't stepped up to serve in our choir - now is the time! Maybe you need to encourage your young people to be involved in our youth or children's ministry - it's not too late! We have ways to serve others in need through our mission opportunities - jump in! You are needed! We also have two Bible Studies open to you! One on Tuesday mornings for women and one on Monday nights for ANYONE! These studies are a great way to get to know others in smaller gatherings where we might know and be known as we walk through the things that bring us both joy and deep pain. If you want to start your own study group, let me know and we can make it happen! (continued)

**Worship at McAuliffe Middle School**

**35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson**

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

# Cornerstone Community



Aaron Beeg, 5/3  
David Hekl, 5/4  
Jonathan Welch, 5/6  
Jackie Leach, 5/7  
Mackenzie Horvath, 5/15  
Paul Sarti, 5/20  
Emil Cartore, 5/21  
Madeline Sarti, 5/23  
Joan Mallison, 5/27  
Sharlene Nelson, 5/27  
Don Kiefer, 5/27  
Courtney Miner, 5/30  
Christine Tegeder, 5/31



Donna & John Rosato, 5/2  
David & Debbie LaCross, 5/27  
Steve & Amy Slusak, 5/27  
Joan & Fred Mallison, 5/28

## MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.

3. INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH! In these weeks following Easter, we remember that Jesus had meals with strangers, those thought of as sinners, the lost and lonely, fisherman, tax collectors, doctors, religious folks, secular folks, and family. He traveled with friends and got closer to them each day while still making room to meet new friends and colleagues and listening to their stories and sharing wisdom. We too can model Christ's life in following suit. We can invite a friend to a study, to worship, to a youth event, a mission event, or a time of fellowship where you talk about how much Cornerstone means to you and how you would love it if they would join you here.

I come away every year after preaching the message of Resurrection more grateful to God for the gift of Christ and more thankful for you! What a joy ministry is in service to our Lord in partnership with all of you. We can make a difference in the lives around us in spreading the Good News around Jackson and beyond. As we celebrate where we have been and where we are, I wonder what else God has in store for us as we continue to glimpse the new life found in encountering a Risen LORD!

Happy Resurrection Season! Happy Spring! You are a blessing to me now be a blessing to others! In Christ, Pastor Courtney

## Please pray for:

- Sharron and Bubba Smith's baby grandson Sebastian recovering from a recent illness and hospital stay



## Continued prayers for:

- Joan Mallison as she prepares for surgery
- John Lukacs in assisted living facility in Freehold; his new address: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728.
- Bev Kaiser receiving physical therapy at home
- Our troops around the world and their families

## ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

## BOARD OF DEACONS

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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](mailto:administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)



**Devin LaCross** is a member of the youth shooting group at Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol club in Jackson. He takes his NRA test in May to be certified as a Marksman in pistol shooting!



Congratulations to the Jackson Memorial Jaguar Marching Band for a great

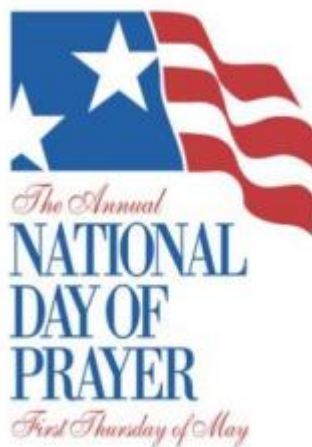


performance in the Cherry Blossom Parade on April 12th in Washington, D.C. We are proud of our Cornerstone Jaguars:

**Madeleine Welch, Courtney Miner, Madeline Sarti, Shavonne Osiakwan, and Nicholas Hughes!**



Congratulations to **Courtney Miner** for being accepted into the Culinary Institute of America!



## May 1, 2014 is the National Day of Prayer.

We are invited to pray together with all who believe in the power of prayer this Thursday, May 1. God is a God who listens to our prayers and answers our prayers. Let us turn to our Lord and let us pray for our military, our family, our education opportunities, our government, our

businesses, our media, and for each of us as citizens of this nation. Believe in the power of prayer and pray. Here is the prayer shared with each of us to pray this Thursday as authored by Anne Graham Lotz.

