



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

July 2014

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School for Adults (childcare available)	9:00 - 9:45am
Fellowship	9:45 - 10:00am
Worship (Sunday School for kids during worship)	10:00am

Pastor:

Courtney Cromie, 561-703-2263

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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Faith,

"Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

As we finish up a busy June, I find myself relying more and more on these words from the Prophet Isaiah that encourage us to "wait upon the Lord" that we shall be given all that we need to soar on eagles wings and run and not grow faint.

We have spent the month of June busy in service to God. We spent some of the month celebrating the gift of our choir and our teachers as well as saying farewell to our seminary intern and our part-time youth director. And, we said farewell to long-time member Faron as he moves to Erie, PA. We have enjoyed the gifts of our young people as they lead us in worship on Children's Ministry Sunday and we are blessed to see how strong the faith is in the hearts of the children of Cornerstone.

I thought of this Isaiah passage as we continue to wait upon Jackson Township to make decisions about ordinances and leases to see if we may officially call Harmony Road our church home. We are close and it's an exciting time. And, we believe very soon we will have the keys! Then it begins a season of work in cleaning, refurbishing, and upgrading the facility. Keep Cornerstone in your prayers and pray also about Harmony Road! Many thanks to Bruce Thompson and our Building Committee for their faithful dedication and hard work in this process. God is Good.

As we approach July, God is continuing to do great things in and through our church. We are pleased to welcome Wendy Barone as our new part-time youth director as she shares her faith and commitment with our youth in grades 6-12. There will be time of study, mission, intergenerational activities, and fun. See the article later on in the newsletter to read up on those activities. Welcome, Wendy! We are blessed to have you!

And, come August we are blessed to have Kristen DiGirolamo lead our Vacation Bible School for children and youth August 18-22! This year's theme is "Weird Animals" where we see how God is creative in the creatures He designs. Come, join in the fun either as an adult volunteer or a youth/child registrant!

We are grateful to God for Christa McAuliffe as we continue to call it home in our season of waiting. And, know that the Lord has great plans for those who serve Him faithfully. Keep the faith...be patient and cling to the words from Isaiah! God is Good ALL the Time!

I hope to see you at worship at 10 am on Sundays!

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



Nkechi Okparaeke, 7/2
 Ashley Moyer, 7/5
 Bruce Thompson, 7/8
 Gail Carlson, 7/8
 Madeleine Welch, 7/11
 Frank Capurso, 7/12
 Dyana LaCross, 7/13
 George Nebel, 7/14
 Kathe Morrison, 7/14
 John Varrelmann, 7/17
 Veronica Smith, 7/25
 Sue Bross, 7/26
 Timothy Leach, 7/27

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.

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

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

BOARD OF DEACONS

2014 Dominique Robert
 Bruce Thompson
 Kellie Pushko
 Todd Moyer

2015 Lisa Capurso
 Wendy Barone
 Gail Carlson
 David LaCross

2016 Tina Kas
 Patti Miller
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)

David Carlson
 Sueli Paes de Barros

Laurie Wegner

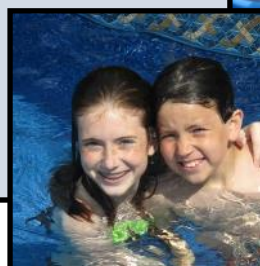
Betty Thompson
 Donna Rosato

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
 O God of our salvation,
 the hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the farthest seas;
 the one who by his strength established the mountains,
 being girded with might;
 who stills the roaring of the seas,
 the roaring of their waves,
 the tumult of the peoples,
 so that those who dwell at the ends
 of the earth are in awe at your signs.
 You make the going out of the morning
 and the evening to shout for joy.
 Psalm 65:5-8

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

Fundraiser at Applebee's

On Saturday, June 14th, Cornerstone hosted its first pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Howell, and it was a lot of fun and a huge success! Thank you to our youth who served 96 plates of pancakes and eggs, and to our younger kids who helped clear/bus tables. And THANK YOU to Tina Kas for organizing the event—we raised \$925 to support our church, and it was a great time of fellowship!



