



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

May 2015

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)

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



Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Easter at Cornerstone



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Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Aaron Beeg, 5/3
David Hekl, 5/4
Jonathan Welch, 5/6
Jackie Leach, 5/7
Paul Sarti, 5/20
Madeline Sarti, 5/23
Joan Mallison, 5/27
Sharlene Nelson, 5/27
Don Kiefer, 5/27
Courtney Miner, 5/30



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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



Please pray for:

- The family of Bobbi Ross after her passing on April 27. If you would like to send a card to her family, her daughter's address is:
Laurie Dugan
42 Balmoral Ave
Matawan, NJ. 07747
- Cornerstone during this time of transition as we search for a new pastor and continue our renovations at the church on Harmony Road
- The victims and all those affected by the devastating earthquake in Nepal

Continued prayers for:

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

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



Congratulations to **Dyana LaCross** who received first place trophies in Sparring and Forms at the Tae Kwon Do Invitational 16th Atlantic Championship on April 26th! The photo above shows her with her grandparents.

Laura Stone received a first place ribbon in the mixed media, nonprofessional category for her painting "Woman at Hidden Pond" at the Laurelton Art Society show. **Barbara Dougherty** also won a ribbon for her watercolor art at this show! Way to go!



Kayla Moyer received an award this month for Most Improved Dancer at her dance school, the Center for Music Theater and Dance. Congratulations Kayla!



On April 23rd, the fifth grade chorus from Switlik Elementary School sang the National Anthem at the Blue Claws game on April 23rd! We're proud of our Switlik panthers: **Kayla Moyer, Julia Capurso, Ryan Kas, and Corey Pushko!**



Congratulations to our former intern, **Mary Gardiner**, who got engaged to her boyfriend Justin last month! We look forward to seeing Mary when she preaches for us on May 17th!

Pastor Search Survey

The Pastor Search Committee would like **your feedback!** Please complete a survey to help the committee in their search for an interim pastor. Surveys are available online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3L3PBCN>

or paper copies are available in church. See Committee Chair Todd Moyer if you have any questions!

Please take the time to complete this short survey as this is your chance to make your feelings known about what you think are important qualities for our new pastor and we would like to hear from all of you!

Spring fundraiser at Cicconi Farms on Farmingdale Road in Jackson



From May 1st - June 1st, Cicconi Farms will donate 10% of purchases when a voucher is presented. They have a great selection of plants, flowers, shrubs, trees, and planting containers! Vouchers are available on the next page of this newsletter, in church, or you can download one from our website. Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors and give them a voucher to present at checkout! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!



Help us spread the good news of Cornerstone on social media! Like our Facebook page (click [here](#)).

Also, take a moment on Sunday mornings at worship and “check in” from your phone!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

SUPPORT CORNERSTONE WHEN YOU SHOP AT AMAZON!

It's easy to do! Visit the website smile.amazon.com. You will be prompted to login to your amazon account, or to create one. Then you will be prompted to select a charitable organization. Type in “Cornerstone Presbyterian Church of Jackson” and select it as your charity. That's it! Anytime you want to shop on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and use the website exactly as you normally would. One half of one percent of all purchases will be donated to our church.

If you have any questions, please ask Elizabeth Hughes or Donna Rosato.

Cornerstone Spring Fundraiser **AT** ***Cicconi Farms***

May 1st thru June 1st

**Annuals, Proven Winners, Hanging Baskets, Perennials,
Grasses, Shrubs, Native Plants, and so much more!**

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church invites you to shop till you drop at our Spring Fundraiser being held at Cicconi Farms, 1005 Farmingdale Rd., Jackson.

Come Out and Support our Church !

Choose from 1000's of bright and colorful flowering Annuals, Proven Winners, Gorgeous Hanging Baskets, Pre-Potted Patio Containers, Tropical Plants, Native Plants, Perennials, Vegetables, Herbs, Ornamental Grasses, Native Plants, Shrubs and Trees Too!

