



# Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

## Cornerstone Connection

March 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

What a joy it is to be a part of the Cornerstone church family. You have made me feel so welcomed and now your generous gift of diapers and wipes to my grandson Landon and his parents Kayla and Nick is wonderful. Thank you so much. Life has been quite hectic since February 28th when Kayla's water broke at 6:00 am. Yes, almost 27 hours later Landon arrived. As hard as the wait was, the joy of holding him in my arms for the first time was amazing.

There are different moments in our life that allow us to have a deeper grasp of God's love. One of those times is when we are blessed with the birth of a child or even grandchild. We experience a love that is unconditional. You will always be there to love them. We want to protect them from all harm. Yet as much as we want to protect them we know that this life is not perfect. That evil exists and too often guides people's hearts.

In our Bible Study book Glory Days, Max Lucado tells the story of Nadin Khoury. Nadin was 13 years old when he moved to Philadelphia from Minnesota. He was skinny and just 5'2". He was the new kid in the neighborhood and the bullies set their sights on him. Then one day it escalated, they dragged through the snow, stuffed him into a tree, and suspended him on a fence, and all the time one of the bullies was recording the event. Fortunately a person came along and chased them away. Nadin survived his injuries. The bully posted their fun to YouTube. However that was not the end of the story. The bullies were tracked down through their YouTube and went to jail. Nadin was invited to appear on the television show The View to tell his story. As they played the video Nadin tried to be brave. He said "Next time maybe it could be somebody smaller than me." Just as he said this three members of the Philadelphia Eagles came out. Nadin was a big fan and was so excited. DeSean Jackson sat down next to him and gave him a jersey. DeSean then told him "Anytime you need us, I got two linemen right here." Then he handed Nadin his cell phone number.

How awesome for Nadin, wouldn't we all like to know someone like that has our back. In the story of Joshua we learn that God has our back. Joshua and the Israelites trusted God and the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. The same God is with us and will never leave us. Mac Lucado writes in Glory Days, "Since God is strong, you will be strong. Since he is able, you will be able. Since he has no limits, you have no limits. With the apostle Paul you can boldly say, 'the Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:6)

We indeed have an amazing and loving Lord, that nothing is too great to do for us. As Easter approaches we remember how God gave Jesus to us, to teach us

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**Worship at McAuliffe Middle School**

**35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson**

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

# Cornerstone Community



John Rosato, 3/5

Ben Miner, 3/10

Matt Hekl, 3/15

Emily Welch, 3/17

Anthony Maimone, 3/19

Chuck Calhoun, 3/21

Ashley DiGirolamo, 3/23

Doris Pfeiffen, 3/26

Heather DiGirolamo, 3/26

Sue Woolverton, 3/29



Bubba & Sharron Smith, 3/6

## 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.

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the way to life. Jesus then gave his life on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could one day experience life everlasting. Our God is the "Ultimate One" who has your back. May we put our trust in God. I pray that each one of you will carve out time in your busy week to come and worship with Cornerstone, so together we may give thanks and praise to God, the "Ultimate One" who always, never fail, has your back!

Blessings, Tory

## 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  
Barbara Dougherty

Lisa Capurso  
Wendy Barone

Allyson Moyer  
Elizabeth Hughes

## Please pray for:

- Fred Mallison and his daughter Beth after the passing of our dear friend Joan last month
- Bev Kaiser who is in Fountain View as they look for a permanent living arrangement. Her address is: Fountain View Care Center, 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701
- The Wegner family as they go through a difficult time
- Laura Tunis as she has another surgery on her knee on March 4th
- Ray Schleckser having another back surgery in March

## Continued prayers for:

- Bubba Smith recovering at home from back surgery
- 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



**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)





Congratulations to **Pastor Tory** on the birth of her new grandson, Landon, born on 2/29/16 to daughter Kayla and Nick (shown above)!

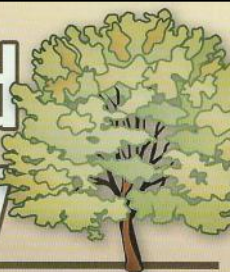


Congratulations to **Jackie Leach** (above) and **Annabel Hughes** (right) for their inductions to the Tri-M Honor Societies at Goetz Middle School and Memorial High School.



## Backyard Forestry

in 90 minutes



### FREE Programs for NJ Homeowners

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monthly, 2nd Thursday



3/10 Bring Bluebirds to Your Woods



4/14 FireWise: Keeping Your Home and Family Safe



5/12 Calm and Focused Kids Spend Time in Nature

6/9 Growing Shiitake Mushrooms

7/14 Growing Wildflowers and Seed Collection

8/11 Raptors in Your Trees

at the

Forest Resource Education Center  
495 Don Connor Blvd Jackson, NJ

register and view full schedule:

[njforestry.org/mybackyard](http://njforestry.org/mybackyard)



**RUTGERS**  
New Jersey Agricultural  
Experiment Station



Please talk to **Laura Stone** for more information about the Forestry Center (especially the bluebirds!)