### 2014 Prayer for Our Nation

by Anne Graham Lotz, 2014 Honorary Chairman of National Day of Prayer Task Force

Lord of the Universe. Lord of this planet. Lord of the nations. Lord of our hearts. On this National Day of Prayer, we look to You...In the darkness, You are our Light. In the storm, You are our Anchor. In our weakness, You are our Strength. In our grief, You are our Comfort. In our despair, You are our Hope. In our confusion, You are our Wisdom. In time of terrorism, You are our Shield. In time of war, You are our Peace. In times of uncertainty, You are the Rock on which we stand.

We make our prayer to You using the words of the prophet Daniel: O Lord, You are the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments. You are merciful and forgiving. You are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame because we have sinned against You, and done wrong. We have turned away from Your commands and principles. We have turned away from You. Yet You have promised in 2

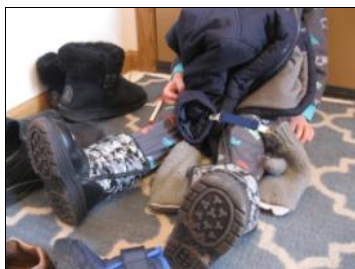
Chronicles 7, that if we—a people identified with You—would humble ourselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then You would hear our prayer, forgive our sin and heal our land. So we choose to stop pointing our finger at the sins of others, and examine our own hearts and lives. We choose to acknowledge our own sin—our neglect and defiance and ignorance and even rejection of You. This day we choose to repent.

In response to our heartfelt repentance, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Father of Jesus Christ, in keeping with all Your righteous acts and according to Your promise, turn away Your anger and Your wrath from the United States of America. Hear the prayers and petitions offered to You on this National Day of Prayer, as we give You our full attention. Give ear, our God, and hear; open Your eyes and see. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy. For the glory of Your Name, hear our prayer, forgive our sin, and heal our land. We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ who offers us salvation from Your judgment, forgiveness for our sin, and reconciliation with You through His own blood shed on the Cross. Amen.



## Article from practicingfamilies.com: “Why do YOU have to go to Church?”

By Laura Kelly Fanucci



Why do you have to go to church? I thought I wasn't going to have to answer that snarly question for a few more years. Maybe even a decade before you started stomping around with teenage eye rolls of disgust when I ask you to get dressed on Sunday morning, and not in those ratty jeans with the holes in the knees, either. But here we are today, already five minutes late and you're standing at the back door whining in protest, coat clenched in your fist and your stubborn stocking feet kicking the mud-caked boots you refuse to put on so we can scramble into the car. Do you want my answer? Ok. This is why you have to go to church.

It's good for you to go to church. Here's part of what church means: faith, ritual, music, art, and community. Experts agree those are good things for growing kids, healthy like tall glasses of milk and long nights of sleep. But I don't need an expert to tell me what I see on Sundays. You leafing carefully through the hymnal pages, pointing when you find what we're singing. You leaning quietly into my side as we listen to the readings. You lunging across the pew to shake hands with everyone at the sign of peace. You like church. Even when you claim it's only because of the donuts afterwards. Here's another part of what church means: it's a place where you aren't in charge. And neither are your parents, the ones who usually get to call the shots. Church is not about you or me. It's about God. It's about believing in something bigger than yourself. It's about the amazing and aggravating people that come together under one big tent. Life, you will find, is also like this. Church is good practice. So it's good for you to be there.

It's good for the rest of the community to see you in church. To remember that you're part of the Body of Christ, too, even if you're the antsy legs that can't sit still in the pew. Even if you're the dancing feet that are itching to run up to the choir and clap while they sing. Even if you're the loud voice that asks WHY WHY WHY a hundred times during the homily. It's good for the frazzled mom with lanky teenagers to remember when her kids were that small. It's good for the gentle grandparents to watch the hard work that they did as parents. It's good for the single friends to remind us how to see you in a fresh light as your own person. It's good for the young couple in the back pew to fast-forward a few years and wonder what it might be like to wrangle their own restless kids in the front row. It's good for all the grown-ups to remember that you belong there, too. That you are beloved and baptized like the rest of us. So it's good for the congregation to have you there.

It's good for our pastors to have you at church. They see children in a keen way – a bright-eyed, hey-guys, gimme-five way that makes me think the Jesus of slow-down-I'm-just-going-to-play-with-these-kids-for-a-minute would grin, too. You give them hope, and they give you someone tall and important and not-your-parents to look up to. We need more priests like them, and maybe you might be one, so it's good for you to see each other across the altar on Sundays. So it's good for our ministers to have you there.