10% of Your Purchase Will Go to Cornerstone

May 1st. thru June 1st.

Farm is Open Daily!!

8 am. to 4:30 pm. 7 days a week

Choose From 1000's of Varieties!

**Let our knowledgeable sales staff help you find the
right plants for your landscape!**

Open 7 Days a week: 9:00 am. - 4:30 pm.

****Also feel free to invite all of your family & friends.**

*Mom's Favorites!
Azaleas, Roses,
Lilies...and much
much more!*



Please Present this slip at time of sale for church to receive credit for your purchases.

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Directions to Cicconi Farms: From McAuliffe, make right on 547/S. Hope Chapel Road. Make slight left on South Cooks Bridge Road, then turn right onto Bennetts Mills Road. Turn left onto N. New Prospect Rd, then turn left on Farmingdale Road-Cicconi Farms will be immediately on your left. Or call for directions 732-363-1420.

Upcoming Services & Guest Pastors

May 3rd—Reverend John Milne



Reverend Milne is pastor emeritus of the United Presbyterian Church in Yardville, NJ. He has been a member of the Presbytery of Monmouth since 2000. He currently lives in Plainsboro NJ, where his wife Anita is pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Plainsboro.

May 10th—Mother's Day, 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 again!

May 17th—Mary Gardiner



Mary is a student at Princeton Seminary and is a former Cornerstone intern, working with our youth and as a regular worship leader. She is currently a seminary intern at Paoli Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, and she recently got engaged to her boyfriend Justin! We are thrilled to welcome Mary back to Cornerstone on May 17th!

May 24th—Pentecost, Cindy Wilcox (remember to wear RED to worship!)



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.

May 31st—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

Maundy Thursday at JUMC



Our guest on April 12th,
Cindy Wilcox



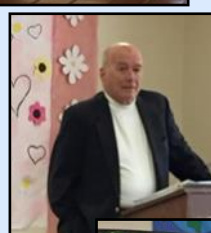
Reverend Tory Pruner on Easter, with
the children in their "cocoon"!



Reverend Cindy
Bowman
on 4/26



April 19th—what a wonderful service!
We started with Paul Kessler blowing the
shofar, heard a fantastic sermon by
Denise Mudalel's nephew Andrew
followed by updates on our building,
budget and pastor search process, and
finished the morning with a meal of soup
and bread! God is Good!



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:

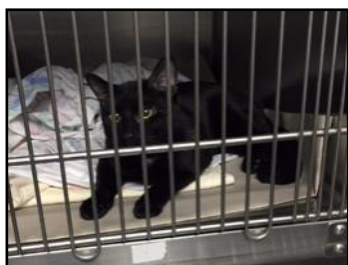
Fri.-Sat. May 15-16 Sleepover at DeBows, 7 PM – 8:30 AM

Thu. May 128 "Zacchaeus" Luke 19:1-10, Cornerstone to lead

Thu. June 11 Pool Party at the Moyer's

Sat. June 13 Trip to Popcorn Park Zoo

**April 9th visit to the
Jackson Animal
Shelter—thank you
to all who donated
pet items!**



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!



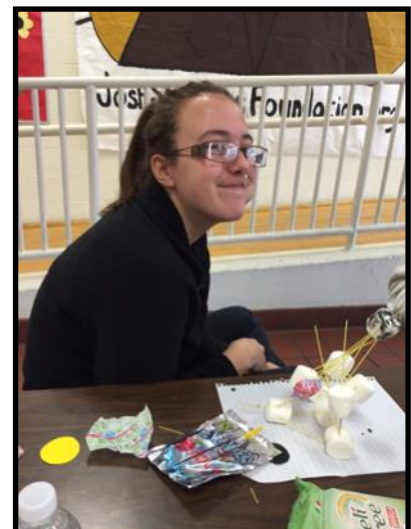
Currently our youth group has been using the "Cru" Campus Crusade for Christ model for learning about living a spirit-filled life. Soon to come... our own game, so attend on 5/3 and 5/17 to **be included in creating an original, fun board game** that we may be able to share with other youth groups in the future?!

