



## Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

### Cornerstone Connection

July 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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#### A Message from Pastor Tory

This year for me personally has been a year of waiting. Waiting for my first grandson to arrive, waiting for my oldest daughter to be married, and waiting to have my shoulder replaced. Two of my waits are over, but the wait for surgery seems to be never ending. Just as I was about to have surgery, I had a freak accident with my puppy. My puppy, who weighs 106 pounds, jumped and came down on my leg, taking a large area of skin. Now I go to the wound care doctor each week waiting for the surgeon to give the okay. Waiting is tough, yet can also help us to become more reliant on God. To trust that his time is the best time. Something I do not have to tell you, the members of Cornerstone, who have been waiting for years and years for a church home, yet I have witnessed such deep faith and tremendous trust in God.

One of our family's favorite Disney movies is "Toy Story". Buzz Lightyear believes he is a "real" Space Ranger and is able to fly. He proves it to all the toys in Andy's room except for Woody, who says, "that's not flying, it is falling with style!". As humans we have wondered about flying since the beginning of time. As we watched the birds soar we have wondered how? How could these simple creatures, these "bird brains," do something so astounding as fly and we could not? Eventually the science of physics deduced that "flying" occurred because birds have hollow bones, so they carry very little weight for their size and they have large, hinged wings that can give them maximum airflow for their size — whether they are a dove or an eagle. But fundamentally, there are three different ways birds manage to fly. Either they "flap," or they "glide," or they "soar." Flapping takes the most energy. It is the most complicated and the most difficult of all flying procedures. But all birds, regardless of their size and abilities, have to "flap" sometimes. But flapping is hard work. Gliding is another form of flying. Gliding takes advantage of the laws of aerodynamics. The bird's wing is pushed up from below as it is pulled up from above — making a "glide" possible. But the ultimate "flying-without-effort" is achieved by those birds who have learned to "soar." Soaring uses the aerodynamics of gliding but combines it with the science of meteorology. If you have ever admired hawks or eagles effortlessly

*Worship at McAuliffe Middle School*

*35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson*

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

# Cornerstone Community



Nkechi Okparaekwe, 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  
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.

wheeling high up in the air, you have seen the power of soaring. These largest, heaviest, birds combine the breadth of their impressive wingspans with their ability to use "thermals", columns of warm air that rise. The warmed air of the thermal lifts the bird and allows it to "ride the wave" without having to expend any of its own energy.

As we "**Wait**" for the move into the Harmony Road Church building we are like birds in flight. Sometimes we have had to flap. As you know it has taken **lots** of energy, and hard work just to stay aloft. Over the years it has meant securing a building to worship in, and volunteers to set up and take down the worship space each week. There was a lot of flapping and a little gliding through the years of waiting. Finally, God showed Cornerstone the promised land, Harmony Road. However, before we could inhabit the land there was much more flapping. There were permits and approvals to seek, recruitment and coordination of many volunteer workers as well as the contractors to schedule. The result has required a lot of patience and a lot of prayer especially when our patience wavered. Cornerstone has indeed had to flap hard to take flight, to flap hard, even against the fiercest winds of opposition. Sometimes it may have seemed as though we were "falling with style". Yet our faith was renewed by our Lord, giving the lift and thrust needed to keep us aloft. We have waited faithfully and grown in grace as a family of faith. Our **waiting** at times has kept us flapping and there have been episodes of gliding but the greatest **waiting** we can embrace is the wait that allows us to soar.

Almost nothing is more impressive than a soaring eagle. Seemingly without effort, these creatures wheel and swoop, linger, and float effortlessly. Soaring requires trusting in something beyond physical dynamics. Soaring is not so much about skeletal structure or wing to body ratios as it is about **Trust**. As we are eagerly preparing to enter Harmony Road Church building, "the promised land". Now is the time for each member of Cornerstone to listen to how God is calling them to be ready to serve, support and pray for this amazing blessing from God. With the Lord's guidance and love we are going to soar! Ready to be a beacon of faith and hope for our neighbors, welcoming those who need a place to belong. Let us pray that our Lord will lift us to new heights as we worship and praise him, as we soar trusting in the power of his never failing love! May we learned to live on the faithful promise of Isaiah:

