



## Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

### Cornerstone Connection

February 2015

*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

#### Director of Music:

Susan Rovira, 609-371-1473

#### Youth Director:

Wendy Barone, 732-534-4936

#### Administrative Secretary:

Elizabeth Hughes, 732-833-6857

#### Treasurer:

Tina Kas, 732-928-1778

#### Nursery Care:

Sueli Paes de Barros

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#### CORNERSTONE UPDATE

At the Congregational Meeting on January 11th, our congregation voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Cornerstone and Reverend Courtney Cromie. We honored her that day with a wonderful time of fellowship as we shared a meal of bread and soup, and we are grateful to her for the 3 and a half years that she spent as our pastor.

Since then, Monmouth Presbytery has appointed the Reverend Jim Dunson from the First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan to act as our Session Moderator. At the Session meeting on January 14th, an Interim Pastor Search Committee was formed. Elder Todd Moyer will chair this committee, and its members include: Kellie Pushko, Bob Wegner, Bruce Thompson, Lisa Capurso, and James Hughes. Bob Wegner is also managing our pulpit supply, to find pastors to preach for us each Sunday.

The Session has also worked to update the Cornerstone Committees, and you can find a list of the committees and their members on the following page of this newsletter. During this time of transition, it is especially important to keep this information handy, and do not hesitate to contact someone from the appropriate committee if you have any questions or concerns. In addition, please remember to reach out to your Deacon if you are in need or in crisis—they are there to support you. The Deacons have met and updated the lists of people under each one's care—if you do not know who your Deacon is, please contact Betty Thompson so she can tell you.

Finally, please keep all of us at Cornerstone (the Session, the Deacons, the Search Committee, and all of our friends and members) in your prayers throughout this time of transition. God is Good, All the Time!

*Worship at McAuliffe Middle School  
35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson*

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

# Cornerstone Community



Donna Rosato, 2/6  
 Sydney Slusak, 2/6  
 Devin LaCross, 2/10  
 Melissa Floyd, 2/11  
 Jaimee Bainbridge, 2/15  
 Beverly Kaiser, 2/16  
 Michael Pushko, 2/16  
 Anna Hekl, 2/18  
 Sean DiGirolamo, 2/18  
 Frank Fowler, 2/23  
 Zoe Welch, 2/23  
 Alice Jones, 2/24  
 Debbie LaCross, 2/27  
 Rob Morrison 2/27



Manny & Vernice DaConceicao, 2/19  
 Frank & Lisa Capurso, 2/29

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

2015 Bruce Thompson  
 Gail Carlson  
 Laura Stone  
 David LaCross

2016 Tina Kas  
 Patti Miller  
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)  
 Bob Wegner

2017 Vikki Leach  
 Todd Moyer  
 Kellie Pushko

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Dominique Robert

Betty Thompson  
 Donna Rosato

Joan Mallison  
 Barbara Dougherty

## CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMITTEES 2015

### BUILDING

Bruce Thompson – Chair  
 David LaCross

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kellie Pushko – Chair  
 Wendy Barone  
 Suelie Paes DeBarros  
 Elizabeth Hughes  
 Allyson Moyer

### MISSION

Chair & Committee members needed

### CORNERSTONE NOMINATING

Gail Carlson – Chair  
 Joan Mallison  
 Allyson Moyer  
 Suelie Paes DeBarros  
 Constantine Osiakwan  
 Betty Thompson  
 Elizabeth Hughes  
 Bob Wegner

### FINANCE

Tina Kas – Treasurer  
 Debbie LaCross – Co-Chair  
 Denise Mudalel – Co-Chair  
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### PERSONNEL

Todd Moyer - Chair  
 Bruce Thompson

### WORSHIP

Bob Wegner – Chair, Pulpit Supply  
 Susan Rovira – Director of Music  
 Lisa Capurso  
 Elizabeth Hughes  
 Brandon Capurso  
 Todd Moyer  
 Sharron Smith – Clerk