No youth group on Sunday, May 10th (*It's Mother's Day!!*)

Please consider volunteering with at the All Saints Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, May 17th.** (Only 2 youth group members are needed on the third Sunday of each month.) **We will have a shortened youth group meeting that day from 11:00-11:45.**

Any questions or recommendations for youth group activities? Contact Wendy Barone: wendybarone@yahoo.com or 732-299-4390

Want someone to be added to our email list? Send Wendy a request!!



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2015!

July 13 – 17, 2015
5:00 – 8:30 PM
(dinner served daily at 5 PM)



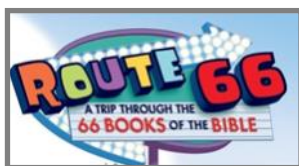
Kids explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

Held at Jackson United Methodist Church (JUMC) – combining children from JUMC, Jackson Baptist Church, and Cornerstone!

End-of-Year Party May 24th

Our 2014-2015 Sunday School year will end on Sunday, May 24th when we finish the year with an outdoor celebration! During the summer months, all children are encouraged to stay in worship. It has not yet been decided whether or not we will have a Summer Sunday School program—if you have ideas or are willing to help, please see Kellie Pushko, Patti Miller, or Elizabeth Hughes.

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

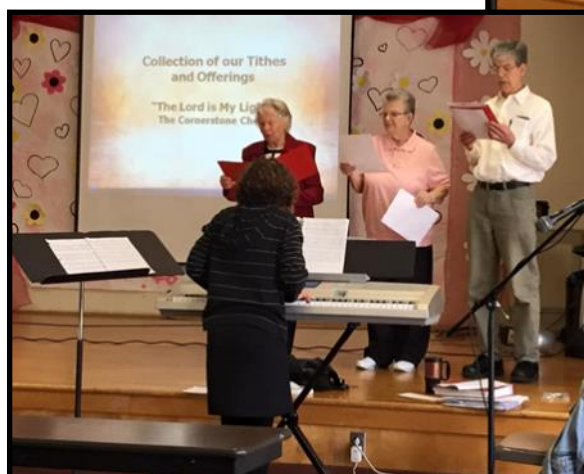


The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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 or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).



The "Deacon Divas" singing "Here I Am, Lord" on April 19th!



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 has formed a team to walk in this event. This year the walk has a new format – we will meet at 6:00 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." Donations can also be made in church—the deadline is Sunday, May 3rd. Thank you for your support of this mission project! Please contact Denise Mudalel or Wendy Barone for more information!

This year, each team received a family in Malawi to pray for as we prepare for the Walk on May 8th. Our Cornerstone family is Mai Sijaya Makawa and her 6 children. She was divorced by her husband in 2010. She is aged 42 and her 6 children (3 boys, 3 girls) are between 23 and 4 years. The eldest and second eldest dropped out from school in std 3 and 4 respectively due to poverty. The only school going child is Mwaiwao – a girl aged 15 and is in std 5. She says she fails to send the others to school because it is difficult for her to find good clothes, uniform and other school materials.



Apart from her children, she is also taking care of an 82 year old uncle who is also sick from urine cantinas (urine coming out without ones knowledge) and blood diarrhea.

In a normal year she harvests only 10 to 15 bags of which lasts up to December and has to do ganyu (piece work) to buy some food for the remaining 3 months. "This 2015 will be a very bad year for my family because I may by chance get only 4 to 5 bags of maize and I don't know what will happen to us when we finish those bags" she laments.





Jackson Clean Communities Spring Street Clean-up: April 25, 2014

Thanks to ALL who helped us to pick up garbage on Hyson Road (near Harmony!) in Jackson. We picked up about 20 bags of garbage and recycling! Our efforts not only benefitted the community and environment that we live in, but also helped us raise \$300 for our church.
THANK YOU!