It's good for our family that you go to church. We only have a few years to set this rhythm before school and sports and schedules for every extracurricular on God's green earth begin to pull at the fabric that holds our early years together right now. And before all those activities and enrichments and after-schools start to trickle into every gap of free time on weeknight and weekend, I want to be sure we've carved out space for what your dad and I think matters most. Which includes: God, silence, song, beauty, service, community, and the inner life. (See also: church.) So it's good for your mother that you go to church. You make it harder to concentrate and easier to remember why I'm there. It's good for your father that you go to church. You let him show you what it means to be a man who can tear up at aching hymns or fist-pump at zinging sermons. It's good for your little brother that you go to church. You are his two-sizes-bigger role model, and when you pester me again about when you can be an altar server or when you can start taking communion, he listens, too. So it's good for all of us to have you there.

Why do you have to go to church, oh sharp-eyed, stubborn-cheeked, wild-haired four-year-old of my heart? Because? Because you have to? Because I said so? Because that's just what we do? No. Because you are church, too. Because you are asking questions and growing into answers and challenging the status quo and making me wonder about God. And you deserve a place that is safe and warm and welcoming for your big, hard, important questions. A place where we will sing and pray and laugh and think and thank together. A place where we remember, again and always, what we are to do and who we are to be. A place like our church.

And we are now ten minutes late. So let's go. Shall we?

## SHOP RITE FUNDRAISER



We have raised more than \$10,000 through our ongoing Shop Rite

**Gift Card fundraiser!** Gift cards are available for you to purchase each Sunday before worship, and 5% of the purchase price goes directly to the church. Thanks to all, we have raised \$10,040 for the Foundation Fund. For more information, contact Vernice DaConceicao. Thank you to Vernice for all of her hard work through the years!

**COMING THIS FALL!**  
**Sunbeam Christian**  
**Preschool at**  
**Jackson United**  
**Methodist Church**



Sunbeam Christian Preschool offers part time and full day programs taught by enthusiastic, Christian teachers for children age 2 1/2 through Pre-K. Contact Karen at karen@sunbeamchristian.org or visit

<http://www.sunbeamchristian.org/> for more information.

## Applebee's Fundraiser 6/14



**SAVE THE DATE for a Cornerstone fundraiser at**

**Applebee's** in Howell on Saturday, June 14 from 8-10 AM. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance - forms are available in this newsletter, on our website, and at church. Invite your friends and neighbors, enjoy fellowship and a delicious breakfast served by our Youth, AND help us raise funds for our church!

## CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



Your Cornerstone church family wants to recognize and honor our high school, college and graduate school graduates this June 9. We would love to celebrate you and your

accomplishments! Please send us some information about you and your plans after graduation. Please include your picture, your graduation date and from where you graduated or will graduate this year. (Family and friends of graduates, please encourage / remind the honorees to send their information to Elizabeth or to Pastor Courtney by May 18, 2014). We would like to share the individual graduate information in the bulletin and in the upcoming June edition of our newsletter. We look forward to celebrating with our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 9, 2014 at 10 AM.

## Johnsonburg Camp Summer 2014



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 2014 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](http://www.campjburg.org). Scholarships are available for those who need assistance.

**DON'T WAIT—ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



**Enjoy a short stack  
for a tall cause.**

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support

**Cornerstone Presbyterian Church**

**June 14, 2014 8 AM—10 AM**

at Applebee's, 4721 US Hwy 9N, Howell

Tickets are \$10 per person  
(breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverage)



Fill out the information below and return to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church  
along with your cash or check (made out to Cornerstone).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed (tickets are \$10 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Tina Kas with any questions: 732-928-1778 or [tmkas@aol.com](mailto:tmkas@aol.com)

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## May Services:

**May 4:** "April Showers Bring May Flowers"

**May 11:** YOUTH SUNDAY/Mother's Day/  
Blue Jean Sunday

**May 18:** "Deep Whispers in the Darkness,"  
Luke 12:1-7

**May 25:** Memorial Day Sunday,  
Communion served; Anthony Maimone to  
preach



Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day, but it is also Youth Sunday! Our young people will lead us in worship. We would love for ALL of our middle school and high school youth to participate! Contact Pastor Courtney or Mary Gardiner to be a part of this special service.

## Memorial Day Sunday Worship, May 25th



AND I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN,  
WHERE AT LEAST I KNOW I'M FREE.