**"Souper Bowl" Soup & Bread on February 7th**



It's always a pleasure to see our friend, John Lukacs!



**Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 13th!**

**Turns your clocks ahead one hour!**



## Deacon's Brunch March 6th



The Deacons are hosting a brunch after worship on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lisa Capurso. Please join us for this time of food and fellowship, and a chance to become better acquainted with Pastor Tory! We will also have a brainstorming session where we will be soliciting your ideas and visions for the future of our church! All are welcome! Please RSVP as soon as possible to the EVITE invitation:

<http://evite.me/dAKrifXrMd>

or talk to Lisa Capurso, Pastor Tory, or Elizabeth Hughes.

## Building Fundraiser for Easter



Throughout the month of March, we will be holding a special fundraiser to support our new home on Harmony Road. Money raised will be used to purchase flowers to decorate our worship space for Easter worship on March 27th! These plants will then be planted at the Harmony church! All other funds collected will be dedicated to the building fund. We're getting so close to moving into our new home, and we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider supporting this fundraiser to assist our efforts to get there!

## One Great Hour of Sharing



This year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, March 20th (Palm Sunday) and Sunday, March 27th (Easter). One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. The money donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing Program is distributed to three different areas for people in need: The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and The Self-Development of People. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of others! Please donate as you are able.

## Per Capita

Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that is given to the larger Presbyterian Church. The 2016 per capita is \$36 per member. This offering supports the work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. We ask that you give your per capita in the "Per Capita" envelope in your envelope packet (also available at church). If you need to spread out your per capita payments over several months that is fine. Just remember per capita comes just once a year! Thank you for your support!





Lent is the forty day season when we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The following services are planned in March:

**March 6: 4th Sunday of Lent;** "Reaching our Glory Days" – Week Four – "Be Bold in Prayer"

**March 13: 5th Sunday of Lent;** "Reaching our glory Days" – Week Five – "Crossroads of Faith"

**March 20: Palm Sunday, 6th Sunday of Lent;** "Reaching our Glory Days" – Week Six - Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"

**March 24: Maundy Thursday;** service at JUMC, Traditional Tenebrae Service, led by Pastor Tory, 7:00 PM

**March 27: Easter Sunday** "Living in the Resurrection Light"



## MAUNDY Thursday

All are invited to attend a Maundy Thursday service on March 24th at 7:00 PM. The service will be led by Cornerstone and Pastor Tory, and held at the Jackson United Methodist Church (66 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson). Please join us for this meaningful Tenebrae service.

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is a traditional Christian service held during Holy Week that makes use of gradually diminishing light to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. Communion is served in observance of the Last Supper. The worshipers typically leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.



## 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 and Easter.



### Upcoming Meetings for Fall/Winter:

- Thursday, March 10: Easter Lesson
- Thursday, March 24: No Lesson—HAPPY EASTER
- Thursday, April 14: Fruit of the Spirit—Goodness & Faithfulness
- Thursday, April 28: Fruit of the Spirit—Gentleness & Self-Control

May/June: Make a meal at Ronald McDonald House & Pool Party! Dates TBD.



**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.



**2nd Wednesday 6:30 PM Movie Night at the Moyers – NOAH (PG-13)**

Take a break from your studies and get together to watch “Noah”. After we’ll discuss this blockbuster movie and compare the controversial story to the Bible. Popcorn and drinks provided. If you’d like, bring your favorite candy to share. Please RSVP to Allyson so we know how many to expect!

**6th Sunday 12:00 PM Brunch at the Capurso’s**

The Deacons are hosting a brunch for the congregation including our Youth to get to know Pastor Tory and the congregation better. We will share ideas and vision for the future of our church. Our Youth are very important in our congregation and your suggestions and ideas are welcome. RSVP to Lisa Capurso (732)276-5389 or [btj@yahoo.com](mailto:btj@yahoo.com)

**17th 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. We had a great group in February and the kids had a blast swimming. If you plan to swim be aware they have a rule no bikinis OR wear a t-shirt over it.

**20th Sunday 12:30 PM Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood**

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 each month! Time commitment is less than 2 hours and you will definitely leave feeling fulfilled and blessed. Meet at 12:30 PM at All Saint Episcopal Church, Rt 9, Lakewood.



*Note from Allyson: I am working on the spring calendar of events this week so if you have any ideas or would like to host a youth activity please let me know. So far we have the Jackson Road Clean-up on April 9<sup>th</sup> and VIP Water Walk on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions and hosts/help are always welcome and appreciated!*

**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**





THANK YOU ALL! The Youth raised \$106 and collected quite a bit of food for the Jackson Food Pantry for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7th!



