



# Cornerstone Connection June 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

Seminary Student:

Anthony Maimone, 732-722-8006 Youth Director:

Mary Gardiner, 706-358-8128

Administrative Secretary:

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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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#### A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings, Members and Friends of Cornerstone Church!

It was wonderful on Youth Sunday when Mary put together a video of our young people sharing answers to three significant questions. One was what they loved about their mother and the second was what they love about Cornerstone. The last was what they believed Jesus wanted them to do with their lives each day. In listening to their responses, I was moved to realize the power of faith in our young people. We are blessed to have their vitality and their commitment to learning and serving Jesus in our church. I was also encouraged to see what the answers to at least two of those questions would be from each of us. What do you love about Cornerstone? And what do you think Jesus wants us to do each day?

It is my belief through faith and ministry that being a part of a church and faith family makes our lives better. There was an article published in the New York times a while ago that said that people who attend church regularly actually proved to reduce blood pressure and to enhance immune systems. Church attendance, according to other sources, is also proven to better a person's support network and social life. For in a church family there are folks that care about you and pray for you and in my opinion those things can never be anything but good. It has been suggested that taking an active part in a faith family can add at least three good years to our lives, and I suspect that it's even more beneficial than that.

I'm hoping that you might be willing to give some time, thought and prayer to how our life together at Cornerstone makes your life better. Perhaps you would be willing to write a short piece that would describe just how. Perhaps you might even be willing to share your story during worship! I'd love to see us take a little time out once in a while to share our stories. I'm convinced that, when we share those stories, others will be moved to recognize how Christ and the Church have enriched lives and that an attitude of gratitude can strengthen us greatly for life challenges ahead. Find the joy in seeking to serve God in Christ each day and in supporting and committing to a faithful church attendance and involvement at Cornerstone. And, consider inviting a friend to join you in the process.

Please know I am grateful for you and that each of you remain in my prayers. pray to God that He would bless us and care for us. I also pray for our future in Harmony Road and wherever God will guide us. I also pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of each of you.

Remember that God loves you. Me too! Blessings! Pastor Courtney

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 Michael Maimone, 6/7 Tyler Pushko, 6/8 Matthew Fowler, 6/14 Amy Slusak, 6/15 Don Welch, 6/17 Julia Nelson, 6/18 Mary Gardiner, 6/19 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 Rob & Kathe Morrison, 6/19 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.

#### **MEDIA SHOUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to run slides/Media
Shout during the 10 a.m. Sunday worship
service for once a month or more.
Volunteers will be trained and serve as
integral part of the worship team! If you
have even a basic comfort with computers,
you are qualified!

#### Please pray for:



- Sharon Anderson (close friend of Amy Slusak and Tina Kas) being treated for rectal cancer
- Bobbi Prato who will be having a second surgery

#### Continued prayers for:

- Joan Mallison as she recovers from surgery and prepares for more chemo
- 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

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2014	Dominique Robert Bruce Thompson Kellie Pushko Todd Moyer	David Carlson Sueli Paes de Barros
2015	Lisa Capurso Wendy Barone Gail Carlson David LaCross	Laurie Wegner
2016	Tina Kas Patti Miller Sharron Smith (Clerk)	Betty Thompson Donna Rosato

**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



# Farewell to Mary Gardiner Stephan, Part-Time Youth Director and Seminary Intern!



Since we are a "teaching congregation," it is part of the process to welcome seminary students and then to say farewell to them. Mary has served as our part-time youth

director and worship leader/seminary intern since this past July 2013. We are most grateful for her love of our youth and their families and for faithfully providing meaningful opportunities for mission, fellowship, Bible Study, and Intergenerational Family events! Mary is a member of our church family and will be back to visit but is heading to fulfill her seminary requirements by working this summer at Trenton Psychiatric in their Chaplaincy program. Then this fall she will be serving as a seminary intern at a church in Northwest Philadelphia. She is under care of our session and will be with us when she is able. In the meantime, please pray for her in her next steps towards her seminary degree. There will be a Farewell in worship June 8 and a Farewell Party at the home of Lisa Capurso following worship that same day.

Correspondence can be sent to Mary at: Princeton Theological Seminary, SBN 120, P.O. Box 5204, Princeton, NJ 08543-5204 or by Email at: mary.e.stephan@gmail.com.