Going Away Party for Mary

On Sunday, June 8th, we said farewell to Mary Gardiner as our Youth Director as she moves on to another assignment as part of her seminary training. We gathered at the home of Lisa Capurso for a meal and then moved on to the Moyer's home for swimming!

**Congratulations to Larissa Kwong Abazia, our former intern from Princeton Seminary!
Larissa was elected to the position of Vice Moderator for the PC(USA) General Assembly!**

Article from the PC(USA) website:

Vice Moderator Kwong Abazia hopes Assembly can imagine new places

June 15, 2014



Larissa Kwong Abazia dreams of both safety and substance for the 221st General Assembly (2014).

Her running partner, Heath Rada, was elected General Assembly moderator Saturday night, and Kwong Abazia was unanimously confirmed as vice-moderator Sunday afternoon.

As she and Rada take turns moderating plenary sessions this week, "I would hope that commissioners and advisory delegates will be able to bring all they are" to the conversation, she said, "whether we agree or disagree. We trust that the Holy Spirit will be at work and that we may end up in places we never imagined if we weren't doing this work together."

For nearly a year, Kwong Abazia has served First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills, Queens, New York, after a nearly four-year stint as associate pastor at Lake View Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

Queens is the most ethnically diverse county in America, and First Church is no different: 25 countries are represented among its membership, and "15 or 20 languages" are spoken there.

"When people say the church is dying or we need more young people, my experience in ministry is that we are already asking those questions and figuring out the way to be the church in this context," she said. "We need to strive for a deeper understanding of the context and the community we are in. Is our diversity because of age, socioeconomic or educational backgrounds? If there's anything I've learned about doing ministry, it's that there's no book that tells us all how to be a healthy church and how to grow. There's no one right way to do that."

She said Rada flew to New York to spend a day with her, helping to cement their relationship a few weeks before General Assembly.

"We had a real honest conversation on the difference between tokenism and representation," she said. "It really feels like I have a safe space to share feedback with him and toss out our ideas back and forth. I'm comfortable seeing it as a real partnership."

She predicted that Rada, a retired executive with the American Red Cross, will be a bridge-builder for the church.

"One of the things that Heath has been saying is that when people find common ground, all of a sudden there is the possibility that their conversation can be transformed," she said. "You love your church? I love my church too!"

"I would love for us to figure out who we are. If we can share our stories so we can learn and build relationships, we won't feel so isolated or disconnected from the larger church."

The rest of her family – 2-year-old son Jonathan and her husband, Daniel, a pharmacy professor at Rutgers University – has already returned home, so Kwong Abazia is calling in reinforcements. A ruling elder from her church is on her way to serve as both a General Assembly observer and support for her pastor.

"Our election inspired her to say, 'We are Presbyterians, so I need to learn more about how the church works,'" she said. "She arrives Wednesday. I can't wait."

Serving both a local congregation and now the larger church as well, Kwong Abazia said she's struck by how both groups must simultaneously live in the already and the not yet.

"The only way reconciliation is possible is for us to be completely honest about who we are, naming our similarities and our differences," she said. "We can only do that when we are in real relationships."





Congratulations to **Faron Trick** and **Bethany Pratt** who got engaged during our pancake breakfast at Applebee's! We wish them our best as they start their life together in Erie, PA.

Keep in touch!
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Erie, PA 16505
jtfaron@yahoo.com
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Marissa Rosato and **Annabel Hughes** at the Tri-M Honor Society Induction at Goetz Middle School



Courtney Miner graduated from Jackson Memorial High School on June 24, 2014 (shown above for Graduate Recognition in worship). She will be moving on to study at the Culinary Institute of America in December! Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Michael Maimone** for receiving this Academic Award for Science from his high school! We pray for his continued success as he graduates and heads to Penn State this fall!

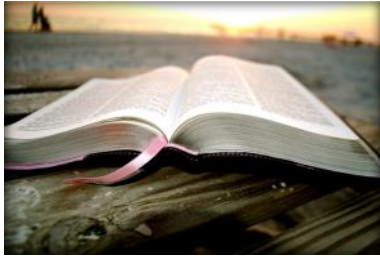


Zoe Welch and **Ashley Moyer** receiving academic awards at Goetz Middle School. Congratulations!

