



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

May 2016

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children
during worship)

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A Message from Pastor Tory

As May begins I can't help to reflect just how very blessed I am to be a part of this wonderful Family of Faith. In all sincerity I have never experienced a more dedicated and loving Church. This past Sunday the Session received six new members. Megan and Craig La Fontaine and Carmine Pescatore, and confirmands Jackie Leach, Tyler Pushko and Sara Floyd. They will be welcomed by the congregation on May 15th. How wonderful it is when God leads new people to join our family of faith. As we look forward to moving to the church building on Harmony Road I can only imagine the many who will stop in to visit Cornerstone. Individuals who until now never really knew what Cornerstone was about...but now as if to see the church for the first time they will come. They will arrive to an extremely warm, friendly, welcoming community of faith. One that cares for one another and the world around them.

One of the ways Cornerstone cares for the world is by supporting Villages in Partnership. VIP is a mission project that partners with Malawians working together to bring about change for the people of the villages. This Saturday May 7th members of Cornerstone will join with other congregations at the Annual Water Walk in Allentown, NJ. Walking to remember the walk so many women and children walk each day for clean water. As well as to raise money towards building wells. Several years ago I was fortunate to visit Malawi and to witness how difficult life becomes when each day must begin with a two mile walk to collect water for the day. I also was able to see the joy and great praise to God raised up in song for the new well within the village. Before the work on a well begins, the village elects a "water" committee. The water committee mobilizes the community to complete the sweat equity as well as collect monthly fees from each family to maintain the well. They are then trained in care and maintenance of the well. Clean water is the number one priority for villages when VIP first approaches a village to explore partnership. To dig or drill a well demands much commitment and work from the villagers. They must donate land for the well, collect river sand, crack quarry rock, burn bricks...It is not an easy task. Not all villages are up for the work. Sometimes they tell us they cannot do all that. With that response, we tell them to contact us when they are ready.

But the villages who do want to contribute and build the partnership with VIP experience life changing gifts through clean water. In 2010, the remote villages surrounding Chimpeni Estate approached VIP to assist (continued)

Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Aaron Beeg, 5/3
 David Hekl, 5/4
 Jonathan Welch, 5/6
 Jackie Leach, 5/7
 Paul Sarti, 5/20
 Fred VanLooy, 5/20
 Madeline Sarti, 5/23
 Sharlene Nelson, 5/27
 Don Kiefer, 5/27
 Courtney Miner, 5/30



Donna & John Rosato, 5/2
 David & Debbie LaCross, 5/27
 Steve & Amy Slusak, 5/27

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.

them in building a primary school. The Thornycroft family agreed to donate land for the school and so VIP, the government, the Thornycroft family and the villages began to build a school where no schools existed. Attendance for the school is over 400 students. VIP is working with the community to address the dropout rate. Extreme poverty is complex and the slightest tipping point (lack of food) can pull a child out of school. VIP learned that children were not able to get to school during the rainy season when the creek would swell. Summer mission teams along with the local community partnered together to build a bridge so that children could get to school. So many ways that VIP along with the support are bringing hope and love around the world.



On Mother's Day we will celebrate the women that the Lord has blessed us with a Special Worship Service led by our amazing Youth and Children. Scriptures brought to life through a power point presentation and worship songs and hymns will take us through "The Stepping Stones of Faith". What another witness of the vibrancy of our entire congregation. From the youngest to the oldest.

I pray, that you will allow yourself to come to worship and serve our awesome God. All those chores, work projects, and laundry will be there when you return home from church. Trust me they are always awaiting me when I arrive home but after time with my new church family at Cornerstone always makes them more bearable, sometimes even infused with an undeniable joy!

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
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 Elizabeth Hughes

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



On April 23rd, **Pastor Tory's** daughter, **Bailey Pruner** was married to Peter Heckman. Bailey preached for us as pulpit supply after Rev Rob retired, and she is now the Associate Pastor at the New Hope Presbyterian Church. Congratulations to Bailey and Peter!



Please pray for:

- Katie Delaney having continued health issues with her stomach
- Bruce Thompson recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Bev Kaiser who is in Kimball Hospital with pneumonia
- Laura Tunis having 2 more surgeries in May and June
- Ray Schleckser having another back surgery this month

Continued prayers for:

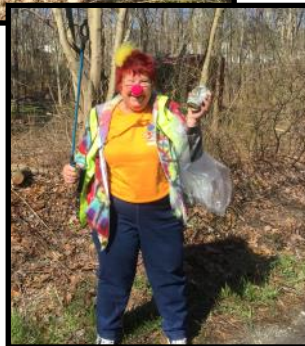
- Bubba Smith recovering at home from back surgery
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8210
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Cornerstone as we continue our renovations at the church on Harmony Road
- Our troops around the world and their families



Our former intern **Kathy Genus** just accepted a new call as the Pastor of Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark, NJ, effective May 1st. She will be ordained on Sunday, June 5th. Congratulations to Kathy—we wish her many blessings in her new call!