### INTERIOR DESIGN

(Harmony Road Building)  
 Lisa Capurso – Co-Chair  
 Betty Thompson – Co-Chair  
 Gail Carlson  
 Elizabeth Hughes  
 Tina Kas  
 Kathy Sculthorpe  
 Bruce Thompson (ex-officio)

### INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH

Todd Moyer – Chair  
 Bruce Thompson  
 Kellie Pushko  
 Lisa Capurso  
 James Hughes  
 Bob Wegner

**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)

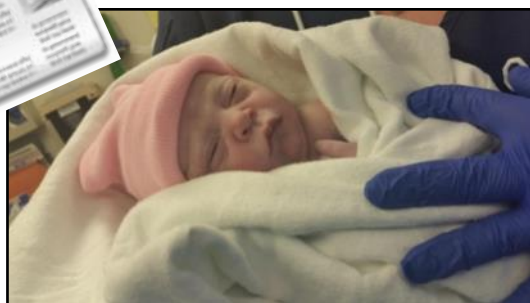
## *Please pray for:*

- Wendy Barone and her new granddaughter, Annabelle!
- Tina Kas's mother who has been diagnosed with breast cancer
- Cornerstone during this time of transition



## *Continued prayers for:*

- Tina Kas's friend Sharon Anderson being treated for cancer
- Laura Tunis who needs to have another knee replacement surgery
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold
- Bev Kaiser recovering at home
- Our troops around the world and their families



Congratulations to **Wendy Barone** on the birth of her new granddaughter Annabelle Lynn Walker-Barone, born on 1/27!



Congratulations to **Dyana LaCross**—she earned her black belt in Tae Kwon Do in December, and is shown above receiving her belt at a ceremony in January.



Our Cornerstone Boy Scouts had a busy month in January! On January 10th, **Ben Leach, Jonathan Hughes, and Corey Pushko** competed with their dens in the Klondike, an all-day, outdoor test of various skills—it was 10 degrees! Then on January 17th, Ben, Jonathan, Corey and **Matty Pushko** competed in the Pinewood Derby. Matty came in first place for his den!



**Monday, February 2, 2015**  
**& Friday, March 6, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**  
**(weather permitting)**

**Forest Resource Education Center**  
**495 Don Connor Boulevard**

Come and explore the Pinelands on a nature walk while the full moon rises overhead. You'll learn about native plants and wildlife while on an easy stroll on the trail.

## 2014 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements are available for the year 2014! Please see Elizabeth Hughes if you have not yet received your statement and retain this information for your 2014 tax return. See Elizabeth if you have any questions!

## Updated Photo Directory Available



Our Cornerstone photo directory has been updated and is available! Please see Elizabeth Hughes if you would like a printed copy, or send her an email to receive an electronic copy:

[administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](mailto:administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

Please also let Elizabeth know if you have any updates to your contact information, or if you would like to take a new photo for the directory! Thank you!

## In case of Bad Weather....



The season of winter is upon us, and there is always the potential for bad weather and dangerous road conditions on a Sunday morning! If the Board of Education closes

Jackson schools or if there is a determination that the roads are too dangerous for travel, worship will be cancelled. In the case of bad weather, please check your email prior to leaving for church. If you do not have email, you will receive a phone call. If there is any doubt, please remember that safety is the priority and we ask that you not venture out on roads if you feel it is not safe!

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Cornerstone can now benefit from YOUR online Amazon purchases! From the website [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you simply select Cornerstone as your nonprofit of choice, and then shop as usual on Amazon! See Pastor Courtney with any questions.



## February Services & Guest Pastors

### February 1—Reverend Victoria Pruner

Reverend Victoria Pruner has served the past 27 years as the Associate Pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Toms River. Her responsibilities were varied, including administration and children's ministry. She attended Cedar Crest College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Victoria, better known as "Tory," is also known as Bailey Pruner's mom! Bailey preached for us at Cornerstone 4 years ago when she was a seminary student. Tory and her husband Jim have three daughters and live in Toms River. Tory is now on disability for multiply health issues but was excited to come to Cornerstone to worship together.