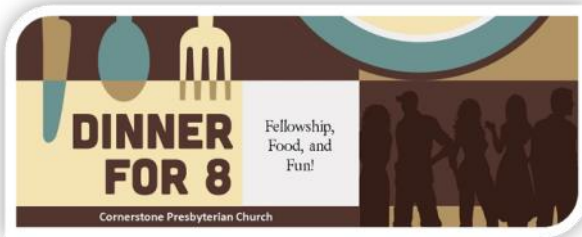
EMAIL GREETINGS FROM REV ROB!

 Send	To...	pastor@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org
	Cc...	
	Subject:	Re: Cornerstone Connection June 2014
<p>Courtney,</p> <p>What a great church and a great newsletter- We are so proud of what you are all doing. Thank you Thank you.</p> <p>Kathe and I are having a good time in Winter Haven--If anyone wants to visit LEGOLAND, let us know. We'd love to have visitors this fall.</p> <p>Yours in Christ, Rob and Kathe revrobm@optonline.net</p>		

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.



July 19, 2014

The Deacons of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church are excited to organize another evening of adult fellowship, food, and fun! If you would like to participate in the "Dinner for 8," 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! You can sign up at church, or by contacting Betty Thompson at 732-276-7179 or email at bhthompson10@aol.com.
Deadline for signups is July 13th!

Jackson Day

Saturday September 6, 2014
(Rain date 9/7)

12 – 8 PM, Johnson Park

Volunteer Needed to Chair Committee

We plan to have a table at Jackson Day on Saturday, September 6th. This is a wonderful opportunity for community outreach, and to raise funds through the sale of baked potatoes. We also need someone who can provide a generator so that we can serve hot potatoes. Please talk to Pastor Courtney if you can help coordinate this important effort!

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study and the Monday evening Adult Book Study are taking a break for the summer and will resume in September!



July Services:

July 6: Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 3 – Moses; guest pastor, the Reverend John Milne.

July 13: Blue Jean Sunday, Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 4 – Noah.

July 20: Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 5 – Abraham.

July 27: Sermon Series: "Just Add Water" Hebrews 11, Part 6 – Isaac & Jacob; 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.

The Reverend John Milne Guest Pastor July 6, 2014

Welcome to The Reverend John Milne who is our guest preacher for Sunday, July 6! Rev. Milne is from Plainsboro where his wife Anita is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Plainsboro. He is the pastor emeritus of United Presbyterian Church in Yardville, NJ.



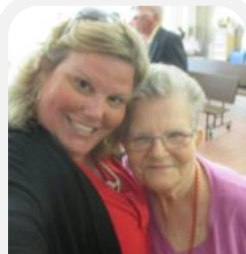
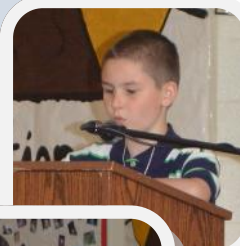
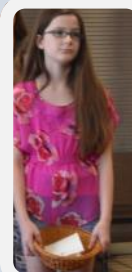
Our Sunday ritual—cleaning up!



On June 15th we had a time of appreciation for our Sunday School teachers (above) and our Choir (below).



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY! June 15, 2014



Farewell to the Maimone Family!



Farewell to Faron Trick and Bethany Pratt!



Farewell to Mary Gardiner!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PART-TIME SUMMER YOUTH DIRECTOR, WENDY BARONE!



Wendy has been a member of Cornerstone since February 2012, and she has been active as an Elder and as the Chair of the Mission Committee. Wendy came to us from Allentown Presbyterian Church where she was involved in the Youth Group, Sunday School, and VBS. Wendy has worked for Hamilton Township Public Schools for 13 years as a Special Education teacher. She's very excited about her new position as our part-time summer Youth Director, and she looks forward to building new relationships with the young people of Cornerstone.