AND I WON'T FORGET THE MEN WHO  
DIED, WHO GAVE THAT RIGHT TO ME.

— Lee Greenwood

**Mark your calendars!**

**June 1st—Appreciation for our  
Sunday School Teachers and the  
Cornerstone Choir**



# WORSHIP

Palm  
Sunday



Easter Egg  
Hunt



Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!  
Easter at Cornerstone  
4/20/14





## 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!

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 4: Manasquan Reservoir, 1:30 PM**, 45-minute boat tour of the reservoir! Tours are narrated by Park System Naturalists and include opportunities to view local wildlife including turtles, egrets, herons, ospreys, and perhaps a Bald Eagle! Life-jackets required (provided). Please Note: Tours are both weather and water level dependent. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.



**May 11: YOUTH SUNDAY!** Youth lead worship—talk to Mary or Pastor Courtney to be involved!

**May 18: Outdoor Adventure Expo at Turkey Swamp Park, 1:30 PM**

**June 1: 5-mile Bike Ride at Allaire State Park**



### 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:

**Sunday, June 8:** Farewell to Mary Gardiner Stephan! Location TBD

**Friday, June 20:** Youth to make Dinner for Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch

**Sunday, June 29:** Youth Bowling

**Sunday, July 13:** Trip to the Point Pleasant Boardwalk for Games, Rides, and Mini-Golf

**Sunday, July 20:** Neighborhood food canvassing for Jackson and DeBows food pantries

**Thursday, July 24:** Trip to Hurricane Harbor

**Wednesday, August 6:** Go on rides at Six Flags Great Adventure, 3:30-10:15 PM.

**Sunday, August 3:** Youth Swim Party

**Saturday, August 9:** Lakewood Tent City mission

**Tuesday, August 26:** Beach Trip

### Mission Work Day at Oceans Harbor House: April 6th



**Disc Golf at Ocean County  
Park: April 13th**



**Blindfolded Kickball  
game! April 27th**





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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

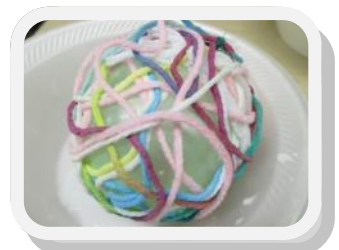
Spring lessons include Easter and a continuing study on the Psalms of the Bible and favorite New Testament Passages. The Psalms are collected songs and poems that represent centuries worth of praises and prayers to God on a number of themes and circumstances. The Psalms are impassioned, vivid and concrete; they are rich in images, similes and metaphor.

### Upcoming meetings:

**Thursday May 8:** Psalm 121. "I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. He who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord will keep you from all evil."

**Saturday June 14:** Trip to Turkey Swamp Park (bring lunch)

"LATE NIGHT" at DeBows  
April 4th—making Easter  
cards



Easter Lesson April 10th



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2014!



### End-of-Year Party/Summer Sunday School

Our 2013-2014 Sunday School year will end on Sunday, May 25th when we finish the year with an outdoor celebration! During the summer months, all children are encouraged to stay in worship, but Summer Sunday School (Children's Church) will be available starting on Sunday, June 1st for children entering 4th grade and below.



**Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Church** (reading Bible stories and verses, playing games and making simple crafts) during the Sermon. There will be a youth assistant and a simple curriculum, with no preparation needed. There will be a signup sheet in worship this month—please consider signing up for even just one Sunday!

### Sunday School for Kids!



The **Elementary** children are studying a We Believe series called "Encountering Jesus." The focus is on Jesus as found in John, Matthew and Acts.

The **Middle School and High School Youth** will be continuing a survey of the Bible, continuing a New Testament study called "The People Jesus Knew and Taught," including the stories of Nicodemus, Mary & Martha, Zacchaeus, and Lazarus.



