



# Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

## Cornerstone Connection

November 2015

*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

[www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

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Sueli Paes de Barros

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## Update on Harmony Road



Much progress has been made this past month in the renovations at Harmony Road! Spackling of the walls is finished and the interior painting of the sanctuary is completed. The carpeting has been ordered and will be installed mid-November. The septic system should be completed any day, and we are currently securing permits to install a handicap ramp. Felt pads have been placed on pews. There are several jobs that will be undertaken at our work day on 11/1 (see pg. 5 for more info).

The major jobs that remain are as follows:

- 1) Finish septic system
- 2) Install pump for well and test water
- 3) Excavate area for parking lot
- 4) Build handicap ramp
- 5) Pave handicap parking area
- 6) Install carpeting
- 7) Finish plumbing connections to well and septic
- 8) Add gravel to parking area
- 9) Do masonry work for steps to porch
- 10) Move trailer to end of current parking lot
- 11) Grease and repair bell
- 12) Install front doors
- 13) Install storm windows and repair altar side windows
- 14) Lower wall in front of choir loft

**Praise God, there is light at the end of the tunnel! Thank you to Bruce Thompson and to everyone who has helped along the way!**

*Worship at McAuliffe Middle School*

*35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson*

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

# Cornerstone Community



Faron Trick, 11/1  
 Naija Smith, 11/3  
 Michele Calhoun 11/8  
 Todd Moyer, 11/10  
 Vanessa Smith, 11/12  
 Colin DiGirolamo, 11/14  
 Tina Kas, 11/15  
 Daniel Fowler, 11/16  
 Dave Carlson, 11/18  
 Kahra Woolverton, 11/22  
 Jonathan Hughes, 11/24  
 David LaCross, 11/27  
 Laurie Wegner, 11/27  
 Marye Barbagallo, 11/28  
 Becky Osiakwan, 11/29  
 Fred Mallison, 11/29  
 Austin Floyd, 11/30



Marlene & Don Kiefer, 11/7  
 Allyson & Todd Moyer, 11/24

## 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

Joan Mallison  
 Barbara Dougherty



## Please pray for:

- Joan Mallison as her cancer has returned
- George Nebel recovering from a recent stay in the hospital
- Bev Kaiser recovering at Fountain View Care Center on Route 9 in Lakewood (near Kimball Hospital). Bev would welcome visits, phone calls, and cards to lift her spirits. Her phone number is 732-534-8237 and address is: Fountain View Care Center, 527 River Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701

## Continued prayers for:

- Dave Carlson as he recovers from a fractured pelvis
- Cornerstone during this time of transition as we search for a new pastor and continue our renovations at the church on Harmony Road
- Our former intern (and the current Vice Moderator for the General Assembly), Larissa Kwong, who is being treated for breast cancer
- Laura Tunis with continued knee problems after a second knee replacement surgery
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold
- 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)



Tina Kas and her family at the Race for the Cure, October 4th at Great Adventure, where they ran to support breast cancer research in honor of her mother.



Ben Leach and Jonathan Hughes walked with their Cub Scout Den in the Juvenile Diabetes Walk on October 11th to support their friend Chris who was recently diagnosed.



The Jackson Memorial Marching Band won the Tournament of Bands NJ State Championship on October 24th. Congratulations to our Cornerstone Jaguars: **Marissa Rosato, Madeline Sarti, Nicholas Hughes, and Annabel Hughes.** Good luck at Nationals on November 8th!



**Marissa Rosato** singing "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" at Jackson Memorial High School Broadway Night on October 21st. Way to go, Marissa!



**Sue Bross's** son Joe Bross, was married on 10/17/15 to his fiancé Brynn. The photo above shows the 4 DaConceicao girls (daughters of Manny and Vernice) from right to left: Susan, Shirley, Sharlene, and Sharon. What a beautiful family!

