



## Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

### Cornerstone Connection

July 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 Assistant:

Elizabeth Hughes, 732-833-6857

#### Treasurer:

Tina Kas, 732-928-1778

#### Nursery Care:

Sueli Paes de Barros

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### A Short History of the Harmony Road Church

Church attendance records show that the number of Methodists in New Jersey around 1800 was approximately 3,000. This number increased to over 14,000 in thirty years. Over half of all New Jersey Methodists were reported to be located in Burlington County and western Ocean County. The fervent religious revival that occurred near the middle of the 19th century brought 23 new churches to Jackson Township. The Harmony Methodist-Presbyterian Church was the second of nine Methodist churches. Since this was a very rural area, the original congregation was made up of Methodists and Presbyterians and was called the Harmony Church based on the combination of Protestant faiths. This became the name of the community and the name of the road on which it stands.

The congregation first met in the barn of Gordon Matthews, a local farmer, in the early 1840s. In 1844, Silas Newman and John Clayton deeded land to the church trustees for a church building and a cemetery. Later that year, the original church, a log cabin, was built on the 5.8 acre tract of land but that was not on its current site. It burned down and was replaced in 1865 at its current location at the front of the property bordering Harmony Road. In 1886, a vestibule and steeple were added and in 1901 an addition was added to the altar area. The original porch was added in 1922 and has been modified an additional two times.

A cemetery that is behind the church was established by the original members and holds the gravesites of many of the families that inhabited the area. Some of the prominent family names are Clayton, Burke, Thompson, Matthews, Pearce, Cook, Applegate, Hankins, Holman, Bennett and Voorees. Schools and streets are named for several of these original settlers. Gravesites indicate members that fought in the Civil War and date to the mid-1860s as well as veterans that served in more recent wars. One plot is for the family of Reverend Strickland, who served as Pastor for many years in the 1800s.

The church has three beautiful stain glass windows on each side of the sanctuary that were donated by the following families: Clayton family (two windows), Matthews family (two windows), Boswell family and the Pearce family. They have remained in amazingly good conditions for the past 150 years.

*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.

## 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:*

- Cornerstone during this time of transition as we search for a new pastor and continue our renovations at the church on Harmony Road
- Doris Pfeiffen whose sister passed away in June
- Debbie LaCross and her family after the sudden passing of her nephew

### *Continued prayers for:*

- Tina Kas's mother who is being treated for breast cancer
- Meg Milligan's mother in Care One
- Our former intern (and the current Vice Moderator for the General Assembly), Larissa Kwong, who is being treated for breast cancer
- Laura Tunis continuing to recover from her second knee replacement and needing additional therapy
- 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](mailto:administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)



The church on Harmony Road in early June—the siding is now all complete!



7th Grade Academic Award recipients—congratulations to **Sara Floyd**, **Zoe Welch**, and **Ashley Moyer**!



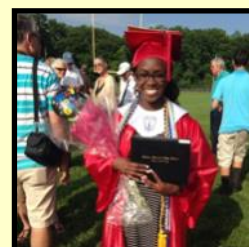
Congratulations to **Corey Pushko**, who was the poetry contest winner AND the t-shirt design winner for his 5th grade class!



## Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



**Marissa Tunis**  
(going to Stockton University)



**Shavonne Osiakwan**  
(going to Northeastern University)



**Madeleine Welch**  
(going to University of Delaware)



**Brandon Capurso**  
(going to Georgian Court University)



Our former Cornerstone intern, Vice Moderator of GA Larissa Kwong Abazia and her husband Dan and son Jonathan have moved to 139

Robbinsville Allentown

Rd. Robbinsville, NJ 08691. Larissa has been called to be on the Princeton Theological Seminary Staff in Church Relations. That is a great position and we rejoice with their move. However she has cancer and is receiving chemo treatments--our prayers go out to her.

## Road Cleanup



We have an opportunity to clean 2 Jackson roads in July to raise \$500 for our church! The dates will be **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** (9:15 AM) and **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** (9:00 AM) Thank you to all who expressed interest in helping! Please talk to Allyson Moyer to sign up for one of those dates.



**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!

## VBS Volunteers Needed! July 13-17, 2015



Vacation bible school will be July 13-17th at Jackson United Methodist Church from 5:00-8:15 PM each night. We do need adult and teen volunteers! Please speak to Elizabeth Hughes if you can help. Areas include registration, 5th & 6th grade team leader, Missions, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Science, and Snack. See page 9 for more information, and a link to a video preview of the G-Force program! Info specific to youth is on page 8.

## 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 7, 14, 21, and 28. Bring your beach chair and a bible!



## SAVE THE DATE for Jackson Day on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Thank you to Allyson Moyer for stepping up to chair this event!** This is a great opportunity to share the good news of Cornerstone and our new home on Harmony Road with our community. Please talk to Allyson if you can help!



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 Elizabeth



## Upcoming Services & Guest Pastors

### July 5—Kathy Genus



Kathy is our former Cornerstone intern, and our congratulations to her as she just graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in May! Kathy will now be looking for a job as a full-time pastor. We are thrilled and blessed to welcome her to preach for us!

### July 12—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! Mary preached for us in May, and we are thrilled to welcome her back!

### July 19—VBS Celebration Sunday—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.

### July 28—Communion Sunday—Reverend Robert Morrison



Rev Rob served as the first pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church until January 2011. Since then, he has served as the Interim Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan and Hope Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, Florida. Rev Rob and his wife Kathe have returned to Jackson for the summer, and we are blessed to have him preach for us and serve communion!