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

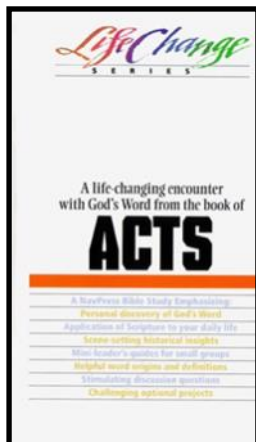
Emails: dennis.smith@pcusa.org, maribel.smith@pcusa.org

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

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

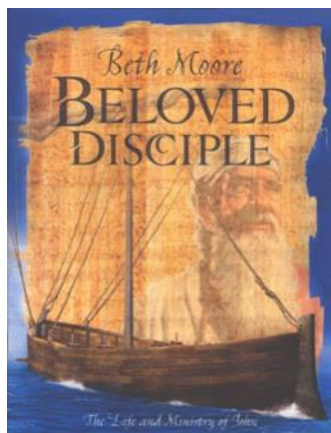


The Adult Study will continue to meet at the home of Bob and Laurie Wegner on Monday evenings from 6:30—8:00 PM. The group is studying the book “A Life Changing Encounter With God’s Word from the Book of Acts,” and all adults are welcome to participate!

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*.



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 April



- Total Offerings* = \$6582
(Weekly: 4/5=\$2029, 4/12=\$1184, 4/19=\$1432, 4/26=\$1937)
- Per Capita offering = \$213.50
- Foundation Fund = \$108
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$181.05 (OGHS) + \$595 (Water Walk)
- 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

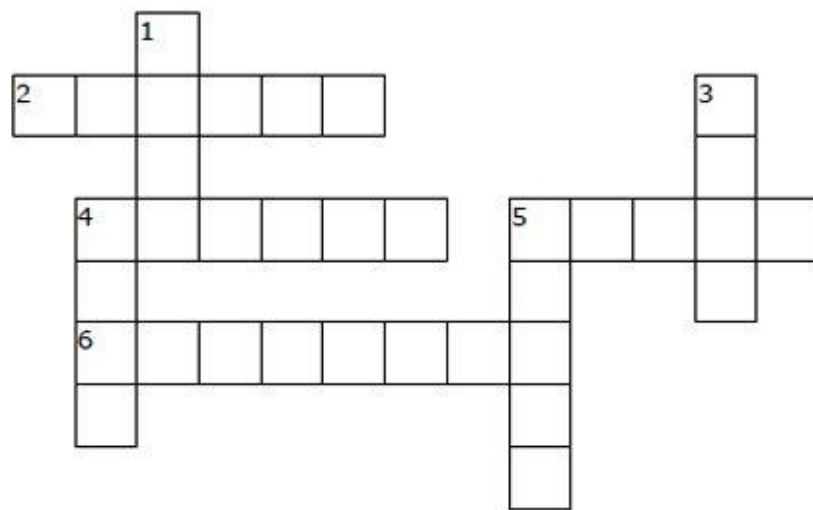
To provide support for Monmouth Presbytery, Northeast Synod and General Assembly, our church is asked to pay “dues” to the Presbytery **each year** that is equal to \$35 per member. Therefore, we are asking *each member* to give a special offering of \$35 per year to help us cover this expense. This 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).

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK



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

John Rosato

732-806-7647

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Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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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 or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

May 2015 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Youth Group 11:00 AM	4 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	5 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	12 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	13 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Children's Ministry Sleepover at DeBows
17 Youth Group (soup kitchen)	18 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	19 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	20 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24 Pentecost (wear red!) Youth Group 11:00 AM	25 Memorial Day 	26 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	27	28 Children's Ministry 6:00—7:30 PM	29	30
31 Youth Group 11:00 AM						