**Cornerstone has a need for new deacons to serve starting in 2016.**

**What is a Deacon?**



**The information below is taken from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order 2013-2015. If you feel called to serve as a Deacon, please talk to Gail Carlson, chairperson of the Cornerstone Nominating Committee.**

G-2.02 DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE G-2.0201 Deacon Defined  
The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress . Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

G-2.0202 Under Authority of the Session Deacons may be individually commissioned or organized as a board of deacons. In either case, their ministry is under the supervision and authority of the session. Deacons may also be given special assignments in the congregation, such as caring for members in need, handling educational tasks, cultivating liberality in giving, collecting and disbursing monies to specific persons or causes, or overseeing the buildings and property of the congregation. Deacons shall assume other duties as may be delegated to them by the session, including assisting with the Lord's Supper. (W-3.3616). A congregation by a majority vote may choose not to utilize the ordered ministry of deacons. If the congregation has neither a board of deacons nor individually commissioned deacons, the function of this ordered ministry shall be the responsibility of the ruling elders and the session.



## Work Day at Harmony Road: November 1st after church



We will welcome our friends from the Presbyterian Church in Manasquan after worship on Sunday, November 1st to help us with our continuing renovations!

The plan for the day is to: install lower storm windows, paint exterior window frames (scrape where needed), clean stained glass windows, repair floor in altar area, clean up area around trailer, clean basement area, install stained glass window behind altar, finish clearing trailer, and place pews in proper places. Please come and help if you are able! Talk to Bruce Thompson for more information.



**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!



We now have a fundraising page set up to help raise funds for our restoration of the Harmony Road Church! Please share this link with anyone who wishes to help support our efforts with a tax deductible donation:

**[www.gofundme.com/2a9hjpp8c](http://www.gofundme.com/2a9hjpp8c)**

Please note that there is a fee collected for this service, so it would be best for our members and close friends to donate directly to the church. **THANK YOU!**



### *Dinner For 8* *Let the Season Begin!* **December 4th at 6:00 PM**

The deacons are excited to organize another evening of adult fellowship, food, and fun on **Friday, December 4th at 6:00 PM!** If you would like to participate as either a host or attendee, please fill out a form in church and give it to Betty Thompson, or you can call (732-276-7179) or email her [bhthompson10@aol.com](mailto:bhthompson10@aol.com) to let her know you are interested. You can sign up as a single or a couple. Deadline to sign up is 11/29.



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 Hughes with any questions.

## Cornerstone Food Drive to Benefit our Jackson Community



### Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Youth Group will be collecting Thanksgiving food items to help our Jackson families have a nice Thanksgiving meal.

**Please bring your non-perishable donations to church on or before November 15th.**

Needed items include but are not limited to:

- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Canned Veggies
- Instant Potatoes
- Cranberry
- Sweet potatoes
- Apple Juice
- Hot Chocolate
- Coffee/Tea Bags
- Boxed Dessert Mix
- What's your favorite you'd like to share?

The Jackson Food Pantry is able to store Frozen Turkeys so if you are not using your free turkey, consider donating it. The Youth Group is happy to shop for you if you prefer to donate a ShopRite Gift Card or money.

Youth will be delivering to Food Pantry on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Allyson Moyer for more information (732) 961-3192

## Upcoming Worship Services



We are pleased to announce that Reverend Victoria "Tory" Pruner has agreed to preach for us during the months of November and December, to provide consistency as we enter the seasons of Stewardship and Advent.

Reverend 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. Tory and her husband Jim have three daughters and live in Toms River. We are very blessed to have her preach for us!

On the first four Sundays in November, Reverend Pruner will preach a Stewardship sermon series called "Journey of Faith," culminating on Stewardship Sunday, November 22nd. November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent, and she will begin a series "The Greatest Story Told," focusing on different characters in the story of Jesus' birth.

## Christmas Eve Worship

**December 24, 2015**

We are currently planning to hold Christmas Eve Worship in our new church home on Harmony Road! Stay tuned for more details as the renovations continue and plans are finalized in the upcoming weeks.



## Welcoming New Members— November 8th

During worship on November 8th we will welcome new members Fred VanLooy, Kathe Morrison and Jim & Nancy Foster. Join us as we officially welcome them to our congregation! If you are interested in becoming a member of Cornerstone, please talk to Bruce Thompson or any elder on our Session.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

**November 22, 2014**

The annual Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 22nd, 6:00 PM, at Hope Cathedral on Bennetts Mills Road next to JR Landscaping. Several of our members have attended this service over the years and are always moved by the joyful music and the celebration of all that we have to be thankful for. Come join with churches throughout our community for this special service! Those who attend are invited to bring a dessert or snack to share.