Summer Activities with Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. Summer activities include a weekly Games & Gospel meeting on Mondays from 4-6 PM (with fun activities, bible lessons and food) and other special activities throughout. Talk to Wendy Barone or Pastor Courtney for more information on any of these activities:

Monday, July 7: Games & Gospel 4-6 PM

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

Monday, July 14: Games & Gospel 4-6 PM

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

Monday, July 21: Games & Gospel 4-6 PM

Thursday, July 24: Trip to Hurricane Harbor

Monday, July 28: Games & Gospel 4-6 PM

Sunday, August 3: Youth Swim Party

Monday, August 4: Games & Gospel 4-6 PM

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

Saturday, August 9: Mission Project

Monday, August 11: Games & Gospel 4-6 PM

Monday-Friday, August 18-22: Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 26: Beach Trip



YOUTH MINISTRY

**YOUTH PREPARING A MEAL AT
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE
on Friday, June**



...followed by Pizza & Pottery!



BOWLING!

	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
JOHN LUKACS	8	X	X	9	X	171
	116	145	165	185	205	205
DEVIN LARSON	X	X	X	9	-	177
	125	154	173	182	-	182
DEVIN	7	0	7	2	-	96
	33	39	48	55	-	55
PASTOR	7	7	0	-	7	127
	59	67	74	82	-	82
DYANA	7	-	7	-	3	71
	42	51	54	54	-	54
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CORNERSTONE VBS 2014

August 18-22, 2014 10:00-12:15 PM (breakfast served at 9:30 AM)
at Jackson United Methodist Church (68 Bennetts Mills Rd)



Cornerstone is invited
to attend the DeBows
evening VBS program
6:15 to 8:15 pm.
July 7-11th.



Summer Sunday School

Volunteers are needed 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 Summer Praise Team “Sparrows Singing” rehearses on Thursday evenings at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:15 PM and before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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).

NEW in Worship: “Children in Song”

We have added a special time in our service during the summer where the children will come forward and learn a short Christian Bible song, led by Pastor Courtney, Kristen DiGirolamo and Susan Rovira. Please encourage your child to participate—it promises to be fun and meaningful!



CHILDREN’S SUNDAY! 6/15





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.

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

A letter from Dennis Smith in Argentina (Regional liaison for Brazil and Southern Cone)

April 2014

Dear friends:

On March 24 Maribel and I found ourselves in the Plaza de Mayo, the public square in front of the presidential palace in Buenos Aires. We were accompanying a mission group from Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Highland has been a faithful supporter of our ministry for many years. March 24 is the Day of Remembrance for Truth and Justice in Argentina, a national holiday to remember that on this day in 1976 a decade of terror began that saw tens of thousands disappeared.



Our Pennsylvania friends were startled to see banners with the slogan: **Don't Forget, Don't Forgive**. In 1987, after the military had released their hold on power, their civilian allies had passed an amnesty law to protect the armed forces from prosecution for crimes against humanity. In 2005 the Supreme Court overturned this law and senior military leaders began to be arrested and placed on trial.

Don't forget, don't forgive: harsh words. But it was another time, a time tinged with fear. People in the U.S. knew it as the Cold War, but for Latin Americans there was nothing cold about it. In other parts of Latin America the military was already firmly entrenched in power. Uruguay's armed forces overthrew the civilian government in June 1973. On September 11, 1973—yes, another September 11—Gen. Pinochet overthrew the Allende government in Chile. The Guatemalan military had overthrown the Arbenz government in 1954. (continued on next page)

(continued from previous page) The U.S. had participated in all these coups, justifying intervention as part of the global struggle against communism.

Under military rule thousands upon thousands of Latin Americans were tortured and disappeared. University students, union leaders, pastors and priests working with the poor, peasant leaders working for social change—all were subjected to unimaginable horrors.

I began to work as a mission volunteer in Guatemala in 1974; some of the veteran mission colleagues I met were afraid to place ministries at risk by challenging unjust military power. Others were afraid of the Red menace. Had not Mao persecuted the Chinese church and kicked out the missionaries when he came to power in 1949? Had not Cuba's Fidel Castro and Argentina's Che Guevara revealed themselves to be architects of armed revolution? Was not the gospel itself under siege? It's hard to hope when you're afraid.