Jackson Street Cleanup

THANK YOU to all who helped clean Wright Debow Road in April! Over the course of 2 mornings, we picked up nearly 50 bags of trash and recycling, and also raised \$500 for the church! GREAT JOB!



Per Capita is Ongoing....

As members of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church we are also members of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each member is asked to give \$36.00 to the Per Capita offering. Our Per Capita Offering helps with many of the ministries and missions of PC(USA). One of the exciting ways our offering makes a difference is by connecting ecumenically with other churches to make mission a possibility in regions of the world where otherwise it would be impossible. Together we are able to reach areas in most need of God's love and our resources.

Our Per Capita Offering also supports the process for those preparing for ministry to be evaluated. Each person sensing a call to ministry is required to follow a path of study, reflection and examination. The preparation, administration, and grading of this standard ordination examinations is a vital way our per capita supports the local church. The ordination examination insures that each minister is prepared and ready to receive a call to a church.

We do encourage you to make your Per Capita Offering as soon as possible. Even if it is necessary to break it up over the course of the year. What offering is not given by our members must be covered by Cornerstone's general offerings. Please prayerfully consider connecting with Presbyterians around the country to support God's work!



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!

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If you have any questions, please ask Elizabeth Hughes or Donna Rosato.

Children & Youth Mother's Day Service May 8, 2016

On Mother's Day, our children and youth will lead the worship service as we celebrate the gift of mothers and continue in the theme of our current sermon series, Stepping Stones of Faith.



What a JOY to have the entire Wegner family in worship on April 3rd!



It's always good to see our friend John Lukacs!



Our thanks to Brandon for doing Joys & Concerns



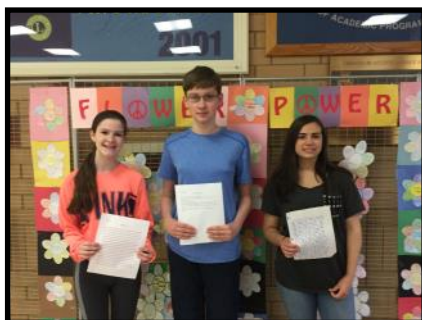
Many thanks to Anthony Maimone for preaching for us on April 24th!



We were blessed to have our former intern Mary Nickel worship with us on April 10th!

Confirmation Sunday & Pentecost May 15, 2016

Join us for this special service on May 15th as we celebrate Pentecost and welcome our 3 confirmation students as new members of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church!



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.

Upcoming lessons will complete our study of the Fruit of the Spirit.



Upcoming Meetings for Spring:

- Thursday, May 12: Fruit of the Spirit—Goodness & Faithfulness
- Thursday, May 26: Fruit of the Spirit—Gentleness & Self-Control

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



Youth volunteers at the Soup Kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church in April

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.



7th Saturday 5:00 PM VIP Water Walk



Join Cornerstone's TEAM HARMONY and walk to raise money for Malawi, Africa thru Villages in Partnership (VIP). The team will meet at Allentown Presbyterian Church and kick the night off with a BBQ then rotate walking the track with our friends. It's a fun night of music, exercise, friendship and food! All are welcome.

12th Thursday 7 PM Post-Mother's Day Game Night for Moms and Youth

Bring your Mom for a fun night out to play games and have snacks at the Moyer's home. Please bring your favorite game or snack to share.

15th 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 3rd 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.

19th 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 cost only \$10. for our entire group to attend.

COMING IN JUNE:

- **Saturday, June 11th 11 AM**—Early Father's Day Celebration—Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing at Manasquan Reservoir
- **End of Year Pool Party!** Date TBA.

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
home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2016

July 11 – 15, 2016

5:00 – 8:30 PM

(dinner served daily at 5 PM)



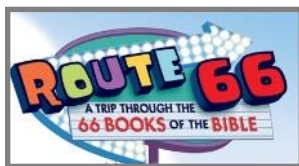
Grab your surfboard and head to the beach to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love at Surf Shack 2016 VBS! Kids get 'amped' to learn God Creates, Helps, Loves, Calms, and Sends. On this ride, kids Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! (Nehemiah 4:14b CEB).

Held at Jackson United Methodist Church (JUMC) – combining children from JUMC and Cornerstone!

