



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

December 2015

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children
during worship)

Pastor:

Tory Pruner, 732-691-5825

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Nursery Care:

Sueli Paes de Barros

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Cornerstone is pleased to announce our new pastor Reverend Victoria Pruner!



As of December 1, 2015 we welcome Reverend Tory Pruner as our new Pastor. She has been hired by the session to serve as our pastor in our time of transition. Tory comes to Cornerstone with years of experience. She served as the Associate Pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Toms River for 27 years. Her responsibilities included work with the finance, property, outreach, stewardship, and Christian education commissions. She led the children's ministry and worked with the youth and adult ministries. Last year Tory went on permanent disability because of Lupus and ongoing back issues. During that time she came to Cornerstone as one of our guest preachers. Then this summer she expressed interest in possibly serving as our pastor. Tory shared with our pastor search committee, "Now that I am on disability, I have discovered a stirring within my heart that the Lord is not done with me yet. I believe God has a place where I may faithfully serve him despite my limitations. My ability to only work part-time, my passion to see the church of Jesus Christ grow, and the Spirit's working on my heart all point to God's call in my life to pastor to the small church." We believe that Tory is a perfect fit for this stage in the life of our congregation. We encourage you to introduce yourself as you welcome Tory so she can begin to get to know your name. Let us together give her a warm welcome to our family of faith!

Congregational Meeting December 6th

The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on December 6th after the 10 AM worship service for the purpose of receiving the nominating committee report with nominations for elders, deacons, clerk of session, and nominating committee members for 2016.

Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Brandon Capurso, 12/1
Denise Mudalel, 12/3
Grace Tomczak, 12/4
Ryan Calhoun, 12/10
Tyler Capurso, 12/14
John Lukacs, 12/23
Courtney Cromie, 12/24
Michael DiGirolamo, 12/27
Sharron Smith, 12/27
Nicholas Tedeschi, 12/28
Lori Miller, 12/29
Sami Miner, 12/31



Sueli & Dominique Robert, 12/26

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 Nebel and her family after the passing of our dear friend George on November 23rd.
- Bev Kaiser is now in a rehab facility in Edison so that she can be close to her daughter Diana. Bev would welcome phone calls, cards, or visitors: JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates, Room 124, 10 Brunswick Ave, Edison NJ 08817, (732) 839-9565

Continued prayers for:

- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold. John's birthday is on 12/23! If you'd like to send a birthday or Christmas card, his address is: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Joan Mallison being treated for cancer
- Cornerstone as we 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
- 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

Welcome to our New Members who joined Cornerstone on November 8, 2015!



Fred VanLooy has been attending Cornerstone for several years and has been very active in the restoration efforts at the Harmony Road church. Fred is retired and currently acts as a hospital trustee. He also enjoys to travel!



Susan Rovira has been the Director of Music for Cornerstone since January 2013. Susan is a music teacher and has worked in public school music programs for more than 35 years. She also teaches yoga!



Kathe Morrison is the wife of our founding pastor, Reverend Robert Morrison, and a former member and Director of Christian Education at Cornerstone. She has rejoined Cornerstone after relocating to Jackson from Florida this year!



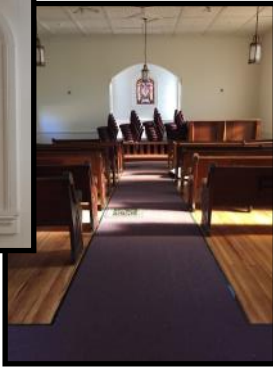
Jim and Nancy Foster found Cornerstone when they drove past the Harmony Road church, and they have quickly gotten involved! They both sing in the choir, and Nancy has been active with the Church Ladies. They have 3 adult children. Jim works as a safety manager/consultant and enjoys golf, reading, and cooking. Nancy is retired from her job as a real estate paralegal.



The Jackson Memorial High School marching band was featured in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia! Great job by our Cornerstone Jaguars: **Marissa Rosato, Madeline Sarti, Nicholas Hughes, and Annabel Hughes.**



Congratulations to **Jared Calhoun** and the Jackson Jaguars for their football playoff victories against Brick and Steinart. Good luck in the championship game on December 5th at Rutgers as the Jaguars look to defend their title against Brick Memorial!