During this Lenten season many of our mission partners in Latin America have been exercising the right to memory. The United Presbyterian Church in Brazil has been remembering the ministry of Jim Wright and Chuck Harper. Both were the Brazilian-born children of PC(USA) mission workers. Both became PC(USA) ministers themselves. Jim—Jaime in Portuguese—had a brother, Paulo, who served in the Brazilian Congress from 1963 to 1967. In 1973 Paulo was disappeared by the military. Soon thereafter Jaime teamed up with Cardinal Arnz and a team of lawyers in São Paulo to carefully—and at great risk—document the massive human rights violations being committed by the military. By then Chuck Harper was at the human rights desk at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Slowly this ecumenical team shipped thousands of photocopied pages of official case files out of Brazil and used them to write the book *Brasil: Nunca Mais—Brazil: Never Again*.

In 2013 as part of the activities of the recently appointed Truth Commission, these papers were repatriated to Brazil. Magali do Nascimento Cunha, a Methodist scholar, is working as an investigator for the Truth Commission. She has documented how ambivalent church people were about the dictatorship. But this was the '60s and a generation of young church leaders—in the spirit of the times—had begun asking hard questions of entrenched leaders who didn't like to have their traditional authority questioned. The disagreements led to physical confrontation, imprisonment, torture, death. Conflict continues to be the order of the day, both in Latin America's churches and in the U.S. Today the mission challenge we face is: How can we find the grace and maturity to stay at the table and commit to working together, building a better future rooted in God's grace despite our disagreements?

The day after we went to the Plaza de Mayo, we visited CAREF, the ecumenical agency in Argentina that ministers to refugees. Our partner churches founded CAREF in 1973 to attend to the thousands of refugees pouring out of Pinochet's Chile. Anthropologist María Inés Pacecca described how in recent years CAREF has focused on the problem of human trafficking. Our Pennsylvania friends noted that this was a problem in Lancaster County, too. Donegal Presbytery participates in a group that stakes out truck stops on the interstates and educates truckers to be on the lookout for traffickers and their victims.



María Inés described how their ecumenical network in Argentina has succeeded in getting better laws passed and better services offered to victims. She emphasized that as a church agency CAREF can offer something that politicians and bureaucrats, therapists and officers of the law cannot—local church families that will welcome victims into communities of healing. No one else offers that.

Thinking back on our visit together, Highland friends were challenged and encouraged by María Inés' words. As we faithfully follow Jesus today, we must work together with a broad range of professionals and experts to build a more just and peaceful world. But—in times of conflict, fear and confusion—it falls specifically to our churches to be communities of healing.

In March we also hosted a mission trip from the Presbytery of Tres Ríos. These were the first two mission trips to this area in a decade. We'd be delighted to work with you in designing a mission trip to Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile or Brazil. We can focus on rural and urban ministry, evangelism and social justice. Drop me a line if you are interested.

In this resurrection season, we are deeply grateful for your prayers and for your financial support. If you don't currently support Presbyterian mission workers, would you please prayerfully consider supporting us?

Just a reminder that Maribel and I will be visiting churches in the U.S. from August through January. Our calendar is filling up quickly, but we'd love to visit you and share how God is working through your support for our ministry and through our partners in this corner of the world.

Under the Mercy, Dennis A. Smith

Financial Report for June



- Total Offerings* = \$9704
(Weekly: 6/1=\$2878, 6/8=\$2461, 6/15=\$1596, 6/22=\$1516, 6/29=\$1253)
- Per Capita offering = \$35.20
- Foundation Fund = \$50 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$755 (Applebee's fundraiser) + \$300 (Clean Communities)

* 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?