### February 8, Blue Jean Sunday—Reverend Cindy Bowman



Reverend Bowman is a Princeton Seminary graduate and has spent 30 years in pastoral ministry. She has served congregations in Pittsburgh, PA, Drexel Hill, PA and Freehold, NJ. She is a Certified Interim Ministry and is currently taking a unit in CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) toward chaplain certification. Cindy has a daughter, Rebecca, who will be graduating from Elizabethtown College in May and will be serving in Cuba for the summer before going to graduate school for Social Work.

### February 15—Anthony Maimone



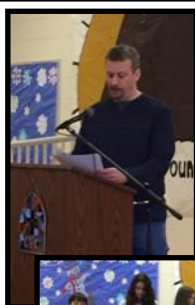
Anthony is a former Cornerstone intern! In addition to his studies at New Brunswick Seminary (where he will graduate this May), Anthony holds a full time position since 2009 at International Schools Services as their Chief Compliance Officer. He and his family are active members at the First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan.

### February 22, Communion Sunday—Reverend Victoria Pruner

(see February 1, above)



What a blessing to have Anthony Maimone as our guest on January 18th!



Guest pastor, The Reverend Alice Batcher, on 1/25

# WORSHIP

January 11th—  
celebrating Pastor  
Courtney and her  
ministry at  
Cornerstone





## 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 Betty and rotating teachers from Cornerstone. 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 theme for this winter/spring is Teachings of Jesus.

### Winter/Spring Schedule:

- Thu. Feb 12** "Who is the Greatest?" Mark 9:33-37, Elizabeth Hughes to lead
- Thu. Feb 26** Palm Sunday & Good Friday Mark 11:1-11, Mark 15:21-40, DeBows to lead
- Thu. Mar 12** The Resurrection Matthew 26:57-27:66, Luke 24, DeBows to lead  
(Make Easter cards as the Mission Project)
- Thu. Mar 26** Trip to Care One. Easter cards & singing.
- Thu. Apr 9** Trip to Jackson Animal Shelter
- Thu. Apr 23** "The Widow's Offering" Mark 12:41-44, Lisa Capurso to lead
- Thu. May 14** "Zacchaeus" Luke 19:1-10, DeBows to lead and provide Snacks
- Fri.-Sat. May 29-30** Sleepover at DeBows, 7 PM – 8:30 AM
- Thu. June 11** Pool Party at the Moyer's
- Sat. June 13** Trip to Popcorn Park Zoo

### January 8th Meeting

The group had a celebration of their time with Pastor Courtney as they wished her farewell.



## January 22nd Meeting

Allyson Moyer taught the lesson on "Mary and Martha" and the kids made valentines!



## Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. Talk to our Youth Director, Wendy Barone, for more information on Youth Group!



A note from Wendy, "A New Year!" :

Hi all!

We have had an extended youth group break since the Christmas party. I would like to start back up with meeting once a week. After speaking with a few parents, I believe that the best time to meet may be Sundays following the service. The service usually ends between 11:00 and 11:15. I would like to meet for one hour following the service to end by 12:15 each week. The games and gospel meetings we have had have been fun, so I'd like to challenge all with some new activities that get us to explore our gifts and the ways we could bless others. I would like the **next youth group meeting** to be on:

**Sunday, February 1st. from 11:00-12:15.** A snack and beverage will be provided. Our theme is God's Love. Surprise game!

Also, I would like to guide a **high school level "Choosing to Live Like a Christian" bible study (one hour a week)**. My available evenings are Tuesday or Thursday, I am available between 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday and from 6:30-8:00 pm on Thursday evenings. *We will need a consistent meeting place.*

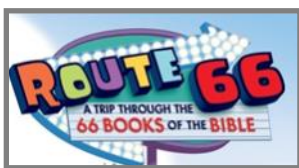
In addition, there will be **several Christian youth events** in the area, and we will have opportunities to participate in meaningful or just fun activities with other churches or organizations. I will be updating you soon about the various activities to get your responses.