## Ice skating



## Youth Night at Keswick



# Cornerstone Confirmation January—May 2016



Cornerstone is very excited to be offering Confirmation to our youth in grades 7th grade and up! Classes began on January 31st, and will continue through May. This class is a time for youth to confirm the love that God has expressed for each of us in Jesus Christ. It is important that both the youth and the family are involved in this journey!

If a youth decides they are ready to join our church after the confirmation process, they will have an opportunity to join the church on Sunday, May 15th! Classes will be taught by Pastor Tory with some assistance from adult mentors. **Adult mentors are needed!** If you can be a mentor, please talk to Pastor Tory.

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

(classes at McAuliffe after worship unless otherwise noted)

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cornerstone Youth Group -Movie ( <i>at the Moyer's</i> )
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Church and Its Mission
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sacraments and the Lord's Prayer
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Church Visit – Mentor Day
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter – No Confirmation
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Developing a Rule of Life
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Being Presbyterian – Being a Member of Cornerstone!
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Statement of Faith Review
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	No Confirmation Class – Submit final Statement of Faith to Elizabeth by April 27 <sup>th</sup>
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Session Examination
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation!



Confirmation kids at St. Al's on 2/14



The K-5h graders had fun with Valentine's crafts on 2/14!



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

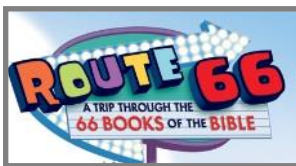
The egg hunt will take place after worship on Sunday, March 20th (Palm Sunday).



Fish banks will be distributed this month for the children to collect change for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please return the fish banks on March 20th (Palm Sunday) or March 27th (Easter).



## 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

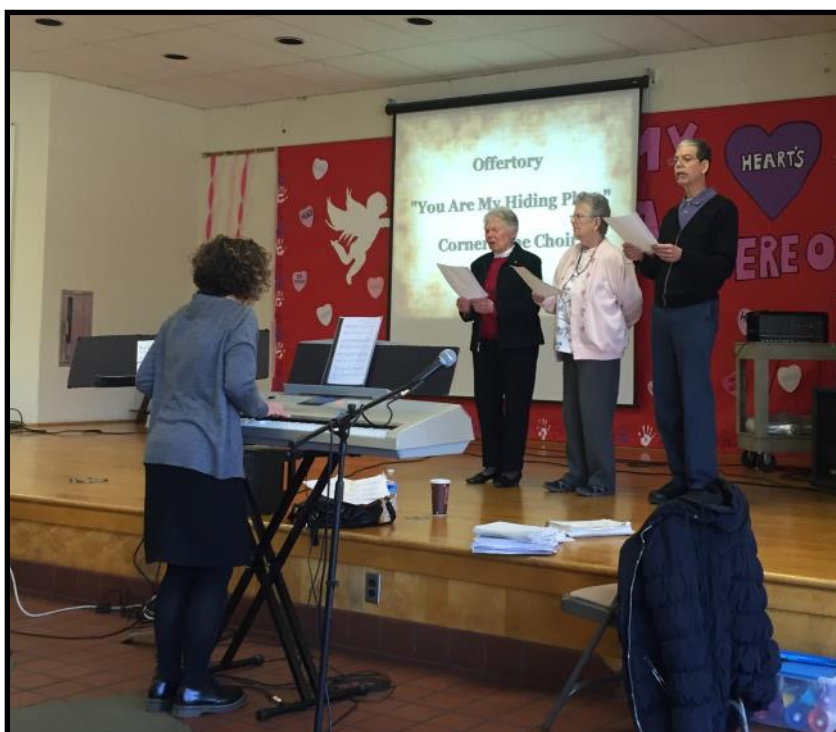
**Middle & High School:** Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert





**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).



## Jackson Street Cleanup 4/9



Our church will once again participate in a Jackson Road Cleanup on April 9th! We will have a team pick up garbage and recyclables on an assigned Jackson street. **If we have enough people participating, we can sign up for TWO roads and earn \$500 for the church, In addition to providing a service to our town!** We will meet during the morning on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. With enough volunteers, it usually takes no more than one hour. Youth ages 10+ are encouraged to participate! If you can help, please sign up in church or contact Allyson Moyer.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### VIP WATER WALK—Saturday, May 7



villages in partnership

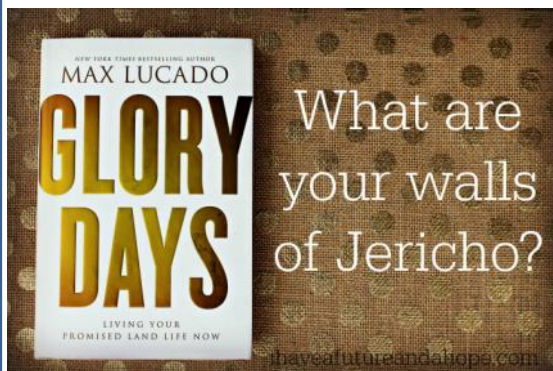


### Water Walk - "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes"

The Village Water Walk event is designed to raise awareness of the need for access to safe water and the struggle to survive that our friends in Malawi, Africa face every day, and to raise funds for Villages in Partnership's efforts to provide life-changing, sustainable development projects that help alleviate those burdens.