#### Teachers:

**Nursery:** Courtney Miner

**Elementary:** Allyson Moyer and Kellie Pushko

**Middle & High School:** Elizabeth Hughes, Kristen DiGirolamo, Dominique Robert



## 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).





## 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.

### VIP Water Walk: May 2-3, 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. **This year, the Cornerstone Team will meet for the dinner at 6:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown on Friday, May 2nd, and then walk all together for the first hour, from 7-8 PM. Please visit the following website to join our team or make a donation:**

<http://www.crowdrise.com/cornerstonepresbyterian>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:dennis.smith@pcusa.org), [maribel.smith@pcusa.org](mailto: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

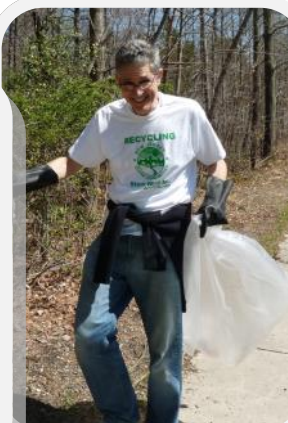
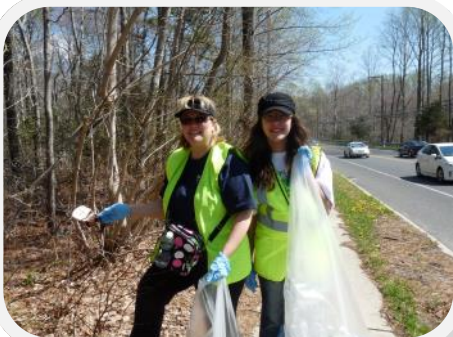




## Jackson Clean Communities Spring Street Clean-up: April 26, 2014

Thanks to ALL who helped us to pick up garbage on Brewers Bridge Road in Jackson. We picked up a total of 20 bags of garbage and recycling! Our efforts not only benefitted the community and environment that we live in, but also helped us raise \$300 for our church.

THANK YOU!





Post Office Box 1042

Jackson, NJ 08527



A letter of thanks from the Jackson Food  
Pantry for the \$111.47 collected by our  
Youth on Souper Bowl Sunday in February!

*April, 2014*

Dear *Friends*

The Jackson Women of Today would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous food \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \$ 111.47 donation(s) made to the Jackson Food Pantry.

The Jackson Food Pantry could neither exist nor run 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 Jackson Food Pantry.

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

Sincerely,

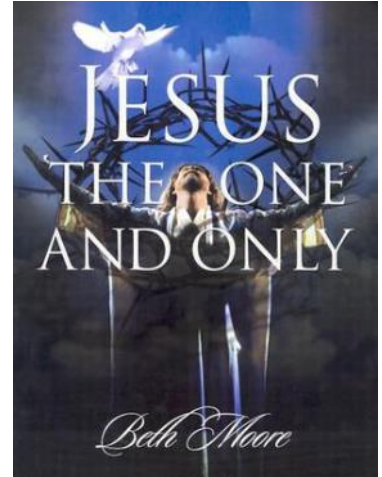
Peggy Heath, Director for the Jackson Food Pantry  
Yvonne Thomas, President for the Jackson Women of Today  
Joy Rende, Corresponding Secretary for the Jackson Food Pantry



## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

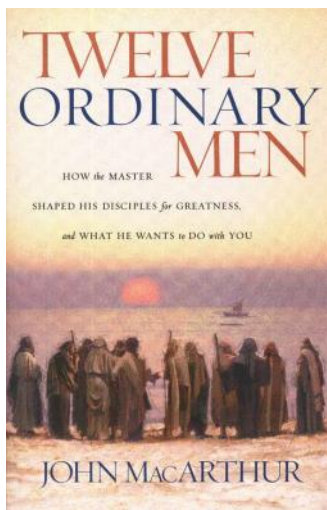
### All Women Welcome!

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 DVD study called ***Jesus the One and Only***, by Beth Moore. This in-depth women's Bible study is on the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. Come along with Beth Moore and some wonderful Christian women at Cornerstone on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately ... as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. This 10-week, in-depth Bible study includes weekly personal assignments and 11 video sessions taped on location in Jerusalem and throughout Israel.



## ADULT BOOK STUDY—MONDAY EVENINGS

### New Study Starts May 5th!



The Adult Book Study meets on Mondays and is starting a new study this month on the book *Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You,* by John MacArthur

This group meets at 6:30 PM at the home of Bob & Laurie Wegner. All adults are encouraged and welcome! Description: Contrary to popular belief, we do not have to be perfect to do God's work. Look no further than the twelve disciples whose many weaknesses are forever preserved throughout the pages of the New Testament. Jesus chose ordinary men - fisherman, tax collectors, political zealots - and turned their weakness into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness. MacArthur draws principles from Christ's careful, hands-on training of the original twelve disciples for today's modern disciple - you.



