



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

April 2015

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

Director of Music:

Susan Rovira, 609-371-1473

Youth Director:

Wendy Barone, 732-534-4936

Administrative Assistant:

Elizabeth Hughes, 732-833-6857

Treasurer:

Tina Kas, 732-928-1778

Nursery Care:

Sueli Paes de Barros

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Tenebrae Service
with communion

**April 2nd,
7:00 PM**

at the Jackson
United Methodist
Church, 68 Bennetts
Mills Road, Jackson

Visit the stations
of the cross

**April 3rd,
6-8 PM**

at the Jackson
United Methodist
Church, 68
Bennetts Mills
Road, Jackson



Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

**April 5th,
10 AM**

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

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

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

Cornerstone Community



Michele Welch, 4/3
 Bob Wegner, 4/4
 Ian Rosato, 4/4
 Seraphim Osiakwan, 4/14
 Maggie Varrelmann, 4/18
 Joan Daniels, 4/18
 Betty Corio, 4/20
 Kathie Hekl, 4/22
 Vikki Leach, 4/24
 Sara Miller, 4/24
 Malachi Hekl, 4/26
 Ryan Pushko, 4/30



Michele & Chuck Calhoun, 4/10

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

Easter Sunday prayer

O Lord,

How amazing is your love,
 A love that overcomes, endures and redeems.
 How astounding is your life,
 A life that sustains, heals and creates.
 How awesome is your hope,
 A hope that promises, restores and inspires.
 How absorbing is your truth,
 A truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.

How we worship you, as we remember the moment when your love conquered.
 When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose to release forgiveness to the world.
 And each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.
 Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives.
 How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter.

Amen.

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

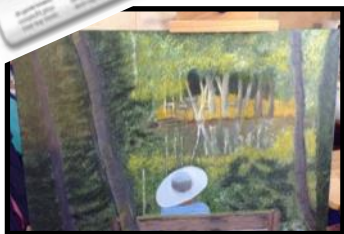
Please pray for:

- Our former intern (and the current Vice Moderator for the General Assembly), Larissa Kwong, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- Laura Tunis as she recovers from a second knee replacement surgery
- Cornerstone during this time of transition as we search for a new pastor



Continued prayers for:

- Tina Kas's mother who is being treated for breast cancer
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold
- Bev Kaiser recovering at home
- Our troops around the world and their families



Laura Stone will have her painting titled "Woman at Hidden Pond" (above) on display at the Brick branch of the Ocean County Library in April. Laura was also selected by the Sierra Club and the Alaskan Wilderness League to train and lobby for the protection of the Alaskan coastal plain in Washington, D.C. from March 21-25. Way to go, Laura!



Congratulations to **Ashley DiGirolamo**, Star Student of the Month for March at Manchester Township Elementary School!

Egg Hunt at Hope Cathedral—Open to the public!



WORK DAY AT HARMONY ROAD

Saturday, April 25th



We are excited to get back to work restoring our new home at the church on Harmony Road! We will have volunteers from the Presbyterian Church of Toms River helping us this day. A specific list of tasks for the day will be available soon – please see Bruce Thompson if you can help!

PCTR Women's Retreat

The Presbyterian Church of Toms River (PCTR) is planning a "women's weekend" at their church on May 1-2, 2015. The weekend dinner and a session on Friday night, all meals on Saturday with several sessions, a worship service at 5 PM and concluding session on Saturday evening. Several of our Cornerstone women have attended these retreats and had a wonderful experience. The theme is "Bearing Fruit," and there is a tri-fold brochure with more information and registration information. Please see Elizabeth Hughes for a copy of the brochure!



Cornerstone can now benefit from YOUR online Amazon purchases! From the website smile.amazon.com, you simply select Cornerstone as your nonprofit of choice, and then shop as usual on Amazon! See Elizabeth Hughes with any questions.



One Great Hour of Sharing

This year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, Sunday, April 5th (Easter). This special offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Please use the OGHS envelope in your bulletin or mark your offering "OGHS." Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of others! Please donate as you are able.

Jackson Street Cleanup 4/25



Our church will once again participate in a Jackson Road Cleanup on April 25th! We will have a team pick up garbage and recyclables on an assigned Jackson street. In addition to providing a service to our town, we will earn \$300 for the church! We will meet during the morning on Saturday, April 25th. With enough volunteers, it usually takes no more than one hour. Youth ages 10+ are encouraged to participate! If you can help, please sign up in church or contact Allyson Moyer.



DONATIONS for the Jackson Animal Shelter

The Children's Ministry will be bringing donations of towels, sheets, blankets, cat/dog toys, and canned cat/dog food to the animal shelter on April 9th. If you have items to donate, please **bring them to church on Easter**, and give to Elizabeth Hughes.