The original stained glass window has been put in place behind the altar, and new carpeting has been installed!

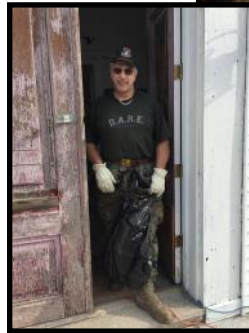
Update on Harmony Road



Despite a lot of prayer and hard work, it has been determined that we will not be able to be in our new church home by Christmas Eve as we had hoped. The zoning permit for the handicap ramp was just received and filed for a building permit. The building department is backed up and that permit will likely not be received until mid-December. The permit for masonry and paved parking has to go to the Zoning Board, and they will meet on

December 2nd before we can get a permit and then we have to file for a building permit that we will probably not get until after the first of the year. We will schedule a work day in December (weather permitting) to finish up what loose ends we can to secure the building and keep it as insulated as possible. The new church doors will be installed before Christmas. God is good, we will be in our new home as soon as possible, according to His plan!

THANK YOU to our friends from the Presbyterian Church in Manasquan who came and helped us on a November 1st Work Day!



We're proud of our Cornerstone Boy Scouts, shown above as they helped to place thousands of flags at Ryan Funeral Home in honor of Veteran's Day. Great job **Corey & Matty Pushko, Jonathan Hughes, and Ben Leach!**



Christmas Joy Offering



A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring "good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10) to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48).

The Christmas Joy Offering will be accepted throughout the month of December with a special collection on December 20th and 24th. Envelopes are available if needed, or mark your check "Joy offering." Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thank you for your support!

Poinsettia Sale Update



Thank you to all who supported our poinsettia fundraiser! All proceeds will benefit our building fund! Plants will be available to take home from worship on December 13th. If you are able, please return the plants each week during Advent/Christmas to help make our worship space beautiful!

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser



We are selling 3-inch round shatterproof Christmas ornaments and all proceeds will benefit our church! The ornaments are \$6 each. Please see Elizabeth Hughes to purchase one!

Bake Sale 12/13



As a fundraiser for Cornerstone, the Church Ladies will host a bake sale on Sunday, December 13th. Please support this fundraiser by donating baked good, or come and shop for some holiday treats! Any contributions would be much appreciated! Please contact Nancy Foster or Barbara Dougherty with questions or if you would like to help. We thank them for organizing the sale!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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.

Holiday Fundraiser

Cicconi Farms

Friday, November 27th. through December 24th
Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Decorations & More!

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church invites you to "Deck the Halls" at our Holiday Fundraiser being held at Cicconi Farms, 1005 Farmingdale Rd. Jackson

Help support our Church!

Come out and choose from a great selection of Freshly Cut Christmas Trees, Plain or Exquisitely Decorated Wreaths, Aromatic Roping, Festive Door Swags, Mantle Pieces and more. Shop for all of your Holiday decorating needs.

10% of your purchase will benefit Cornerstone Presbyterian Church



Nov. 27th. - Dec. 24th.

Hours: 9 AM. to 7 PM. Daily.

Match your décor!

Custom designs made to order!

Free Hot Cocoa, Tea & Snacks!

Don't forget to bring your camera!



Please present slip at time of sale to receive credit for your purchases.

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Holiday Fundraiser

JOIN US AT CICONI FARMS: 1005 Farmingdale Road, Jackson, NJ

December Services:

December 6: 2nd Sunday in Advent;
Sermon Series "The Greatest Story Ever Told" Week 2: The Angel Gabriel.

December 13: 3rd Sunday in Advent;
Sermon Series "The Greatest Story Ever Told" Week 3: Joseph. Christmas Play during worship!

December 20: 4th Sunday in Advent;
Sermon Series "The Greatest Story Ever Told" Week 4: Mary.

December 24 Christmas Eve 5 PM "The Greatest Story Ever Told: Host of Angels," Communion Served.