## Financial Report for April



- Total Offerings\* = \$7334  
(Weekly: 4/6=\$1924, 4/13=\$1699, 4/17 & 4/20=\$2242, 4/27=\$1469)
- Per Capita offering = \$41.50
- Foundation Fund = \$50 (Shop Rite) + \$35
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$163.78 (OGHS)
- Miscellaneous income = \$60 (Applebee's fundraiser), \$3821 (IRS reimbursement)

\* Our 2014 budget includes \$2105 per week in offerings. Please prayerfully consider your offering each week.

### Per Capita for 2014 is \$35.20 per member for Monmouth Presbytery

Please pray about supporting the Per Capita contribution of \$35.20 per member. Some members cannot afford to give their portion, so consider donating more to help cover others who cannot afford to do so. Designate in an envelope or on a check that the money should go towards Per Capita. Thank you, in advance, for your contribution

In theory, per capita covers the ecclesiastical expenses of the denomination—judicial, legislative, and related functions of the Church. This means the organizational costs of administering the church's government as opposed to "mission" expenditures. In practice, it is hard to draw a precise distinction between administration and mission. The custom of identifying funds for administrative costs has been one way governing bodies monitors such expenditures and is honest with God's people about them.

What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita?

"Each governing body above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. The presbyteries shall be responsible for raising their own per capita funds and for timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. The presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions of the churches within their bounds." (G-9.0404 d.)

Is Per Capita payment a requirement of Churches or of individuals?

Different denominations have different ways of collecting revenue. Some receive a "head tax" of as much as \$50 per member. Others receive a certain percentage of a congregation's receipts (up to 25%).

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), per capita is not a tax or an assessment that imposes financial obligation. Rather, it is a religious and moral commitment made by individuals and particular churches. It establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church as the Body of Christ.

Many churches include per capita for each member in their operating budget. Some churches encourage each member to contribute per capita beyond regular giving.

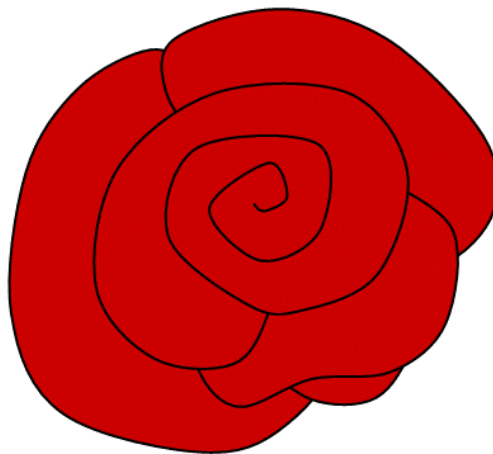
The Presbytery receives all per capita contributions. It retains Presbytery per capita for its own needs, and sends Synod and General Assembly per capita to these respective governing bodies.

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

# Mother's Day Word Search

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APPRECIATE  
 BLESSED  
 CARNATIONS  
 COMMANDMENT  
 EXAMPLE  
 FORGIVE  
 GIFTS  
 HELP  
 HOLIDAY



HONOR  
 LISTEN  
 LOVE  
 MOTHER  
 OBEY  
 PLEASES  
 RESPECT  
 SPECIAL  
 THANK



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*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.*

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### **Rebecca Schiemer**

732-286-4852

*I make homemade jewelry, homemade soaps, candles, and gift baskets for all occasions. I can also offer my services in cake decorating, cookie bouquets, fruit basket arrangements, chocolate covered strawberries, pretzels, and other homemade candies and chocolates. Please contact Rebecca at **Memories Made Floral & Gifts** or e-mail at [sweetlady\\_16508@yahoo.com](mailto:sweetlady_16508@yahoo.com) or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*



# May 2014 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	2 VIP Water Walk FPC Allentown 6:00 PM	3
4 Youth Boat Tour at Manasquan Reservoir 1:30 PM	5 Adult Book Study 6:30 PM	6 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	7	8 Children's Ministry 6:00-7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	9	10
11	12 Blue Jean Sunday YOUTH SUNDAY Mother's Day	13 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	14 Session Meeting 7:20 PM	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	16	17
18 Youth Trip to Outdoor Expo at Turkey Swamp Park 1:30 PM	19 Adult Book Study 6:30 PM	20 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	21 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	23	24
25  Communion Served	26 Adult Book Study 6:30 PM Memorial Day	27	28	29 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	30	31