Cornerstone will once again be forming a team to walk in this event. This year the walk will be held on a Saturday at Allentown Presbyterian Church starting at 4:00 PM. Our team will take shifts walking throughout the evening, with the event ending at 10 PM with a time of devotion. We are hoping to form a team of 10 people to walk and each raise \$200. Sponsor sheets will be available soon. Whether you can walk, or sponsor a walker, thank you for your support of this mission project! Please contact Allyson Moyer or Elizabeth Hughes for more information!

## Lenten Study "Glory Days" by Max Lucado



Cornerstone will be holding a special Bible Study throughout Lent that we encourage the entire congregation to participate in. The six-week study is by Max Lucado and is called "Glory Days."

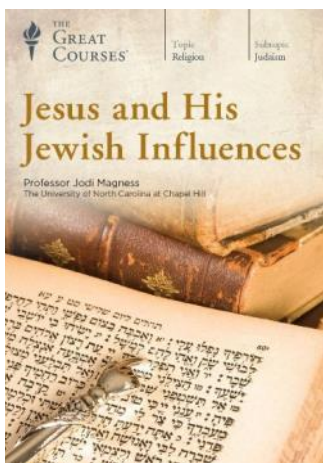
**Description:** Often we go through situations where challenge seems so much greater than our strength. We can find hope and inspiration from the story of Joshua. God had called Joshua to take over from Moses and lead the Israelites into a paradigm shift from wilderness wandering to promise-believing.

God had a Promised Land in store for them, but they had to grasp that reality, change their mindsets, and take action to receive it. The same is true for us today. God is telling us that our best days—our "glory days"—are still ahead of us. We only need to grasp that truth and live in faith to realize this promise.

You can participate by attending the Tuesday morning Bible Study, 10:30 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes OR on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM at Jackson United Methodist Church. It's not too late to participate! Talk to Pastor Tory for more information.

## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study New Study Starting in April! All Women Welcome!

This group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12 at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. On April 5th, the women will begin a new DVD study called "Jesus and His Jewish Influences."



**Description:** For anyone interested in understanding the profound effect Jesus had on the world, it's important to realize that his actions and teachings didn't emerge from a vacuum. Rather, they were the product of a fascinating dialogue with—and reaction to—the traditions, cultures, and historical developments of ancient Jewish beliefs. In fact, early Judaism and Jesus are two subjects so inextricably linked that one cannot arrive at a true understanding of Jesus without understanding the time in which he lived and taught.

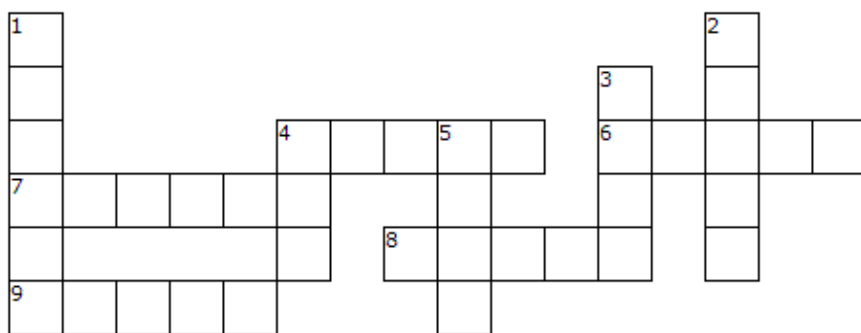


# HAPPY Easter

## The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)



### ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

### DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

EMPTY  
STONE

ANGELS  
ALIVE

EASTER  
TOMB

CLOTH  
CRY

WHITE  
MARY



## 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

Things Done for You, LLC  
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**Meg Milligan**

732-928-8117

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[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.*

# March 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	2 Youth Movie Night at the Moyer's 6:30 PM	3 Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM at JUMC	4	5
6 Deacon's Brunch at the Capurso's 12:00 PM	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	9 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM at JUMC	11	12
13 Deacons Meeting 11:15 AM	14	15 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	16	17 Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM at JUMC Youth Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	18	19
20 PALM SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt	21	22 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	23	24 Maundy Thursday JUMC 7:00 PM	25	26
27 	28	29	30	31		