As always thanks for your support! Please call email to all, or call /text me at 732-299-4390 regarding your response, interest or attendance.

Wishing you many blessings through Christ! Wendy



## Sunday School for Kids!



The **Elementary School** class is studying "Route 66: A Trip Through the 66 Books of the Bible." This curriculum is designed to take children on a life-changing journey through each of the 66 books of the Bible, introducing them to more of the wonders of the Word and the adventures that can be found in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Each week, Route 66 will introduce children to a different book or group of books in the Bible. They'll learn about the author, the time frame, the key people and the book's purpose, while creating a souvenir scrapbook that will serve as a way to remember all of the different stops and to celebrate the journey.

The **Middle School and High School Youth** are studying a survey of the Bible, beginning a New Testament study this month called "Miracles of Jesus," which includes stories of the miracles of nature, healing, and resurrection.



### Teachers:

**Nursery:** Sueli Paes de Barros

**Elementary:** Kellie Pushko & rotating teachers

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



Kristen DiGirolamo has stepped down as our Director of Christian Education as of January 18th. We are so grateful to Kristen for the 4 years she served in this position, and her dedication to Cornerstone and our children. Thanks to her hard work, our kids have had a meaningful Sunday School experience every Sunday, and over the years we have enjoyed children's Christmas pageants, Easter Egg hunts, and 4 amazing Vacation Bible Schools! We thank her, and wish her well as she enters a new phase of her life with a new full-time job in her field of nursing.



Make a  
*Joyful noise*  
Unto the Lord  
Psalm 100:1

**The Cornerstone Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) from 7-8 PM and before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.**

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).



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

## ■■ BARNABAS HEALTH ■■ Van Dyke Hospice and Palliative Care Center

### 2015 Van Dyke Hospice Volunteer Training Program

*A Special Kind of Caring*

Offering support to patients facing end of life and their loved ones can make a difference in their life and yours.

2015 Spring Training 10 consecutive

Tuesday Evenings: 6PM to 8PM

March 17, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12, 19

Location: Bayview Corporate Center

Suite 230

1433 Hooper Avenue Toms River, NJ

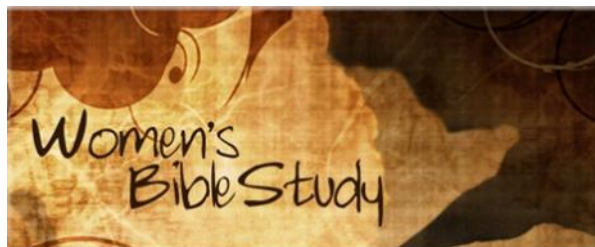
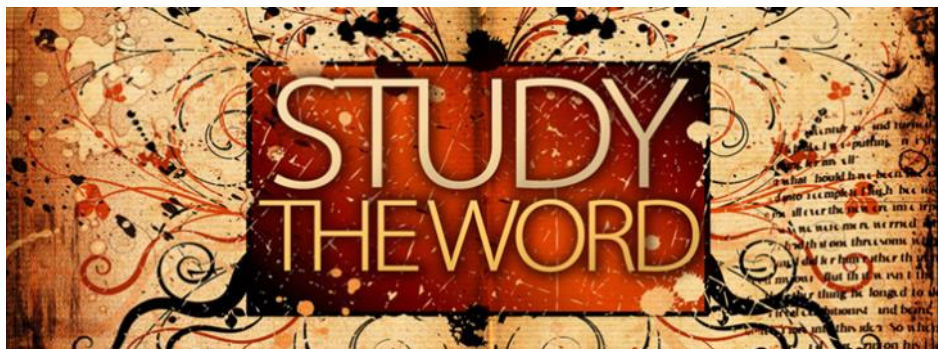
*Comfort the patient...  
Heal the family*