## October 4th, World Communion Sunday



We were blessed to have Paul Kessler open worship by blowing the shofar, and to have Rev Rob preach for us!



Dominique Robert, Sueli Paes de Barros and Fred VanLooy welcomed us in different languages.



Reverend Marie Branigan was our guest on October 18th.



October 11th—it's always a pleasure to have Anthony Maimone preach for us!



Reverend Victoria Pruner preached for us on October 25th



**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 Donna Ridge from DeBows and Elizabeth Hughes from Cornerstone. A fun evening of Christian fellowship through bible lessons, crafts, games, snacks, and occasional field trips.

Fall/Winter lessons will be on The Rainbow Promise and Fruit of the Spirit.

**Upcoming Meetings for Fall/Winter:**

- **Thursday, November 12: The Rainbow Promise (Genesis 8:20-9:17)**
- **Sunday, November 22: Children sing at the Community Thanksgiving Service**
- **Thursday, December 10: Fruit of the Spirit—Joy (Psalm 100:1-5) & Peace (Matthew 5:1-9)**
- **Thursday, December 17: Christmas Caroling at Care One**
- **Thursday, January 14: Fruit of the Spirit—Love (1 Cor 13:1-13)**



**Sunday, October 25th**

Thank you to all who came and helped out for another fun night of Trunk or Treat with DeBows Methodist Church! A great time was had by all. Congratulations to the Capursos, the LaCross Family, and the Mondays for winning prizes for the best decorated trunks! A special THANK YOU to Denise Tullo who brought four trays of ziti!



**The LaCross's trunk—  
"Best Use of Light and  
Smoke!"**



**The Monday's trunk—  
"Most Halloweeny"**



**The Capurso's trunk—  
"Most Creative"**



**Cornerstone Youth Group is for kids in Middle School and High School!** The calendar for November is shown below, and events for December are on our website ([click here](#)). Our thanks to Allyson Moyer for volunteering to coordinate Youth activities—please contact her with any questions.



**Saturday, Nov 7th 11 AM**

**Canoeing/Kayaking at Manasquan Reservoir**

Pack a lunch and join us for a fun day enjoying the great outdoors! Meet at the Visitor Center at 11 AM. Manasquan Reservoir has so much to offer and its right in our back yard in Howell. Families welcome!  
Host: Allyson Moyer (732) 245-6581 (contact for carpooling)

**Monday, Nov 9th 3 PM**

**Prepare a Meal at Ronald McDonald House**

One of our favorite things to do! Lets cook together so families in need can enjoy a home cooked meal while visiting their sick child. Meet at RMH, 131 Bath Avenue, Long Branch at 3:00pm. It is a shortened day for Jackson Schools. Host: Allyson Moyer (732)245-6581 (contact for carpooling)

**Sunday, Nov 15th 12 PM**

**Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood, NJ**

Cornerstone is committed to help the local families by serving hot meals the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Two youth and one adult are needed. Please consider taking a few hours (2 at most) to help. Meet at 12pm at All Saint Episcopal Church, Rt 9, Lakewood. Host: Allyson (732) 245-6581 or Elizabeth (732) 580-3137

**Wednesday, Nov 18 4 PM**

**Volleyball and Pizza**

Get outside and enjoy the beautiful fall weather before we are stuck inside! Meet at Justice Complex Volleyball court at 4pm. After game we will head over to Mangia for a slice! Host: Annabel Hughes (732) 580-3137

**Thursday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 6:45 PM Beyond Youth Night at Keswick – Whiting, NJ**

<http://www.americaskeswick.org/christian-events/monthly-events/beyond-youth-night>

Join many young teens from the area for a night of music, games, swimming and snacks. Cost is \$10/per group. Visit the website for more information. No host needed. This is an open event for all youth. Contact Allyson for more info or to arrange carpooling.