December 27: Sermon Series "The Greatest Story Ever Told" Week 5: Shepherds. Communion Served



Pastor Tory with some members of the Pastor Search Committee



The Leach Family lighting the candles on the first Sunday in Advent.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24, 2014

5:00 PM

McAuliffe Middle School



There will be one nativity and communion service with candlelight FOR ALL at 5 PM. Join us to hear the Story of Christmas and the miracle of Jesus's birth, and share in Communion as we gather together for this very special worship service in celebration of the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

SOUP AND BREAD & ADVENT CELEBRATION Dec. 6th

All are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, December 6th for a meal of soup and bread to officially welcome Reverend Tory Pruner as our new pastor! We will also have tables set up with crafts for children and adults! We hope all can stay for this time of fellowship!



The Living NATIVITY

December 12th at 7:00 PM (soup at 6:00 PM)



Jackson United Methodist Church
68 Bennetts Mills Road

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 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.

Winter lessons will be on the Fruit of the Spirit.

Upcoming Meetings for Fall/Winter:

- Thursday, December 10: Fruit of the Spirit—Joy (Psalm 100:1-5) & Peace (Matthew 5:1-9). Children will make Christmas cards.
- Thursday, December 17: 6:30 PM Christmas Caroling at Care One
- Thursday, January 14: Fruit of the Spirit—Love (1 Cor 13:1-13)



Community Thanksgiving Service

On Sunday, November 22nd, the annual Community Thanksgiving Service was held at Hope Cathedral. Our Children's Ministry sang a musical number with children from Jackson United Methodist Church.

Cornerstone Youth Group is for kids in Middle School and High School! Our thanks to Allyson Moyer for volunteering to coordinate Youth activities—please contact her with any questions.



1st Tuesday 6:30pm **Christmas Party at Surf Taco Lounge**



Its Taco Tuesday! Lets get together for some laughs and dinner. Secret Santa gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift under \$5.00. Meet at Surf Taco, Hope Chapel Rd. at 6:30pm. Host: Allyson (732)245-6581.

15th Tuesday 6:30pm **Christmas Caroling at Care One (with Children's Ministry)**



Help spread holiday cheer to those at Care One. Grab your Santa hats and sing the holiday classics...you'll enjoy the smiles on the elderly's faces. Meet at CareOne at 6:30pm or contact host to arrange pick-up.

Host: Elizabeth (732)580-3137.

20th Sunday 12pm **Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood, NJ**



Cornerstone is committed to help the local families by serving hot meal the 3rd Sunday of every month. Two youth and one adult are needed. Time commitment is less than 2 hours.

Meet at 12pm at All Saint Episcopal Church, Rt 9, Lakewood.

Host: Allyson (732) 245-6581 or Elizabeth (732) 580-3137.

Angel tree - We have adopted a family of 5 children and 2 adults for Christmas from the Jackson Food Pantry. The angel tree has been set-up at church. Please consider taking an angel and buying a gift for the family. The Youth will be delivering the gifts to the food pantry on Monday, Dec 14th. Time TBA. Questions contact Allyson.



**We have some great events scheduled for the New Year.
Stay tuned!**

Questions and suggestions on things to do are always welcome!
Email Allyson: allymoyer@gmail.com

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE OF CENTRAL & NORTHERN NEW JERSEY



November 16, 2015

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
Attn: Allyson Moyer
35 South Hope Chapel Road, PO Box 140
Jackson, NJ 08527

Dear Caring Friends of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank you for taking time to create a delicious meal for our families on November 9, 2015. This means a lot to us and to the families staying with us. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to you.

For over 25 years, the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch has been assisting families during a time of unimaginable stress and uncertainty by providing a comfortable, safe, supportive environment with quick, easy access to the hospital 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. We understand that children need more than excellent medical care; they need their family close by for comfort and support. We help children heal by helping their family stay strong.

Our "caring cook" program enables families to come home to the House after a long day at the hospital or work to enjoy good food, connect with others, and share their feelings and concerns. By making dinner (and adequate leftovers) you've provided a much-needed meal for worried moms, dads, and siblings who are often so busy they forget to eat. Coming home to a meal provided by caring individuals truly makes a difference.

The meal made with love was eagerly received at "the House that Love Built." Thank you for making our families' day a little more appetizing.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Maria Taylor
Maria Taylor

The Youth volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch on Nov. 9th, where they prepared a meal for the residents.



Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen



Delivering Food to the Jackson Food Pantry





Helping Local People in Need

We are once again participating in the Adopt-a-Family Program and are collecting gifts for one Jackson family of 7. There are 2 adults and 5 children ranging in age from 2-15. Please visit our angel tree on Sunday morning 12/6 if you would like to donate, and bring **wrapped** gifts to church on or before December 13th. THANK YOU!

Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child



This year our church filled 118 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who donated supplies and filled boxes, and a special thanks to Betty Thompson and Gail & Dave Carlson for delivering the boxes!

Stay tuned—we look forward to getting specific information this year on where our boxes go!



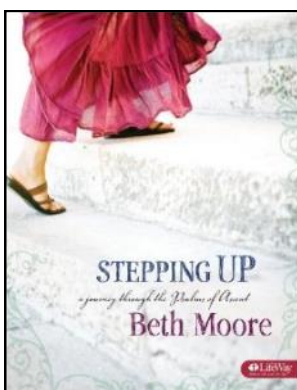
Newark Boys Chorus 12/9



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!

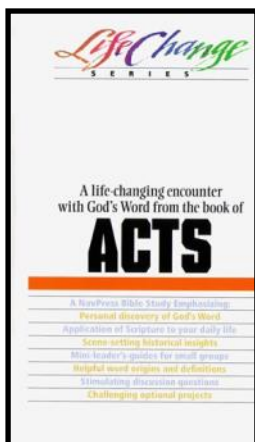


This group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12 at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The women are doing a Beth Moore DVD Study called Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent. All women are welcome!

This study will conclude on December 1st, and the group will resume meetings with a new study in January. Stay tuned for details!

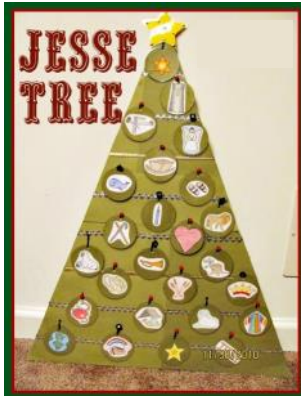
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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.

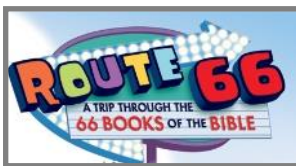
Christmas Play 12/13



This year's Christmas Play will be held in worship on Sunday, December 13 at the 10 AM service at Christa McAuliffe Middle School. The theme of the play is "The Jesse Tree." A Jesse tree is a very old tradition that is used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of King David. Please join us for this very special worship service as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas!



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 is continuing a new style of class focused on the NOOMA DVD series and discussion.

Teachers:

Nursery: Sueli Paes de Barros

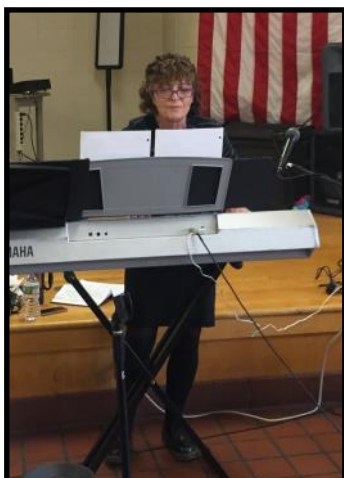
Elementary: Kellie Pushko, Lisa Monday, Kathe Morrison & rotating teachers