*"Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles; weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

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)

*Please pray for:*

- Pastor Tory as she prepares for shoulder surgery
- Laura Tunis having another blood clot surgery at the end of July



*Continued prayers for:*

- Bubba Smith recovering at home from back surgery
- Ray Schleckser recovering from back surgery
- Katie Delaney having continued health issues with her stomach
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8223
- 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
- Our troops around the world and their families

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION	BOARD OF DEACONS
2016 Tina Kas Patti Miller Sharron Smith (Clerk) Bob Wegner	Betty Thompson Barbara Dougherty
2017 Vikki Leach Todd Moyer Kellie Pushko Ray Schleckser	Lisa Capurso Wendy Barone
2018 Bruce Thompson Gail Carlson Laura Stone David LaCross	Allyson Moyer Elizabeth Hughes



Thank you also to Carmine Pescatore  
for weed whacking around the  
Harmony property!

Thanks to the LaCross family for pitching in to  
move 40 bags of concrete at Harmony! The pad  
for the handicapped ramp has been poured, and  
the ramp itself should be built any day now!







**Tyler Pushko** was promoted from Calvary Academy Middle School last month, where he received the Christian Walk Award (by unanimous vote of the faculty and his peers) for the one student who exemplifies a love for God, His Word and others. What an accomplishment! Way to go, Tyler!



**Nicholas Hughes** graduated from MATES and will be heading to Northeastern University in the fall to study Computer Science and Computer Engineering.



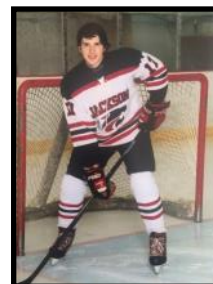
**Bruce & Betty Thompson** have two grandchildren who graduated from high school this year: Will Simon from The Hopkins School and Annie Craver (above) from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Annie is going to Miami of Ohio Univ. and Will is going to Georgetown Univ. Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Marissa Rosato** who received an academic award for achieving high honor roll throughout her sophomore year!



**Sean DiGirolamo** graduated from Manchester High School. He has received a full Presidential Scholarship to attend Temple University this fall.



**Austin Floyd** graduated from Jackson Memorial High School and is going to Centenary University to study Sports Management and Social Media Marketing.



Proud grandparents **Gail and David Carlson** with their grandson Kyle Aaronson, who graduated from New Egypt High and will be going to James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.



## Calling all Musicians!

**We're looking for musicians and soloists to be a part of our summer worship services!** If you have a musical gift that you could share for a special musical piece or the offertory one Sunday, please contact Susan Rovira.

## Per Capita Offering Continues to be Received

Our Per Capita Offering has exceeded last year's offering to date, yet there is still a large portion yet to be paid. The amount not given by the members must be covered by our general budget, taking away from other work and ministry of Cornerstone.

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$36.00) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Per Capita Offering is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. When we give our offering it allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Per Capita also funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students. Helping to prepare future ministers to faithfully answer their call from God. As Presbyterians we believe that we need each other as we work together to and discern the mind of Christ for the PC(USA).

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of \$36.00. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so. Together is how we have the greatest impact!



## Getting Ready!



**We have started a Summer Shoebox Shipping Collection for Samaritan's Purse!** Each fall our

church participates in Operation Christmas Child, where we pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world. It costs \$7 to ship each box and our typical goal is to fill 100 boxes. To get a head start on collecting for this \$700 expense, **we will be collecting loose change throughout the summer months.** There is a shoebox on a back table on Sundays where we are collecting donations, or you can place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of this mission project!



Cornerstone can benefit from YOUR online Amazon purchases! From the website [smile.amazon.com](https://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.