Upcoming Services & Guest Pastors

April 5th (Easter)—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. We have been blessed to have her preach for us twice in February, and are so excited to have her back as our guest for Easter worship!



April 12—Cindy Wilcox



Cindy Wilcox is a member at Manasquan Presbyterian, a seminarian at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and a Chaplain Intern at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. A Jersey native who just moved back to the shore, Cindy spent 30 years in the Boston area, studying at Gordon College, raising her 4 children, and working as Director of Children's Ministries at Free Christian Church in Andover, MA. She also has been a certified personal trainer and life coach for 25+ years. She presently lives with her husband in Spring Lake, NJ.

April 19—"PRAYERS, SONGS, AND SOUP," with Andrew Mudalel

This service will feature a sermon by Andrew Mudalel, as well as several members of our Session updating us on items such as the Harmony Road renovation plans, the budget, and the pastor search process. Worship will be followed by a time of fellowship and a meal of soup and bread!



Andrew Mudalel is the nephew of our member Denise Mudalel, and he is a senior college student at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. He is studying accounting and finance and plans on becoming a CPA. Andrew has been very involved with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) since his freshman year when he found Jesus Christ. He has been involved with ministry to college students and has done missions work overseas in Central Asia. Andrew has aspirations to go into full time ministry someday.

April 26—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. We have been blessed to have Reverend Bowman preach for us several times this year and we look forward to having her return!

WORSHIP



Reverend John Milne, our guest on 3/1 and 3/8



Wendy Barone with her new granddaughter Annabelle!



What a blessing to have Liz Heinzek-Nelson share about Malawi on March 22nd



Anthony Maimone and his family joined us on March 15!



Thank you to our guest, Reverend Cindy Bowman!



Faron & Bethany Trick

Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM Meets at DeBows United Methodist Church , 509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ

This group meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm., unless otherwise noted. It is for children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, and is led by Pastor 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. Apr 9** Trip to Jackson Animal Shelter, 1:30 PM
- 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
- 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

March 12th Meeting



March 26th visit to
Care One for
singing and
delivering Easter
cards!



Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. **Cornerstone Presbyterian Youth Group Meets weekly on Sundays from 11:00-12:00 directly following the service.** Talk to our Youth Director, Wendy Barone, for more information on Youth Group!



Note: There will be no Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, April 5th (Easter).

We are planning some exciting events!

- Volunteering at a local soup kitchen (2 kids on the third Sunday of each month)
- Helping with the Jackson road cleanup on April 25th
- Participating in the Malawi "VIP Water Walk" on May 8th
- Joint youth group activities with DeBows and other youth groups! *More information will be sent via email.*

If you would like to be included on the YOUTH GROUP EMAIL LIST, please contact wendy barone (wendybarone@yahoo.com)



March 15th—volunteering at the Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church

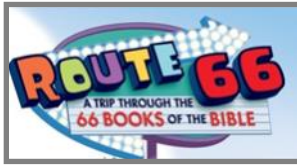


March 22nd visit to the Camden Aquarium—Operation Christmas Child gave us free passes for the boxes we donated, so thank you to all!



Youth stuffing goodie bags for the Easter Egg Hunt!

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.

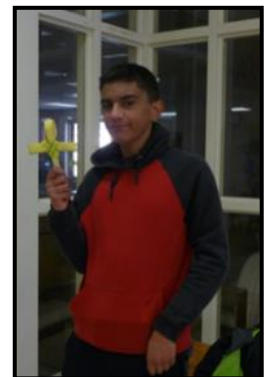


Teachers:

Nursery: Sueli Paes de Barros

Elementary: Kellie Pushko & rotating teachers

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



Please return the fish banks for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on April 5th (Easter)!





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).



VIP Water Walk: May 8, 2015



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.

Cornerstone will once again be forming a team to walk in this event. This year the walk has a new format – we will meet at 6:30 PM for a spaghetti dinner at Allentown Presbyterian Church, and then take shifts walking throughout the evening, with the event ending at midnight with a time of devotion. We are hoping to raise a total of \$2000 for this mission. Please click [here](#) to visit the team's web page to JOIN or SPONSOR our team! If you would like to solicit donations or make a donation on your own and prefer not to use the online tool, we ask that check's be made out to "Cornerstone." A sponsor sheet is available on the next page of this newsletter. Thank you for your support of this mission project! Please contact Denise Mudalel or Wendy Barone for more information!