End-of-Year Party May 29th

Our 2015-2016 Sunday School year will end on Sunday, May 29th when we finish the year with an outdoor celebration! During the summer months, all children are encouraged to stay in worship. We will have activities to help keep the kids busy and entertained in worship. **Nursery care will still be available for children 0-4!** For more information, please talk to Kellie Pushko, Kathe Morrison, or Elizabeth Hughes.

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.

The **7th-12th Grade** class is continuing a new style of class focused on the NOOMA DVD series and discussion.

Teachers:

Nursery: Ashley Moyer & Jackie Leach

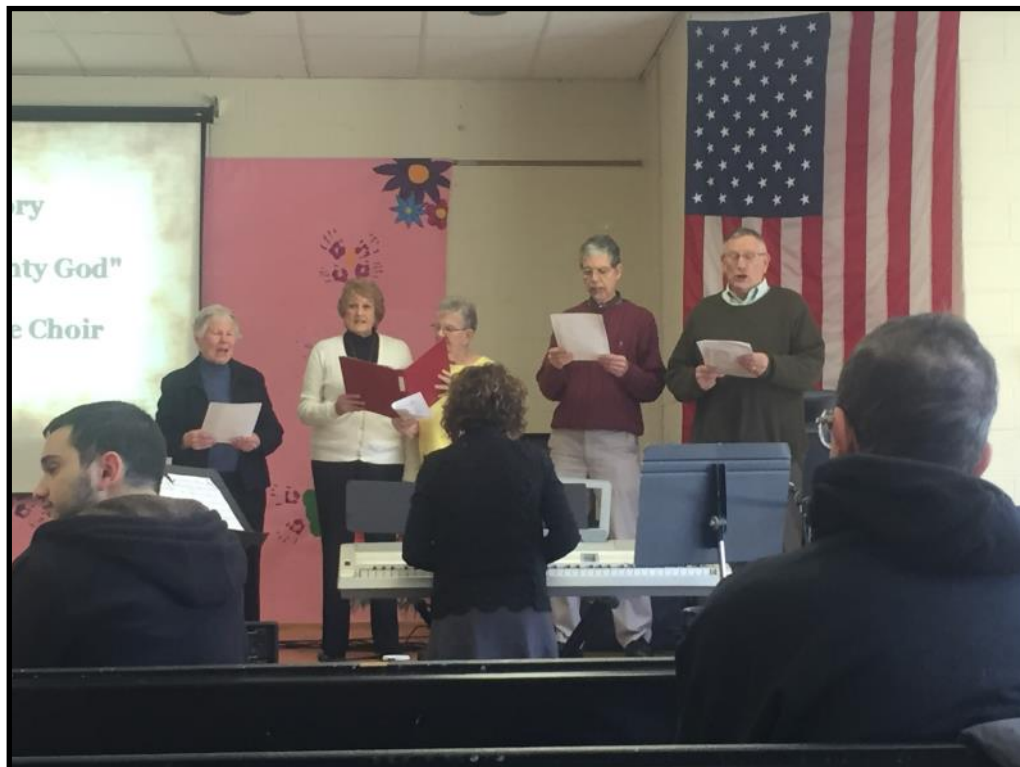
Elementary: Kellie Pushko, Lisa Monday, Kathe Morrison & rotating teachers

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).



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!

Cornerstone is once again forming a team to walk in this event. This year the walk will be held on a Saturday at Allentown Presbyterian Church starting at 5:00 PM. Our team will take shifts walking throughout the evening, with the event ending at midnight after a time of devotion. Whether you can walk, or sponsor a walker, thank you for your support of this mission project! Please contact Dominique Robert or Elizabeth Hughes for more information!

To sign up to be a member of "Team Harmony" or to sponsor our team, please visit this webpage:

<https://goo.gl/faJ5Gv>

This year our team will be walking in honor of Mia Sijaya Makawa from NKAGULA VILLAGE. This is her story as reported by the VIP Field Worker:

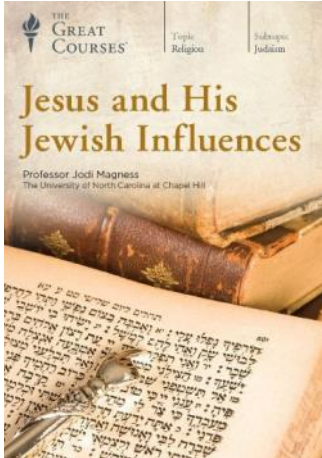
Mai Sijaya Makawa was divorced by her husband in 2010. She is aged 42 and has 6 children (3 boys, 3 girls) aged between 23 and 4 years. The eldest and second eldest dropped out from school in std 3 and 4 respectively due to poverty. The only school going child is Mwaiwao – a girl aged 15 and is in std 5. She says she fails to send the others to school because it is difficult for her to find good clothes, uniform and other school materials. Apart from her children, she is also taking care of an 82 year old uncle who is also sick from urine cantinas (urine coming out without ones knowledge) and blood diarrhea. In a normal year she harvests only 10 to 15 bags of which lasts up to December and has to do ganyu (piece work) to buy some food for the remaining 3 months. "This 2015 will be a very bad year for my family because I may by chance get only 4 to 5 bags of maize and I don't know what will happen to us when we finish those bags" she laments.