Middle & High School: Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert



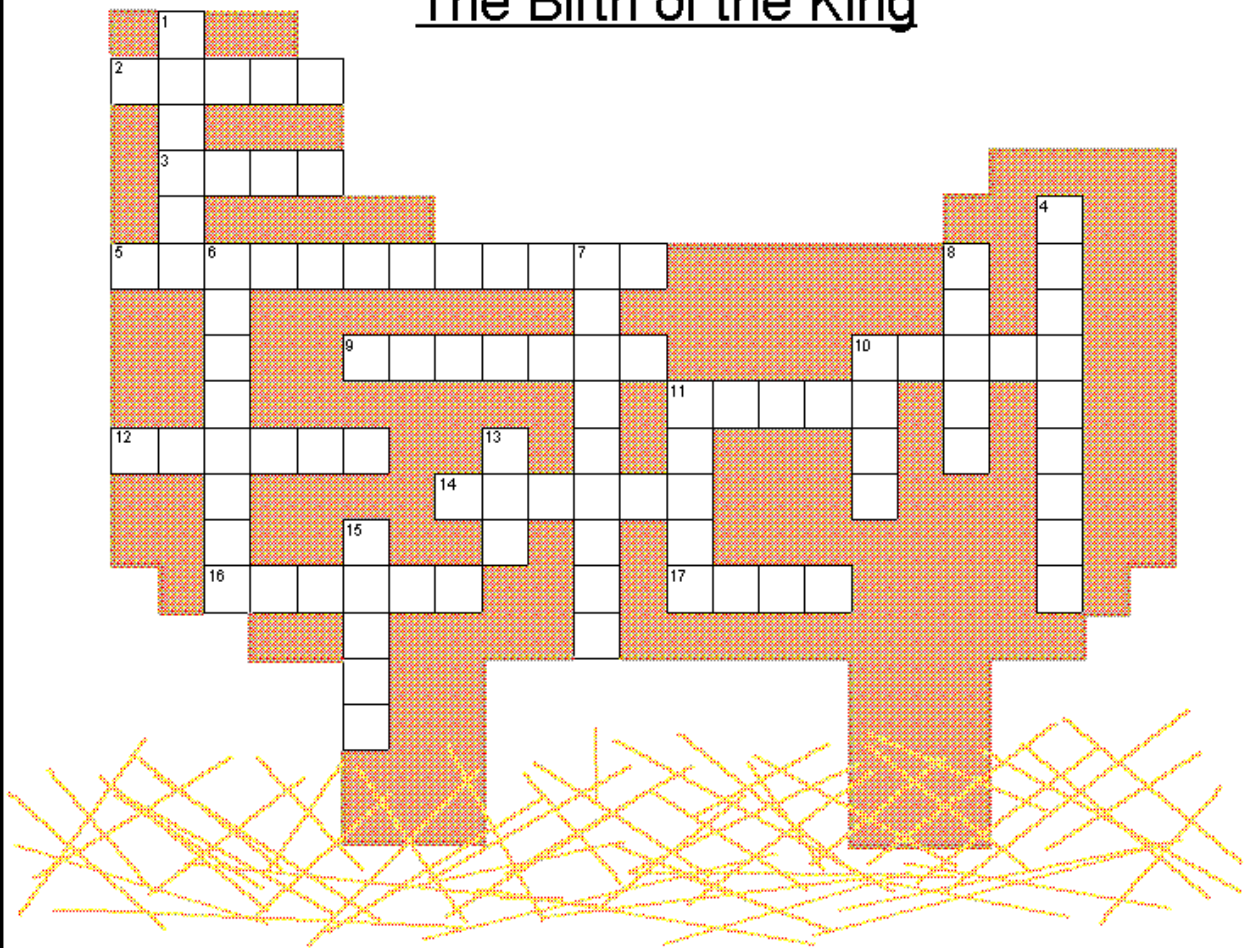
The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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).





The Birth of the King



Across

2. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to pay these
3. A precious metal: one of the gifts from the 3 kings
5. A fragrant gum used to make incense: one of the gifts from the wisemen
9. The 3 kings from the east
10. A pungent tasting herb: A gift from the wisemen
11. Bethlehem is here
12. Mary's husband
14. These appeared to shepherds and told them about the birth of Christ
16. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a _____, which is Christ the Lord
17. This led the wisemen to Jesus

Down

1. An open box to hold food for livestock: Mary laid Jesus in one
4. The city of His birth
6. The Roman emperor who taxed everyone
7. Angels told these guys about His birth while they were watching their flocks
8. The king of Judea when Jesus was born
10. His mother
11. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name _____
13. He was born in a stable because there was no room here
15. We celebrate His _____ at Christmas



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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Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

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December 2015 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Youth Christmas Party at Surf Taco 6:30 PM	2	3 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	4	5
6 Congregational Meeting Soup & Bread/ Advent Celebration	7	8	9 Outing to Algonquin Theatre and Lunch 10 AM	10 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM	11	12
13 Children's Play during worship Bake Sale	14	15 Children's Ministry & Youth Caroling 6:30 PM at Care One	16 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship at McAuliffe 5 PM	25  Merry Christmas!	26
27  Communion Served	28	29	30	31		