# Farewell to Seminary Intern, Anthony Maimone and his family!

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Anthony Maimone and his family will be leaving Cornerstone to become part of First Presbyterian



Manasquan. This church is closer to where the Maimones live and Anthony has been offered the opportunity to be a part of First Presbyterian Manasquan and to continue to be mentored by David Cotton as he has been in his chaplaincy training. We are grateful for the service of Anthony since September 2013 with our children's ministry, worship leadership, Bible Study and pastoral care with members and friends. We are also grateful for Rosanna and her faithful service on session and for their sons, Michael and Joe who helped lead worship on Youth Sunday and for their presence and participation in worship and at church events! The Maimones will be missed and we are grateful to God for their time with us at Cornerstone. Anthony will enter his senior year at New Brunswick Seminary this fall and will graduate from seminary next May. He is faithful in his requirements for his seminary studies and has served as a chaplain in training this spring at Jersey Shore Hospital in addition to volunteering here at Cornerstone! Please pray for Anthony in his seminary studies and in his future discernment for God's direction for his future ministry. He remains a full-time employee at ISS. There will be a time in worship THIS Sunday to say goodbye to the family and later on there will be a reception for Anthony and his family. Details for this reception will be finalized in the coming weeks!

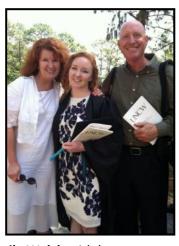
Correspondence can be sent to Anthony and his family at: 45 Allen Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736 or by email: antimaimone@aol.com.

## Farewell to Member, Faron Trick



After many years of faithful service to Cornerstone as former worship leader, current choir member/soloist, regular volunteer for set-up/clean-up, finance chair, and support of Cornerstone in every area of ministry will be moving back to his home town - Erie, Pennsylvania. Faron has a new job there and will be closer to his mother, family, and close friends. We pray for Faron during this time of transition and ask for God's Richest Blessings to

be upon him in his future endeavors. There will be a time in Worship on Sunday, June 15 to say farewell to Faron. Thank you, Faron, for choosing to serve Christ so faithfully at Cornerstone! You will be missed!





Congratulations
College
Graduates



**Emily Welch** with her parents as she graduated from UNCW Honors College on May 10.

Congratulations to **Bruce & Betty Thompson** and their family as they celebrate graduations for 3 of their grandchildren:

- Jesse Thompson Lynch, Radford University, Radford VA
- Gabe Lynch, Salem High School, Salem VA
- Carly Craver, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Washington, D.C.



Ebere Okparaeke graduated from School of Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) on May 12th, 2014 with a Masters in Architecture, with specialty in Interior Architect. Ebere started a job in the city with Microdesk as Solutions Specialist-Architect.

#### **PCTR Women's Retreat**

Four women from Cornerstone attended the annual Presbyterian Church of Toms River (PCTR) Women's Retreat from May 2-4 at Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch, NJ. The retreat theme was "Embracing the God-Filled Life."





Denise Mudalel, Lisa Capurso, Laura
Tunis, and Karen Panariello

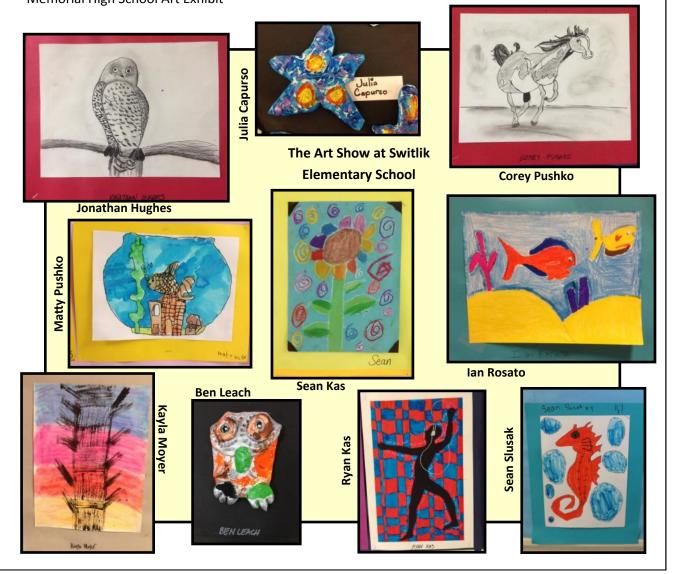


Yoga on the beach!



Marissa Rosato with her parents after the Goetz Middle School Chorus Concert, where Marissa was featured with a solo and did a fabulous job!

**Madeleine Welch** at the Jackson Memorial High School Art Exhibit





Several of our Cornerstone Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts placed flags for Memorial Day at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Military Cemetery.







Congratulations, **Heather DiGirolamo**, student of the month!