**Saturday, Nov 21 10 AM**

**Hiking Excursion**

Get out and enjoy the fall with some friends. We will hike ..... and stop for lunch along with trail so pack a light lunch.  
Host needed! Please contact Allyson Moyer if you can help plan this event.



# YOUTH MINISTRY



SixFlags  
**FRIGHT  
FEST**

October 10th



Apple picking  
10/12



Youth Night at  
Keswick—10/15



## Operation Christmas Child



The church ladies have filled 86 boxes for Operation Christmas Child and we have more boxes that we invite the congregation to take home and fill! THANK YOU to all who took boxes home so far - the remaining boxes will be available in church, along with some supplies to help get you started. Boxes must be returned to church by **November 15th**. We are also seeking donations to help cover the cost of shipping the boxes abroad (\$7/box). If you can help, please place your offering marked "Shoebboxes" in the offering plate. THANK YOU!

## Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 18th

Thanks to ALL who walked and supported Team Cornerstone—we raised a total of **\$842!**



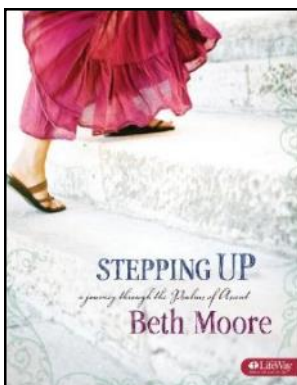
## Newark Boys Chorus 12/9



Cornerstone has a group going to see the Newark Boys Chorus at the Algonquin Theatre in Manasquan on Wednesday, December 9th at 10 AM. Tickets are general admission, so it's not too late to purchase tickets and join us! We will be going to lunch after the show. Talk to Elizabeth Hughes or Betty Thompson for more information.

## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

### All Women Welcome!



This group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12 at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The women are doing a Beth Moore DVD Study called Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent. All women are welcome! Please see Elizabeth Hughes for more info.

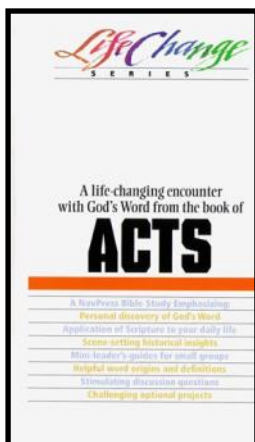
**Description:** Traveling pilgrims sang these psalms both on the way to the great festivals of the LORD and as key elements of the worship at those festivals. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 psalms model how we can voice our own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us.

Explore the major feasts of Israel and journey with Beth through this 7-session study. Themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers in Jesus Christ can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study meets on Thursdays from 6:30-8 PM at the home of Bob

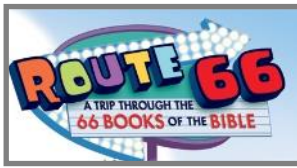
and Laurie Wegner. The group is continuing their study of the book "A Life Changing Encounter With God's Word from the Book of Acts," and all adults are welcome to participate!



**Description:** From its beginnings among Jesus' disciples, the church exploded into a worldwide force in just a few years. How? Jesus left His followers with a mission, and the Spirit of God moved mightily through them to fulfill it. The 20 sessions of this Bible study on the book of Acts examine Luke's account of how the gospel spread and challenge us to know and live out our mission in the world.



## Sunday School for Kids!



The **K-6th Grade** class will continue their study of "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 **7th-12th Grade** class will begin a new style of class focused on the NOOMA DVD series and discussion.

### Teachers:

**Nursery:** Sueli Paes de Barros

**Elementary:** Kellie Pushko, Lisa Monday, Kathe Morrison & rotating teachers

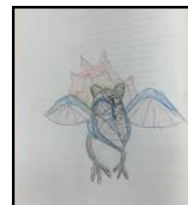
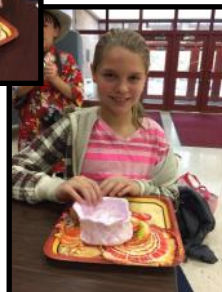
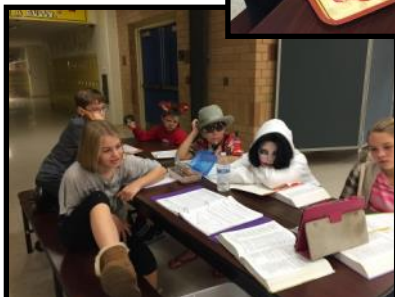
**Middle & High School:** Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert

### RALLY DAY 10/4

Sunday School resumed for kids during worship! The kids enjoyed a photo scavenger hunt with clues from the Bible!



