



## Cornerstone Connection

January 2016

*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children  
during worship)

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Sueli Paes de Barros

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### A Message from our Pastor

Happy New Year! A new year has begun for us at Cornerstone but 2016 will not be like any other year. For great new adventures of mission and ministry will begin as we move to our "new church home" on Harmony Road! For years our congregation has prayed for a place to call home. The Lord has answered our prayers. Praise be to God! Now we prepare to move, even as we continue our worship and work at the McAuliffe Middle School. I am so honored to share with you in this exciting and historic moment in the life of Cornerstone. For years you have faithfully waited for the time when God would open the way to a Church building and now we are here. We wait on some permits and final outside work and then we move. All of this could not have come about without the many hands volunteering, giving of themselves. We especially need to give thanks to Bruce Thomson who has headed up the entire renovation project. I have been able to witness first hand Bruce in action and I am so very grateful that God has given us Bruce to lead the way. God has truly blessed the faithfulness of each of you.

In 2016 there will be new opportunities to give of our time, talents, and treasures. I encourage each of you to pray for God to reveal how you may best serve him. I believe that there will be new people to welcome, new ministries and missions to partner in and new ways to learn and grow in our faith together. Today is the day to jump in and get involved, as we follow the Lord.

*Worship at McAuliffe Middle School*

*35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson*

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

# Cornerstone Community



Kristen DiGirolamo, 1/6  
 Amity Mamola, 1/7  
 Tim Woolverton, 1/10  
 John Bestenheider, 1/10  
 Dylan Nelson, 1/18  
 Sean Slusak, 1/18  
 Glenn Tunis, 1/19  
 Manny DaConceicao, 1/21  
 Marlene Kiefer, 1/21  
 Laura Stone, 1/23  
 Ben Leach, 1/26  
 Sam Hekl, 1/28  
 Leah Hekl, 1/28  
 Shavonne Osiakwan, 1/30  
 Anna Mudalel, 1/31  
 John Hekl, 1/31

## 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

2016 Tina Kas  
 Patti Miller  
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)  
 Bob Wegner

2017 Vikki Leach  
 Todd Moyer  
 Kellie Pushko  
 Ray Schleckser

2018 Bruce Thompson  
 Gail Carlson  
 Laura Stone  
 David LaCross

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Betty Thompson  
 Wendy Barone

Lisa Capurso  
 Barbara Dougherty

Allyson Moyer  
 Elizabeth Hughes



### *Please pray for:*

- Bubba Smith recovering at home from extensive back surgery
- Joan Mallison after a recent hospital stay, as she continues cancer treatments

### *Continued prayers for:*

- Bev Kaiser who recently returned from rehab to her home in Jackson but will need to readjust to living on her own with mobility issues
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Cornerstone as we continue our renovations at the church on Harmony Road
- 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](mailto:administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

## Christmas Caroling at Care One

The Children's Ministry and Youth group joined with other Cornerstone members to sing for the residents at Care One. They also had a chance to visit with Meg Milligan's mom!



Congratulations to **Ashley DiGirolamo**—Student of the Month!



**Meg Milligan** (aka Macaroni Anne Cheeze) took on a new role this holiday season—appearing at Great Adventure as Mrs. Claus! Here she is with our friends, Kathy and Frank Genus!



Congratulations to **Kayla Moyer** for her role in her dance school's Christmas Spectacular!



**Ben and Timmy Leach** had a chance to visit Santa at Switlik Elementary School—but who is that man behind the beard???



## Soup & Bread an Advent Craft Celebration on Dec. 6th





## Souper Bowl of Caring February 7th

Souper Bowl of Caring is a way for our young people to lead the way in tackling hunger and homelessness within our community. Over the month of January, they will be finding ways to remind you of a special day, Souper Bowl. Yes, it happens on the same day as Super Bowl but this Souper Bowl will have a more lasting impact. Below are statistics that are disturbing. Yet what brings us hope is that since Souper Bowl of Caring started, youth have raised over 110 million and 100 percent has gone directly to those in need. Let's make this Souper Bowl of Caring outstanding by bringing in canned goods and financial donations on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Did you know?

- 48 million Americans live in poverty?
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day?
- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless?
- 23% of those struggling went to college?
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households?

### Equipping the Saints: Leadership Training Day for Church Elders, Deacons, Clerks, and other Leaders

Offered through the partnership of the educational ministries of Princeton Theological Seminary, the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Monmouth and New Brunswick, and the Synod of the Northeast (PC(USA)).