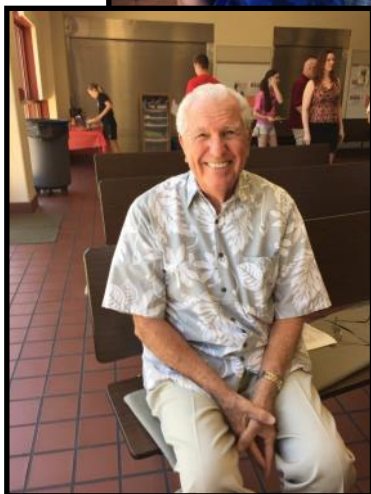
# WORSHIP



Recognizing high school graduate Austin Floyd



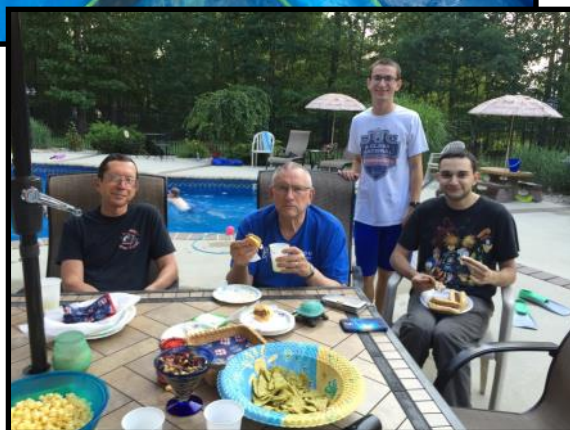
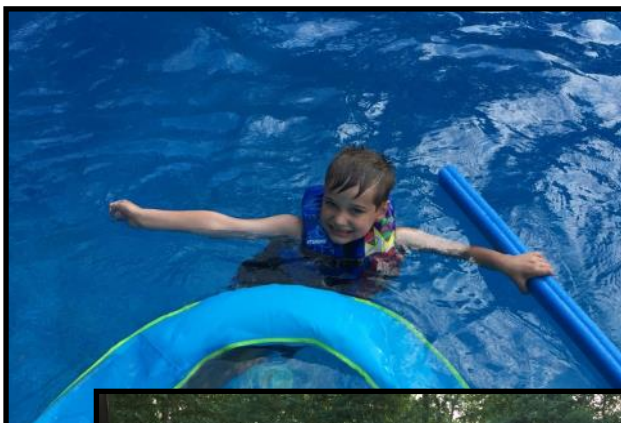
**Happy Father's Day!**



**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**

The Children's Ministry will be taking a summer break and will resume meetings in September!

Thank you to the Moyer family for  
 hosting the Youth/Children's  
 Ministry Pool Party!





**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.



**19th Tuesday**

**10:30 AM Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Day**

The youth will meet at the wave pool at 10:30am for a great day of rides, sun and fun. Bring your sunscreen, towel and pass. If you do not have a HH pass, there are a few discount coupons so contact Allyson. WEATHER PERMITTING.

**23rd Saturday**

**8:00 PM Movie Under the Stars at the Rosato's**

Join us at the Rosato's house for movie night. They have a huge outdoor screen in their yard. Bring a folding chair and snack/candy to share. Donna will announce movie closer to the date.

**25th Monday**

**3:00 PM Ronald McDonald House/ Pizza & Ice Cream After!**

The youth group will prepare a meal of penne al vodka, salad, bread, bread, dessert for the families in need at Ronald McDonald House. Please help provide any item for the meal (1 box penne pasta, 1 jar classico tomato basil, 1 pint heavy cream, butter, 1 bag shredded mozzarella cheese, Italian bread, salad and fixings, brownie mix, eggs) After we cook the meal we will go out for pizza and ice cream in Long Branch.

**Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event.  
Carpooling available. Friends are always welcome!  
*Suggestions and hosts/help for future activities are always welcome  
and appreciated!***

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



## JUMC VBS 2016

July 11 – 15, 2016

5:00 – 8:30 PM

(dinner served daily at 5 PM)



Grab your surfboard and head to the beach to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love at Surf Shack 2016 VBS! Kids get 'amped' to learn God Creates, Helps, Loves, Calms, and Sends. On this ride, kids Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! (Nehemiah 4:14b CEB).

Held at Jackson United Methodist Church  
(JUMC) – 68 Bennetts Mills Road  
Cornerstone kids are welcome to attend!