Wedding Congratulations to Karen and John Panariello on the wedding of their daughter, Jamie Lee Panariello, to Jose Arnaldo Landa Reyes. They were married on Friday, May 30, 2014 at The Breakers in Spring Lake, NJ and the wedding was officiated by The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie.

In the NEWS.

TOWN Magazine | May 2014

# **TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS**



# HISTORIC CHURCH COULD GET NEW LEASE AND NEW CONGREGATION

Township to Lease Harmony Church to Cornerstone Presbyterian

Jackson Township, which owns the historic Harmony Church on Harmony Road, has initially approved an ordinance to allow the township to enter into a lease agreement with the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church for a 15 year period with two additional 10 year periods at the rate of \$10,000 per year.

Initially, the township was seeking \$2,390 per month to lease but settled on a payment schedule that would have Cornerstone paying the township \$833.33 in 11 monthly installments.

In lieu of cash payments, the township also agreed to credit Cornerstone for any costs incurred to renovate the aging structure.

As part of the agreement, Cor-

nerstone would also construct site and structural improvements at the church, totaling an estimated \$350,000. The second hearing on the resolution will be held at the next Jackson Township council meeting.

The church was built in 1844, but has been vacant since 1989.

The church offered a \$1 per month rent and to bear the full cost of renovations, but the two sides came together and agreed upon the \$833.33 monthly rent.

The structure has no running water or plumbing, nor heating system. Cornerstone will make the building ADA compliant and install restroom facilities. Cornerstone currently meets and holds their services in the school cafeteria at McAuliffe Middle School. Church officials stated they want a church to call their own and decided the historic church was a 'win-win' situation for both the township and for the congregation at the church.

# Farewell to Mary 6/8



There is a going away party for our Youth Director, Mary Gardiner, at the home of Lisa Capurso after worship on Sunday, June 8 from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. The party is open to ALL members and friends of Cornerstone! There will be

subs and ice cream but feel free to bring drinks, side dishes, and/or chips and appetizers. The Capurso's have a volleyball court and a beautiful outdoor space for us to gather and mingle to enjoy fellowship and to show our gratitude to Mary. Also, bring a swimsuit if it's nice weather as we are also invited to swim at the Moyers after lunch! Please RSVP to Pastor Courtney or to Lisa Capurso. The Capurso family lives at 1 Kindling Way in Jackson.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.SA.) GENERAL ASSEMBLY Saturday, June 14 - Saturday, June 21 Detroit, MI

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will meet in Detroit June14-21. Ruling elder and teaching elder commissioners from each of the 173 presbyteries of the PC(USA) will work in committees and in plenary sessions to consider items of business before the Assembly.

One of the first items of business on Saturday night, June 14, will be the election of a moderator who will lead our church for the next two years. There are three candidates: Rev. Kelly Allen, pastor of University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX; Rev. John Wilkinson, pastor of Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY; and Elder Heath Rada, member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC







Rev. Kelly Allen

Rev. John Wilkinson

Elder Heath Rada

To keep up-to-date with what is happening at the 221st General Assembly in Detroit, visit www.pcusa.org.

# Applebee's Fundraiser 6/14



**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW for** olebee's 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!



July 19, 2014

If you are wondering what "Dinner for 8" is all about, here are the facts! You sign up to be a host or a participant. Then we will assign you a home to go to on Saturday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. and we will also provide you with the name and address of your host. Then he/she will contact you and ask you to bring a salad, appetizer, dessert or whatever else is needed. The host will provide the main course and his/ her home for the evening. You show up at the assigned home at 6:00 p.m. and have a wonderful dinner and the fun of spending time with other adults from Cornerstone. Open to all adult singles and couples! Signups will begin this month. If you have questions, call Betty Thompson at 732-276-7179 or email at

bhthompson10@aol.com

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



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)

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Name _		
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Email _		
Number	of Tickets:	
Total En	closed (tickets are \$10 each):	
	Please contact Tina Kas with any questions: 732-928-1778 or tmkas@aol.com	

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#### June Services:

**June 1**: "A Season for Lightning Bugs," Ecclesiastes 3

June 8: Pentecost Sunday/Blue Jean Sunday/Graduate Recognition; Mary Gardiner to preach; farewell to Mary after worship

June 15: Children's Sunday/Father's Day; Psalm 34

June 22: Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 1 – Abel & Cain

**June 29:** Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 2 – Enoch; Communion will be served.

## Summer Sermon Series



# June 22-August 17, 2014

Without water, everything eventually dies.