# WORSHIP



June 7th—our guest  
pastor, Reverend Cindy  
Bowman



Kathy Genus on June 14th



Reverend Tory Pruner 6/28



## Father's Day June 21st



Our guest, Anthony  
Maimone



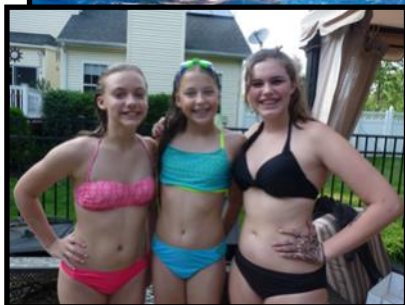


**Cornerstone Children's Ministry & The DeBows Wesley Club**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM**  
**Meets at DeBows United Methodist Church ,**  
**509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ**  
**Open to children in Kindergarten—6th Grade**

*Regular meetings will resume in September! Enjoy your summer!*



The end-of-the-year **Children's Ministry/Wesley Club POOL PARTY** was held at the Moyer's on **June 11!** The kids had a great time swimming, and it was a special day as we celebrated the gift of Pastor Betty and wished her well as she retired from DeBows in June. Thank you to the Moyers for hosting!



## Cornerstone Youth Ministry



Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. **Cornerstone Presbyterian Youth Group will resume weekly meetings on Sundays from 11:00-12:00 directly following the service on July 12th.**

Talk to our Youth Director, Wendy Barone, for more information on Youth Group!

Please consider volunteering with at the All Saints Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen. 2 youth group members are needed on the third Sunday of each month.

Fun activities are being planned for the summer! A visit to Ronald McDonald House to prepare a meal, a pool party, painting classes, food canvassing for the food pantry, and more! Stay tuned for details...

**Any questions or recommendations for youth group activities?** Contact Wendy Barone: [wendybarone@yahoo.com](mailto:wendybarone@yahoo.com) or 732-299-4390

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

### Vacation Bible School

#### Info for Youth

July 13-17, 2015, 5:45 PM—8:15 PM

(Dinner served daily at 5:00 PM)

Kids in Grades 7 and up are encouraged to volunteer at VBS at Jackson United Methodist Church.

On Wednesday, July 15th, there will be a special program for Youth from 8:30-9:30 PM, with ice cream sundaes, a time of devotion, and fun music! Talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more details!!





**Jackson United Methodist Church & Cornerstone Presbyterian Church**



**July 13–17, 2015 5:45–8:15 PM**

**(dinner served daily at 5:00 PM)**

**Pre-K through 6th grade (Middle School/High School youth volunteers welcome!)**

**Cost: FREE (voluntary donations accepted)**

**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. The main Bible verse for G-Force VBS is **Acts 17:28a, "In God we live, move, and exist."** A life with God is one of movement!

See Elizabeth Hughes for more information or a registration form!

Click here for a preview video of G-Force! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSGyy5vvNzs>

## Sundays in the Summer

During the summer months, the children will stay in worship for the service, and we will have activities for them to do at a back table if they wish. One ongoing project will be for them to color mini Bible story books that we will include in the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Regular Sunday School will resume in October. Nursery care is available any time if needed.





## **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.

**“Sparrows Singing” is the Summer praise choir during the months of July and August!** 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 or contact Susan ([srplus3@comcast.net](mailto:srplus3@comcast.net)).



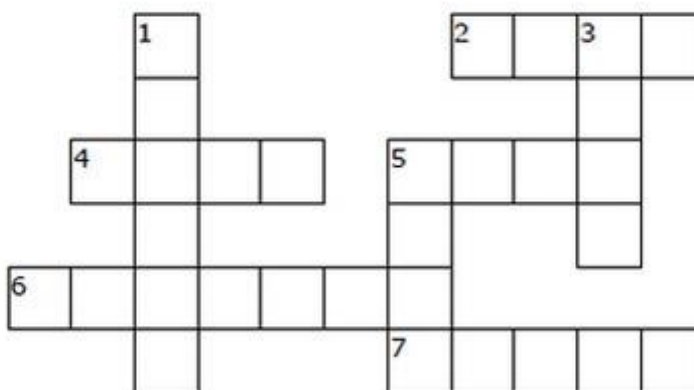


**Come learn about the call of Moses  
and other FUN Bible stories during  
VBS! July 13-17 at JUMC, 5:45-8:15 PM.  
See more info on page 9!**

## Moses and the Burning Bush

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Exodus 3:1-15



### ACROSS

2. A white liquid produced by cows, goats, and sheep
4. Belonging to God; sacred
5. To cause something to be destroyed by fire
6. Shoes with a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
7. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees

### DOWN

1. The surface of the Earth; soil
3. A country or region, especially someone's home
5. A plant that is smaller than a tree with many small branches

MILK	BURN	GROUND	SANDALS
BUSH	HONEY	HOLY	LAND





## 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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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.*

# July 2015 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11
12 Youth Group 11:00 AM	13	14 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	15 Jackson Street Cleanup	16	17	18 Jackson Street Cleanup 9:00 AM
19 Youth Group 11:00 AM	20	21 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26 Youth Group 11:00 AM 	27	28 Bible Study on the Beach 7:00 PM	29	30	31	