The training course is free, but pre-registration is required. Barnabas Health Van Dyke Hospital provides end of life care to patients throughout Ocean County. Upon completion of the course hospice volunteers are matched to patients close to their own neighborhood or town. There are also volunteer opportunities in the office environment, extended care facilities and inpatient hospital setting. For more information or to register please call Colleen Del Vacchio at 732-557-7021 or email [cdevacchio@barnabashealth.org](mailto:cdevacchio@barnabashealth.org).



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Monday Evenings 6:30–8:00 PM

The Adult Study will continue to meet at the home of Bob and Laurie Wegner on Monday evenings from 6:30—8:00 PM. The group is studying the book of Acts, and all adults are welcome to participate!



## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study (will resume in March)

### All Women Welcome!

The Women's Bible Study meets at the home of Elizabeth Hughes from 10:30 AM—12:15 PM. The women completed a Beth Moore DVD study called ***The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*** in January. The group is currently taking a short break and will resume with a new study beginning in March. Stay tuned for details!

## Financial Report for January



- Total Offerings\* = \$5385  
(Weekly: 1/4=\$1273, 1/11=\$2021, 1/18=\$1284, 1/25=\$807)
- Per Capita offering = \$141
- Foundation Fund = \$60 (shop rite) + \$110 (greeting card fundraiser)
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$0
- Miscellaneous income = \$18 (Christmas Ornaments) + \$5 (music donation)

### A Simple and Convenient Way to Give



In this new year of 2015, consider signing up for electronic giving. Cornerstone relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. It also provides a much needed consistency in the donations that our church receives. It's easy to sign up—automatic donations can be made using a credit card or directly from your checking account. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit our [website](#) to download our authorization form. Our website also offers the opportunity to make a donation through PayPal. Please speak to Elizabeth Hughes for more information.

### Per Capita

To provide support for Monmouth Presbytery, Northeast Synod and General Assembly, our church is asked to pay “dues” to the Presbytery **each year** that is equal to \$35 per member. Therefore, we are asking *each member* to give a special offering of \$35 per year to help us cover this expense. This is what we call the per capita. It's now time to start collecting for 2015—please place your per capita offering in the basket on Sunday (mark it as “per capita”) at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (co-chairs: Debbie LaCross and Denise Mudalel, and treasurer: Tina Kas).



# Heart-Verse Match Game

FAITH

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love." Eph. 3:17

YOUR ROCK

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Psalm 18:2

Perfect

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." 1 John 4:17

BE MINE

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Malachi 3:17

LOVE HIM

"Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 10:13

GOD IS LOVE

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16

I'M SURE

"And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." John 6:69

I LOVE YOU

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34

ALWAYS

"Teach them to do all the things I have told you. And I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:20





## Cornerstone Yellow Pages

Do you have a skill or talent that could be a resource for other church members? Please contact Elizabeth Hughes if you would like to be listed.

### Donna Rosato

732-276-6805

Notary Public

Pampered Chef Consultant/Trainer

<http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnarosato>

### John Rosato

732-806-7647

Things Done for You, LLC

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### Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

[www.clowningbymac.com](http://www.clowningbymac.com)

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Celebrating an event? Let Macaroni Anne Cheeze entertain with face/arm painting and balloon animals.

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

### Qywnn Gross

[qgross@hopecathedral.com](mailto:qgross@hopecathedral.com)

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

### List your business here!

*Do you have a skill or talent that could benefit our members?  
Talk to Elizabeth Hughes to put your ad  
**HERE.***

### Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

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

# February 2015 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	3	4 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6	7
8 Blue Jean Sunday	9 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	10	11	12 Children's Ministry 6—7:30 PM	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15	16 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21
22  Communion Served	23 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	24	25	26 Children's Ministry 6—7:30 PM	27	28