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. **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.

Schedule for May:

May 3: Sessions 17 & 18, *King Herod & Pontius Pilate*

May 10: Session 21: *Flavius Josephus: Witness to 1st Century A.D.*

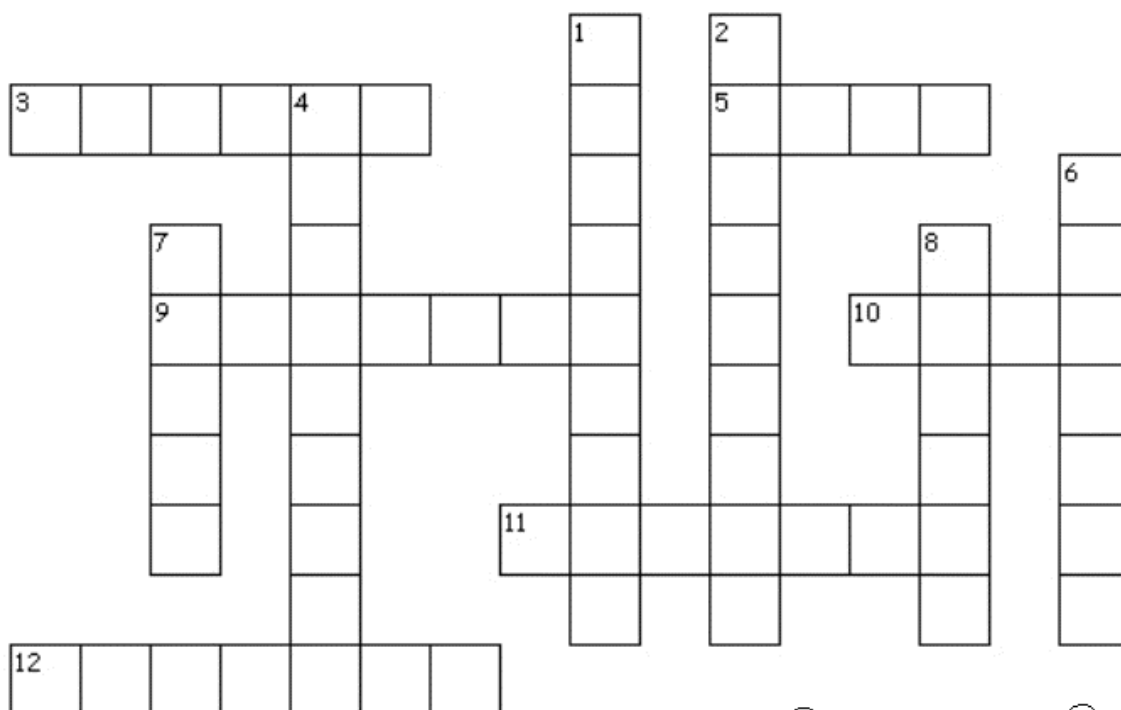
May 17: Sessions 22 & 23: *Rabbinic Judaism's Traditions about Jesus & Jesus's Apocalyptic Outlook*

May 24: Session 24: *Jesus's Teachings and Sayings in Context*



Happy Mothers Day

Mother's Day Crossword



Across

3. Special meal between breakfast and lunch.
5. Tight squeeze.
9. Inspiring awe.
10. The feeling mom has for her children.
11. To help someone grow up.
12. A bouquet of these will make mom's day!

Down

1. Amazing or astonishing.
2. Mom's favourite cocoa indulgence.
4. To engage in festivities.
6. A gift.
7. Sweet treats.
8. The woman who loves you no matter what!





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

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Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

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May 2016 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 VIP Team Banner Making at the Moyer's	3 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	4	5	6	7 VIP Water Walk 5 PM—Midnight
8 Mother's Day Children/Youth Service Deacons Meeting 11:15 AM	9	10 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	11	12 Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM Youth Game Night with Mon 7 PM	13	14
15 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday	16	17 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	18 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	19 Youth Night at Kewswick 6:45 PM	20	21
22	23	24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	25	26 Children's Ministry 6-7:30 PM	27	28
29	30	31				