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

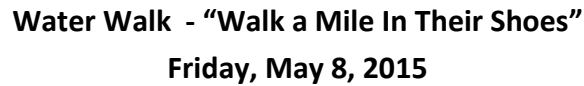
Dennis and Maribel Smith—Missionary Workers in Argentina

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



STATEMENT OF WAIVER AND CONSENT: I understand the risks involved in participating in the Water Walk, willingly accept these risks, and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS OR PERSONAL INJURY that may be sustained by me as a result of being engaged in such an activity. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Villages in Partnership, its trustees, officers, servants, agents, and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, that may be sustained by me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE SUCH PERSONS, or otherwise, while participating in the Water Walk event, or while in, on or upon the premises where the Walk is being conducted. I grant permission for the organization to use photographs/images and quotations from me in accounts and promotions of this event.

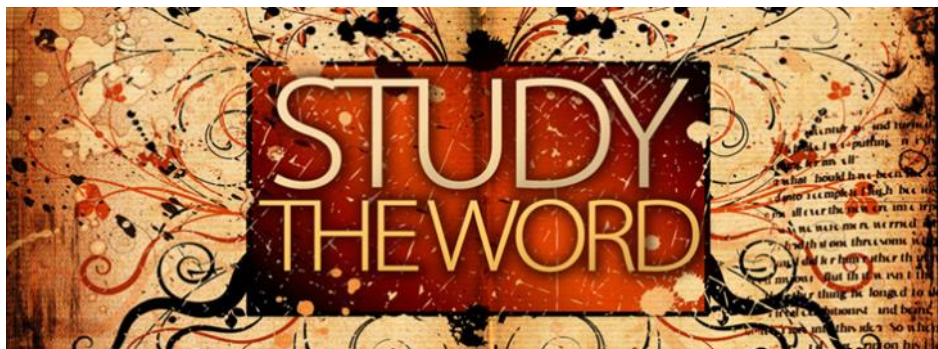
SPONSOR NAMES

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Make checks payable to Cornerstone. Donations are tax deductible.

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

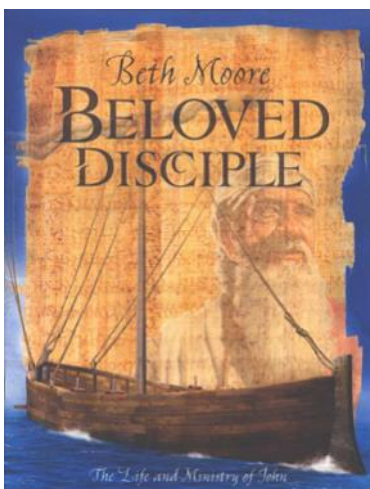
The Adult Study will continue to meet at the home of Bob and Laurie Wegner on Monday evenings from 6:30—8:00 PM. The group is studying the book of Acts, and all adults are welcome to participate!



Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All Women Welcome!

The Women's Bible Study meets at the home of Elizabeth Hughes from 10:30 AM—12:00 PM. The women are doing a 10-week Beth Moore DVD study on John called *Beloved Disciple*. Study guides are available for \$18—talk to Elizabeth Hughes if you would like a copy.



Description: Every disciple and early follower of Christ left a legacy for future believers. John's legacy was love. Perhaps like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless. This study is about finding our way to the heart of Jesus and reclining so closely that our pulse begins to throb in tandem, loving what He loves and hating what He hates.

Financial Report for March



- Total Offerings* = \$11279
(Weekly: 3/1=\$5189, 3/8=\$1508, 3/15=\$1342, 3/22=\$1202, 3/29=\$2038)
- Per Capita offering = \$678
- Foundation Fund = \$310
- Gifts from other churches = \$500 (Manasquan)
- Special Offerings = \$350 (memorial gift for Jim Ryan) + \$20 (Water Walk) + \$20 (OGHS)
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

A Simple and Convenient Way to Give



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. There are also “per capita” envelopes available at church. Thank you.

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

HAPPY EASTER

Jesus Rises Up

(John 20)

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was put inside a tomb. A heavy stone was placed in front of the opening. When Mary Magdalene went to His tomb, she saw that the stone had been rolled away. Jesus was not there!

Find the path that takes Mary to the tomb.





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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Talk to Elizabeth Hughes to put your ad
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

732-286-4852

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

April 2015 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Service at JUMC 7 PM	3	4
5 	6 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	7	8	9 Children's Ministry 1:30 PM Animal Shelter	10	11
12 Youth Group 11:00 AM Deacon's Meeting 11:15 AM	13 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	14 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	15	16	17	18
19 Soup & Bread after worship Youth Group (soup kitchen)	20 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	21 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	22 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Children's Ministry 6—7:30 PM	24	25 Jackson Street Cleanup 10 AM Harmony Road Workday
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