Similar to water, faith in Christ too adds a critical element for life. However, the word faith can mean a hundred different things to as many people. Join us beginning June 22 for our summer sermon series when we will explore faith as an essential component of walking with God as illustrated and demonstrated by the lives in Hebrews 11 - a gallery of real men and women who lived and died trusting and committing themselves to God and His promises.



June 15, 2014

Children's Sunday, when our children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade lead worship, will be held during worship on Sunday/Father's Day, June 15th! If your children will be in worship and would like to participate, let Pastor Courtney know! It promises to be a very meaningful service!









Our guest on 5/25, the Reverend Alice Batcher



## **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 1: 5-mile bike ride at Allaire State Park, 1:30 PM

Sunday, June 8: Farewell to Mary Gardiner Stephan at the Capurso's home, 12:30-3:00

Friday, June 20: Youth to make Dinner for Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch (more info below)

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





# YOUTH TO MAKE DINNER AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE on Friday, June 20th!

Youth and Family Members and Friends Invited to Help...

Nothing says "home" like families sharing a meal. The goal is to provide a meal for the families every night of the week and so we have sponsored Friday night, June 20th. If you are able, you can help us by contributing items for the meal, supporting our youth in cooking the meal at the Long Branch location in their spacious kitchen. As a volunteer team, we will plan the menu, purchase the food, cook and serve the meal, and clean the kitchen afterwards. In addition to providing dinner, there are Wish List Items that are needed for donations...here are some items to contribute:

Paper Plates (no styrofoam), Ziploc bags - quart, gallon & snack, Aluminum Foil, Plastic Wrap/Press & Seal wrap, Paper Towels, Flavored/Reg. non-dairy coffee creamers, Keurig coffee/tea pods- reg & decaf, Toilet Paper, "D" Batteries, Laundry Detergent - Dreft, Bleach, Pledge Furniture Polish, USB Flash Drives, CD's or DVD's, 8.5" x 11" White Copy Paper, Office Supplies (large paper clips, post-it's, blue/black pens, etc), HP Ink 60 - black & tri-color, HP Ink 61 - black & tri-color, CD's or DVD's, Breakfast food such as granola and cereal bars, and breakfast cereals. Gift cards to: Shop Rite and Wegmans, Babies R Us, Walmart, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond.

Items for Families with children: Baby Carriers:2 in 1 Baby Carrier or Baby Bjorn, Newborn & Preemie sized baby clothes with snap or front zipper, Neutral and

baby boy clothing (particularly small sizes), Baby Bath Tubs, Baby hooded bath towels, Baby grooming/care kits, Assortment of Baby toys (teething rings, rattles, bath toys), Pacifiers, Bottles (small size), Diapers - newborn Size 1 ONLY, Baby diaper bags, and Pack n Play.

To sign up to help out, donate food items for dinner, or to find out more information, contact Pastor Courtney. Donations of the items above will be collected for Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch, NJ until Friday, June 20th. Donations will be collected by Pastor Courtney.



Youth outing to the Outdoor Expo at Turkey Swamp Park

# 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.

The Moyer's have opened up their home for the end of the year Children's Ministry/

Wesley Club Party and it's a POOL PARTY! The Moyers will serve lemonade and hot dogs but are hoping others will bring side dishes and desserts. The party will be from 4:30 - 6 on Thursday, June 12! This is open to children in K -6th grade! Please RSVP to Pastor Courtney or to the Moyers! Their address is 7 Kindling Way in Jackson.





# **SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2014!**



Cornerstone is invited
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The DeBows
To attend the DeBows
To attend VBS program
To attend VBS program
To B:15 pm.
Tuly 7-11th.

# **Summer Sunday School**

Volunteers are needed starting on
Sunday June 1st to lead our children
entering 4th grade and younger in Summer
Sunday School. This involves reading Bible
stories and verses, playing games, and
making simple crafts during the

sermon. There will be a Youth assistant and a simple curriculum - no advance preparation required! Please consider helping for even one Sunday. Please contact Kristen DiGirolamo or sign up at church on Sunday. Thank you!!















The Cornerstone Choir will complete their singing for the September 2013-June 2014 church year on June 8, 2014. Director of Music, Susan Rovira, is honored to direct this fine choir.

# The Summer Praise Team/Choir will begin rehearsing on June 12 at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:15 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).





#### **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, 2013





Water Walk - "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes"

Thanks to ALL who participated in the VIP Water Walk at the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown on May 2nd! Our team was able to raise \$1700, and over **\$50,000** in total was raised by this event to help provide clean drinking water in Malawi, Africa! See photos on the next page.