### Reformation Sunday 10/25



What do seraphim look like?



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

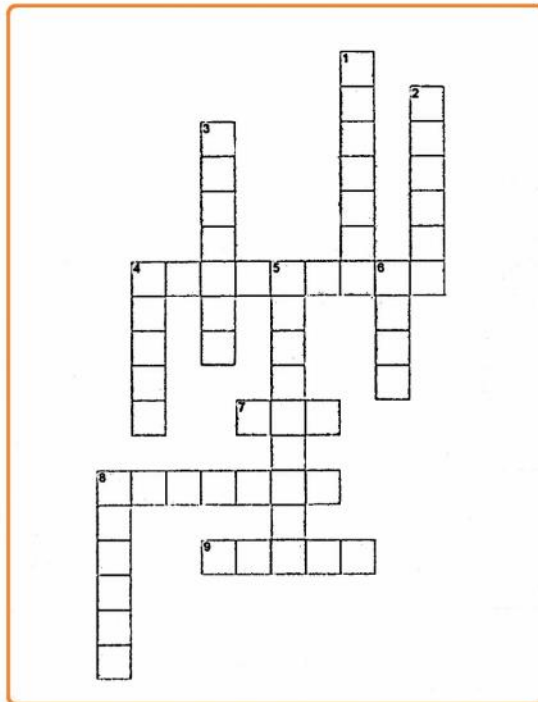
Rehearsals are low key and fun! We are always looking for new members and hope that you will prayerfully consider joining this awesome group of singers. Singing is another way that we can pray. Think about trying something new – your voice in a choir. If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by or contact Susan ([srplus3@comcast.net](mailto:srplus3@comcast.net)).



We were blessed on October 4th to hear Vikki Leach sing "Amazing Grace" and to have guest Will Vanderburg fill in for us while Susan was away.



# Happy Thanksgiving

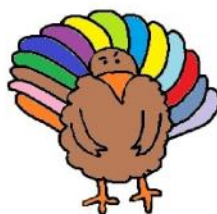


## Across

4. God gives us -- all through the year.
7. We should remember to thank God every \_\_\_\_
8. The pilgrims came to America to have freedom to \_\_\_\_
9. Giving thanks before eating is a way to \_\_\_\_ God.

## Down

1. Thanksgiving was made an official holiday by President \_\_\_\_.
2. We should give \_\_\_\_ in all things,
3. The pilgrims and Native Americans had a feast to give thanks for a bountiful \_\_\_\_
4. In the Lord's prayer, we praise God for our daily \_\_\_\_.







## 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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**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.*

# November 2015 at Cornerstone

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                                   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat   |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|-----|---|
| 1   | 2  | 3<br>Women's Bible Study<br>10:30 AM  | 4  | 5<br>Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 PM                                       | 6   | 7<br>Youth at Manasquan<br>Reservoir<br>11 AM |
| 8   | 9<br>Youth Ronald<br>McDonald House<br>3 PM        | 10<br>Women's Bible Study<br>10:30 AM | 11   | 12<br>Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 PM                                      | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16<br>Youth Volunteers at<br>Soup Kitchen<br>12 PM | 17<br>Women's Bible Study<br>10:30 AM | 18<br>Youth Volleyball<br>4 PM<br>Session Meeting<br>7:00 PM | 19<br>Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 PM<br>Youth Night at<br>Keswick 6:45 PM | 20  | 21<br>Youth Hiking Trip<br>10 AM              |
| 22  | 23   | 24                                    | 25   | 26<br>Happy Thanksgiving  | 27  | 28  |
| 29<br>Community<br>Thanksgiving Service<br>6 PM | 30   |                                       |  |   |     |   |
| Comunion Served<br>1st Sunday in Advent         |  |                                       |  |   |     |   |