### 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 make items to include in the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Regular Sunday School will resume in October. Nursery care is available any time if needed.



Kids making perler bead toys to include in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!



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

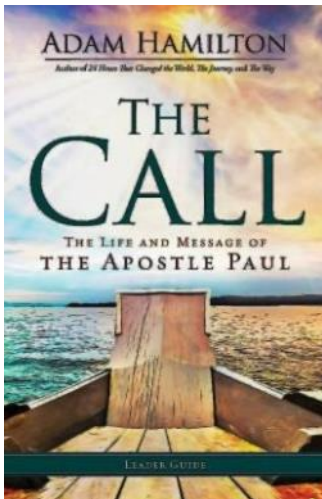
## **The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.**

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).



## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study All Women Welcome!

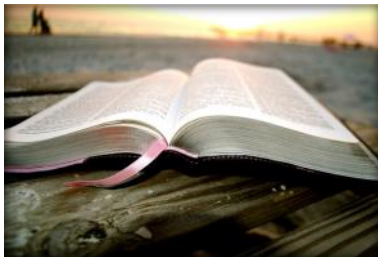
The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September!



The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is tentatively planning to study "The Call," a study on the Apostle Paul, starting in September. Stay tuned for details!

**Description:** Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

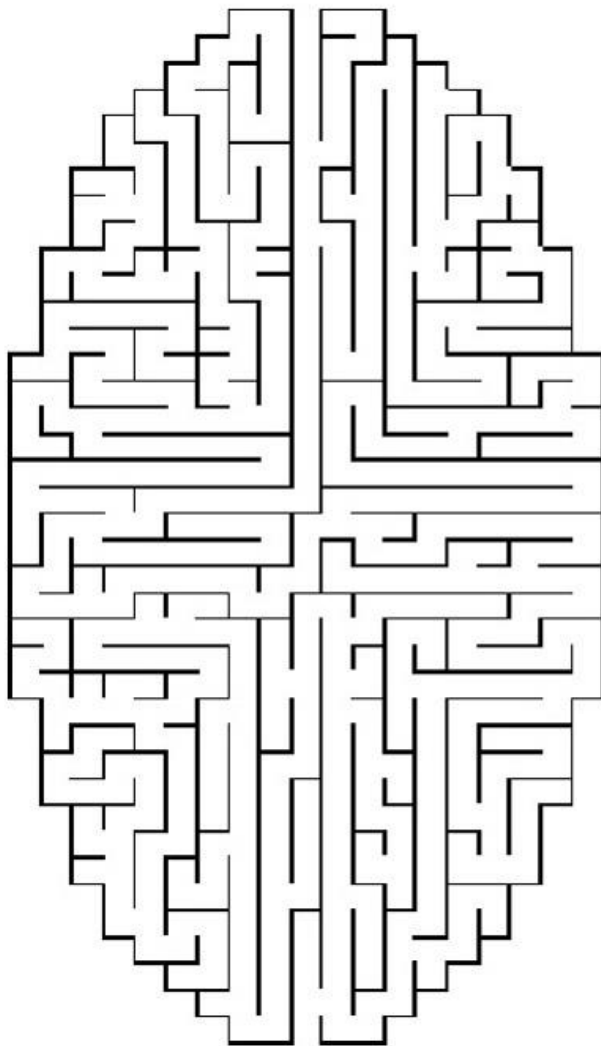
### BEACH BIBLE STUDY IN OCEAN GROVE—TUESDAYS IN JULY



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 5, 12, 19, and 26. Bring your beach chair and a bible!



Happy July 4th



### Fourth of July Maze

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.





## 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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[qgross@hopecathedral.com](mailto:qgross@hopecathedral.com)

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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.*

# July 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 	5 Beach Bible Study 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Beach Bible Study 7:00 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Youth Trip to Hurricane Harbor 10:30 AM Beach Bible Study 7:00 PM	20 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22	23 Youth Movie Night 8:00 PM
24	25 Youth Trip to Ronald McDonald House/ Long Branch	26 Beach Bible Study 7:00 PM	27	28	29	30
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