**Saturday, January 23, 2016 9 AM—3:30 PM**

**Stuart Hall, Princeton Theological Seminary**

64 Mercer St., Princeton, NJ 08524

Equipping the Saints is a day of workshops, worship, resources and fellowship planned especially to support and equip church members in their ministries. This day is for new and ongoing church officers, pastors, worship leaders, educators, and any interested others. Workshops are led—almost exclusively—by volunteer experts in their fields. All are welcome to attend! The event is free; cost for hot buffet lunch \$12; lunch reservations will be taken through noon on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Walk-ins welcome—just bring your own lunch!

To register online, please visit:

<https://app.certain.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x2130471f6a9>

For a detailed list of workshops for morning and afternoon visit here:

<http://coned.ptsem.edu/events/leadership-training-day/>



# WORSHIP



Thank you to Nancy Foster and Barbara Dougherty for organizing the bake sale on Dec. 13th—we raised \$288!



*For unto us a child is born!*  
**Christmas Eve**



## 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.

Upcoming lessons will be on the Fruit of the Spirit.

### Upcoming Meetings for Fall/Winter:

- Thursday, January 14: Fruit of the Spirit—Joy (Psalm 100:1-5)
- Thursday, January 28: Fruit of the Spirit—Peace (Matthew 5:1-9)
- Thursday, February 11: Fruit of the Spirit—Love (1 Cor 13:1-13)

*Children will make Valentines*



And happy birthday to Brandon!





**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.



8th Friday 7:30pm **Roller Skating, Teen Night at the Jackson Roller Rink**  
Admission \$9./pp Skate rentals \$4./pp Have some fun with your friends skating. Snack bar open.

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12pm **Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood, NJ**  
Cornerstone is committed to help the local families by serving hot meal the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Two youth and one adult are needed. Time commitment is less than 2 hours and you will definitely leave feeling fulfilled and blessed.  
Meet at 12pm at All Saint Episcopal Church, Rt 9, Lakewood.



21st Thursday 6:45 pm **Beyond Youth Night at Keswick – Whiting, NJ**  
Join many young teens from the area for a night of music, games, swimming and snack bar. Items include ice cream, mozzarella sticks, french fries and more.\$3-4./item. [Visit the website](#) for more information. This is an open event for all youth and costs only \$10 for our entire group to attend.



**“Souper Bowl “ coming on February 7th! Youth will collect coins and canned goods on this date. See page 5 for more info.**

**Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event.  
Carpooling available.  
Friends are always welcome!**

**Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email [allymoyer@gmail.com](mailto:allymoyer@gmail.com)  
home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581**

**Questions and suggestions on things to do are always welcome!**



## Cornerstone Helping Local People in Need

**THANK YOU to all** who participated in the Adopt-a-Family program this year. We were able provide many gifts to one large Jackson family of 7. Thank you for your generosity in spreading the spirit of Christmas and sharing your blessings some who are less fortunate!



## Samaritan's Purse

This year our church filled 118 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who donated supplies and filled boxes!

**We received word just before Christmas that our boxes were delivered to children in Uganda and Honduras!**

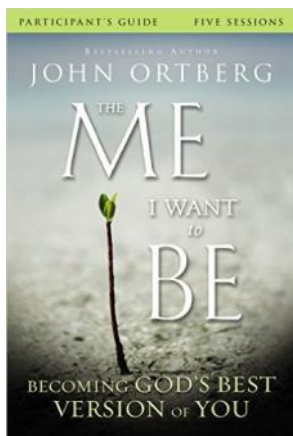


We had a fun time seeing the Newark Boys Chorus on December 9th, with a great lunch afterwards!



## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Resumes January 12th—All Women Welcome!

This group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12 at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. On January 12th, the women will begin a John Ortberg 5-week study called "The Me I Want to Be." Study guides are available – please let Elizabeth Hughes know if you plan to attend. All women are welcome!



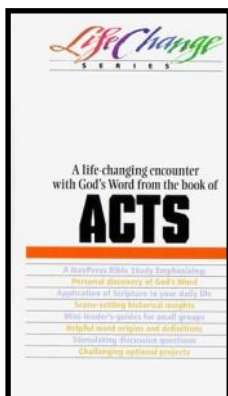
**Description:** "The Me I Want to Be" small group Bible study is a powerful look at becoming the unique, fully alive, flourishing person God intended. Pastor and author John Ortberg teaches through five sessions how you can move toward becoming God's best version of you in four specific areas: your mind, your time, your relationships, and your experiences.

### Schedule:

Session 1—January 12th—Discovering the Spirit  
Session 2—January 19th—Renewing My Mind  
Session 3—January 26th—Redeeming My Time  
Session 4—February 2nd—Deepening My Relationships  
Session 5—February 9th—Transforming My Experience

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Resumes January 7th

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.

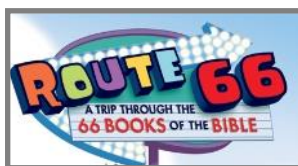




The kids made Christmas cards for the residents of Care One and members of Cornerstone.



## 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

## Christmas Play 12/13

This year's Christmas presentation was "The Jesse Tree" - the children placed decorations on the Christmas tree to tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. Thank you to Kathe Morrison for organizing!







Thank you to our Music Director, Susan Rovira, and the Choir for giving us the gift of music throughout Advent.

Make a  
*Joyful noise*  
Unto the Lord  
Psalm 100:1

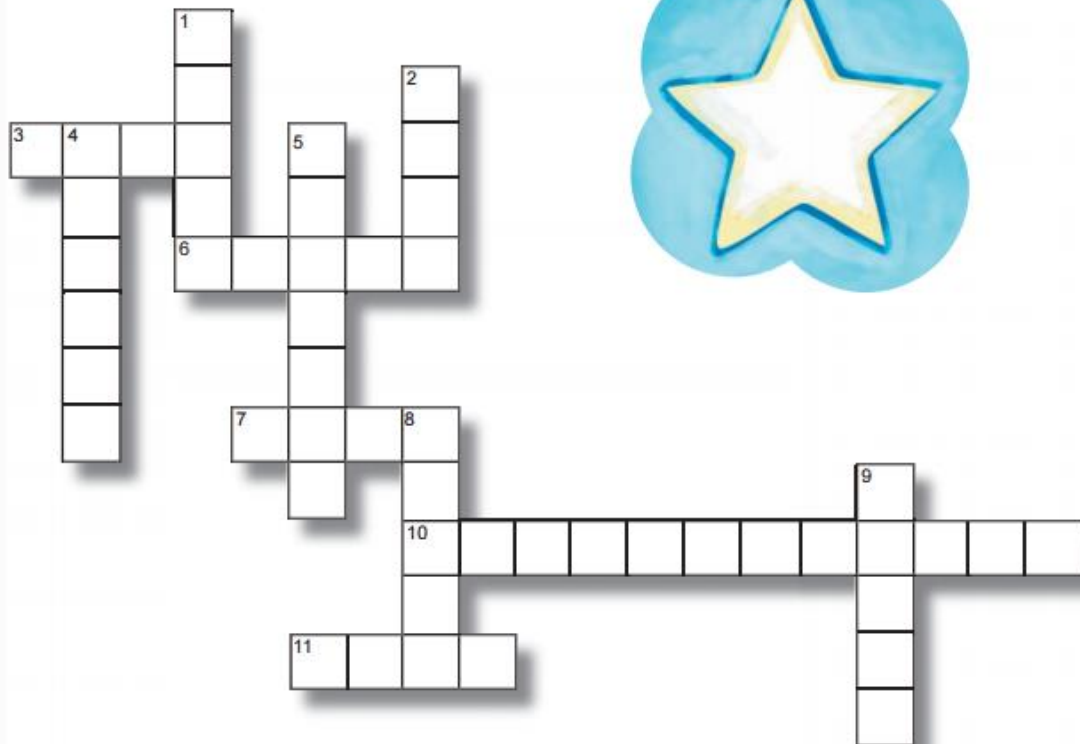
## The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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).



We were blessed to have Rodney Puig sing "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve.

# Wise Men Crossword Puzzle



## Across

3. It guided the wise Men.
6. The ruler of Judea when Jesus was born
7. A monarch or ruler
10. One of the wise men's gifts
11. Full of knowledge or experience

## Down

1. The wise men gave Jesus this.
2. Another gift to Jesus
4. Journey to a different place
5. Praise or adore
8. The wise men gave three \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.
9. The wise men went to Bethlehem to see the Baby \_\_\_\_\_.





## 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**

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**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.*

# January 2016 at Cornerstone

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