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

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

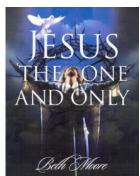


# Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

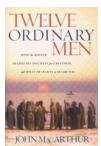
## **All Women Welcome!**

The last meeting before a summer break will be on Wednesday, June 4th.

The Women's Bible Study is 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



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. The group will meet on the first three Mondays in June (6/2, 6/9, 6/16) before taking a break for the summer.

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.

# BEACH BIBLE STUDY IN OCEAN GROVE—TUESDAYS IN JULY



It's time once again for Reverend David Cotton's Beach Bible Study, on the beach in Ocean Grove, just south of the Beach Office at Embury Avenue, from 7-8 PM, on July 1, 8, 15, and 22.

# **Financial Report for May**



- Total Offerings\* = \$7568
   (Weekly: 5/4=\$3744, 5/11=\$1280, 5/18=\$1191, 5/25=\$1353)
- Per Capita offering = \$84.80
- Foundation Fund = \$60 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$1000 (FPC Manasquan)
- Special Offerings = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$180 (Applebee's fundraiser)
- \* 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%).

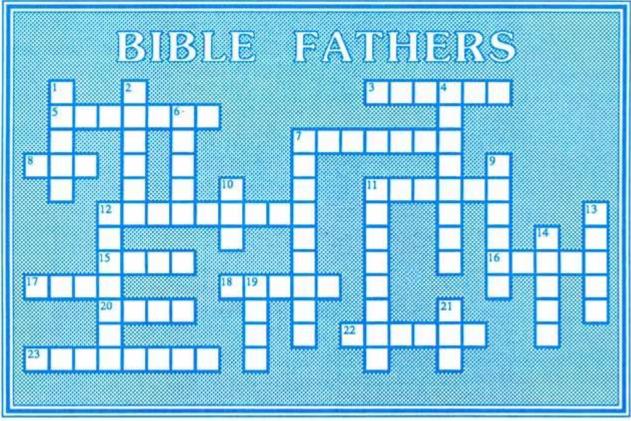
In the Presbyterian Church (USA), per capita is not a tax or an assessment that imposes financial obligation. Rather, it is a religious and moral commitment made by individuals and particular churches. It establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church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





#### **ACROSS**

- 3. Father of a man who was very strong and a judge in Israel.
- 5. This father was instructed by God to sacrifice his son.
- 7. Father of two sons whom Jesus called, "Sons of Thunas judges. der." 4. While the
- 8. After enduring severe trials and testings in which he lost his ten children, the Lord gave him ten more.
- 11. Ephraim and Manasseh's father.
- 12. This father moved his family from Bethlehem to Moab where he and his two sons died.
- 15. A man of Benjamin whose son became the first king of Israel.
- 16. Father of twin sons, one of which tricked him into giving him the blessing due the firstborn.
- 17. A name meaning "father" which we, as "sons of God" can cry.
- 18. Grieved for his dead son who had fought against him.
- 20. Had three sons to "replenish the earth" after the flood.
- 22. This ruler of the synagogue had faith that Jesus was able to heal his dying daughter.
- 23. This Gileadite made good a rash vow resulting in the death of his daughter.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. A priest and father of four sons, two of which offered strange fire and "died before the Lord."
- 2. This godly prophet had two sons who did not qualify to act as judges.
- 4. While the ark of God was in this man's house for three months, God blessed him and his family of eight sons.
- 6. Moses' father.
- 7. This father regained the ability to speak when his son was
- 9. An evangelist and father of four daughters who prophesied.
- 10. This father held a very responsible position as High Priest, but failed miserably in training his sons.
- 11. The father of a son who was lame on his feet.
- 12. Samuel's father.
- 13. The father of twelve sons from which the nation of Israel began.
- 14. Father of two daughters, both of which became Jacob's wives.
- 19. The first earthly father.
- 21. Joshua's father.



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Sat	7	Applebee's Pancake Breakfast 8-10 AM	21	78	
Ē	O	13	20 Youth trip to Ronald McDonald House	27	
Thu	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	Children's Ministry POOL PARTY 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	
Wed	4 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	Session Meeting 7:20 PM	18 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	25	
Tue	m	10	17	24	
Мол	2 Adult Book Study 6:30 PM	9 Adult Book Study 6:30 PM	16 Adult Book Study 6:30 PM	23	30
Sun	1 Youth Bike Ride at Allaire State Park	Pentecost Blue Jean Sunday PARTY for Mary 12:30	15 Children's Sunday Father's Day	22	29 Communion Served Youth Bowling