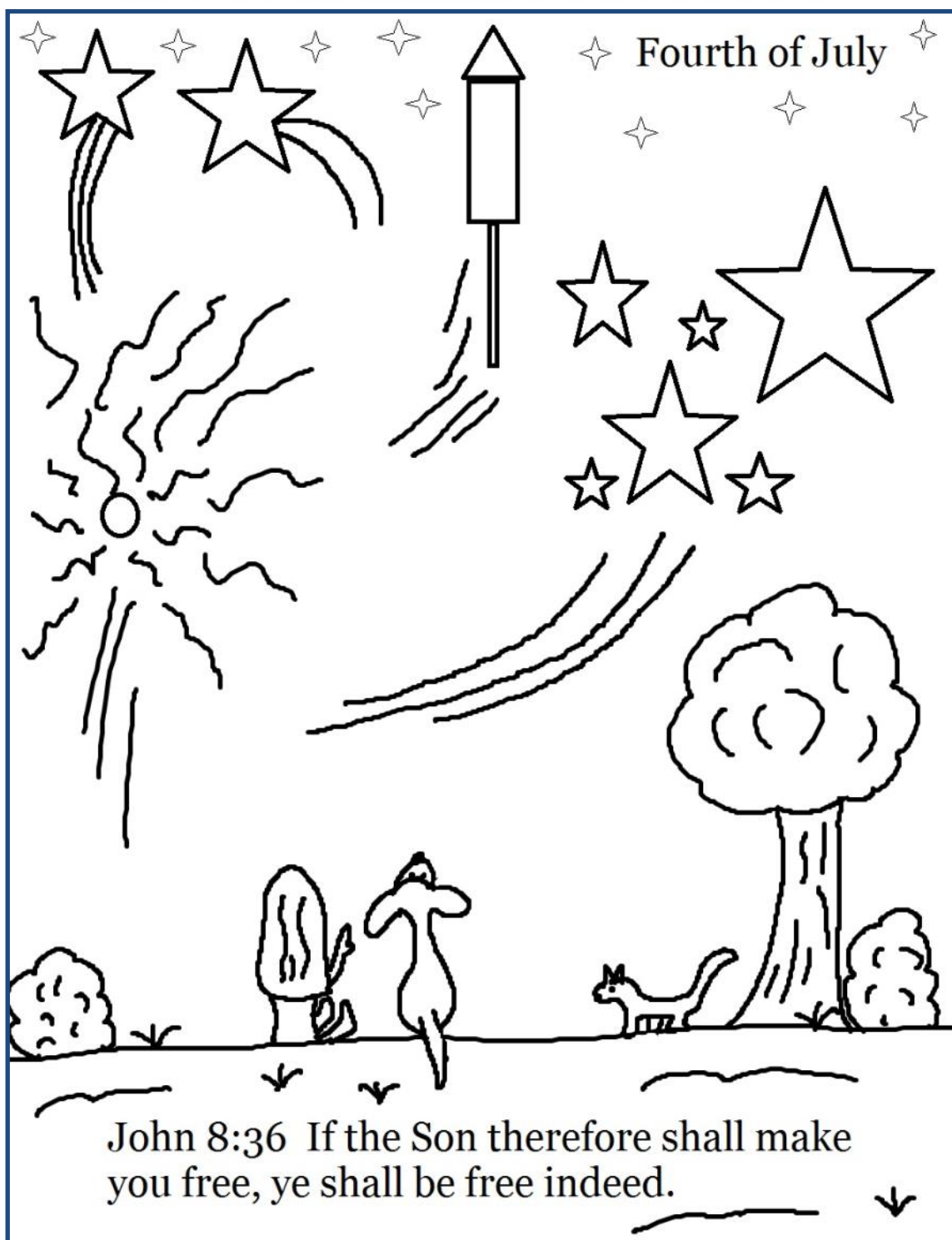
Different denominations have different ways of collecting revenue. Some receive a "head tax" of as much as \$50 per member. Others receive a certain percentage of a congregation's receipts (up to 25%).

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).





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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*Do you have a skill or talent that could benefit our members?
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HERE.*

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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Qywnn Gross

qgross@hopecathedral.com



Framed customized prayers, 16x20", please contact Qywnn for more information!

Rebecca Schiemer

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*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.*

July 2014 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	2	3 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	4  4th of July	5
6	7 Youth Games & Gospel 4-6 PM	8 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	9 Session Meeting 7:20 PM	10 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	11	12
13 Blue Jean Sunday Youth trip to Point Pleasant Boardwalk	14 Youth Games & Gospel 4-6 PM	15 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	16 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	18	19
20 Youth Canvassing for Food Pantry	21 Youth Games & Gospel 4-6 PM	22 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	23	24 Youth Trip to Hurricane Harbor Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	25	26
27  Communion Served	28 Youth Games & Gospel 4-6 PM	29	30	31 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM		