



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

January 2017

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

Happy New Year Cornerstone Family! Every new year we have the feeling of a start over moment. Now, in 2017 I will finally, become fit, get out of debt, get that promotion or raise, make my quota at work, improve on my golf game, or perhaps you could fill in the blank with something different. Yet, no matter the "what", we all have hope for change in our lives. Yet, few of us realize what is missing from our start over list...getting closer to God. The very One who is waiting for us to call upon him with our hopes and dreams.

According to John Ortberg, whose book I will be using for our Preaching series, and leading a book study on during Jan. and Feb, "I can't make myself love God, but I can come to know him better. I can take time to ask for his help as we work together. I can choose to be with him. I can spend this day loving God. And tomorrow, I can seek to love him a little more. This is a life "rich toward God." John reminds us of a life that will bring us what we so desperately need, God.

As we start 2017, may we love God more fully, and discover what is of greatest value, the love we share with others and the love we share with God.

May God bless our "start over moments" in 2017!

Reverend Victoria Pruner

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
 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



The beautiful new doors at
 Harmony all decorated for
 Christmas!

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

BOARD OF DEACONS

2017 Vikki Leach
 Todd Moyer
 Kellie Pushko
 Ray Schleckser
 2018 Bruce Thompson
 Gail Carlson
 Laura Stone
 David LaCross
 2019 Barbara Dougherty
 Jim Foster
 Tina Kas
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)

Lisa Capurso
 Lois Fox
 Allyson Moyer
 Elizabeth Hughes
 Nancy Foster
 Ann Sarti

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.

Please pray for:

- The family of the Reverend Wendy Bailey, the General Presbyter for Monmouth Presbytery, who passed away on December 20th.
- The family of Anna and Denise Mudalel in Syria



Continued prayers for:

- Arne Ildsgaard recovering from gallbladder surgery
- Katie Delaney having continued health issues with her stomach
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8216
- 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

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 5 Jackson families. More than 40 gifts were donated in all. Thank you for your generosity in spreading the spirit of Christmas and sharing your blessings with some who are less fortunate!



It was great to see Shavonne and Seraphim home for the holidays!



The Sunday School kids had a great time making gingerbread houses!





Souper Bowl of Caring February 5th

Souper Bowl of Caring is a way for our young people to lead the way in tackling hunger and homelessness within our community. 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 5th.

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?
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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 21, 2017 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=0x2425636c3c1>

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

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



Advent Candle Lightings



Christmas Eve Worship



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.



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

14th Saturday 9-11 AM

Jackson Food Pantry

Help stock the shelves! Youth ages 14+ only.

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 costs only \$10 for our entire group to attend.

28th Saturday 9-11 AM

Jackson Food Pantry

Help stock the shelves! Youth ages 14+ only.

29th Sunday 4 PM

Movie and Pizza Night at the Pushko's

Hope you can join us to relax, watch a movie & have pizza together. Bring your favorite candy to share. Movie TBA closer to date.



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

Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email allymoyer@gmail.com

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

Questions and suggestions on things to do are always welcome!

Youth Christmas Party at Surf Taco



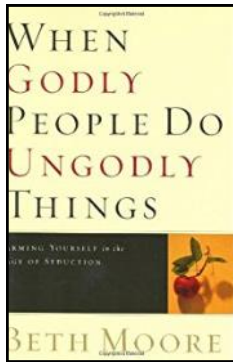


The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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 Resumes January 10th—All Women Welcome!



This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. On January 10th, the women will begin a Beth Moore 7-session study called "When Godly People do Ungodly Things." Study guides are available – please let Elizabeth Hughes know if you plan to attend. All women are welcome!

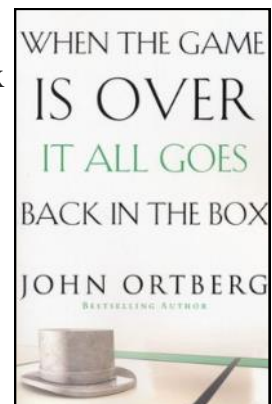
Description: *Christians are still subject to Satan's attacks. He is determined to disrupt the lives of believers, destroy their ministry, and steal their joy. Sadly, those who have "fallen" may not recognize the devil's schemes until they have already been caught in a snare of defeat. In this biblical guide to authentic repentance and restoration, Beth examines why devoted followers of Jesus Christ can fall into the traps of Satan and how to find their way back to God.*

New Bible Study starting on Sundays after Worship!

Led by Reverend Pruner

Using popular games as a metaphor for our temporal lives, this six-session small group Bible study DVD, *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*, by John Ortberg, neatly sorts out what's fleeting and what's permanent in God's kingdom.

Today is the day you choose ... which game you want to win ... which prize you want to collect ... which priorities you want to set. It's a thrill to win at checkers or Clue or Trivial Pursuit. You sweep aside the other players and you "own" the board. It's also a thrill to win a promotion at work ... the new house you wanted ... that sports car you've always eyed.



But just like the game cards, the tokens, and the timer, those prizes are temporary. When the game is over, they all go back in the box. Games can cast a powerful spell, says bestselling author John Ortberg. But the wisest player remembers that the game is always going to end. So when everything goes back in the box, you'll have made what is temporary a servant to what is eternal, and you'll leave this life knowing you've achieved the only victory that matters.

When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box will teach you to:

- Live passionately and boldly
- Learn how to be active players in the game that pleases God
- Find your true mission and offer your best
- Fill each square on the board with what matters most
- Seek the richness of being instead of the richness of having

"John the Juggler"

Sunday School Christmas

Presentation

December 18, 2016

The kids were featured in a video production of a story based on *The Clown of God*, a story that reminds us that the best gifts are the ones that come from the



Sunday School for Kids During Worship!

The **K-3rd Grade** class is using the Witness curriculum as they learn about creation and all the early Heroes of our faith.

The **4th-6th Grade** class is using the Nooma series. Nooma is a great DVD series that helps children to begin to discuss and understand that each of us have a unique purpose in God's eyes.

The **7th-12th Grade** class is using the Youth Alpha DVD curriculum. Alpha is an in-depth series that guides our youth through practical life illustrations leading them to discuss freely how we can live in the world and follow God's word in the Bible.

The **youngest children** will also hear Bibles stories and have fun with our toys, as they are tenderly cared for by our nursery team!

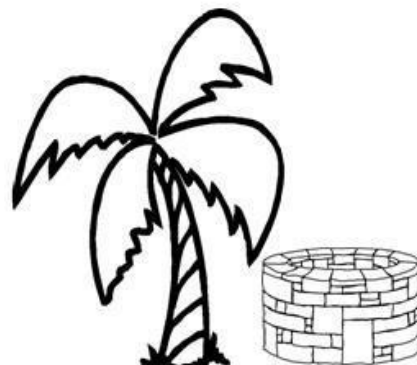
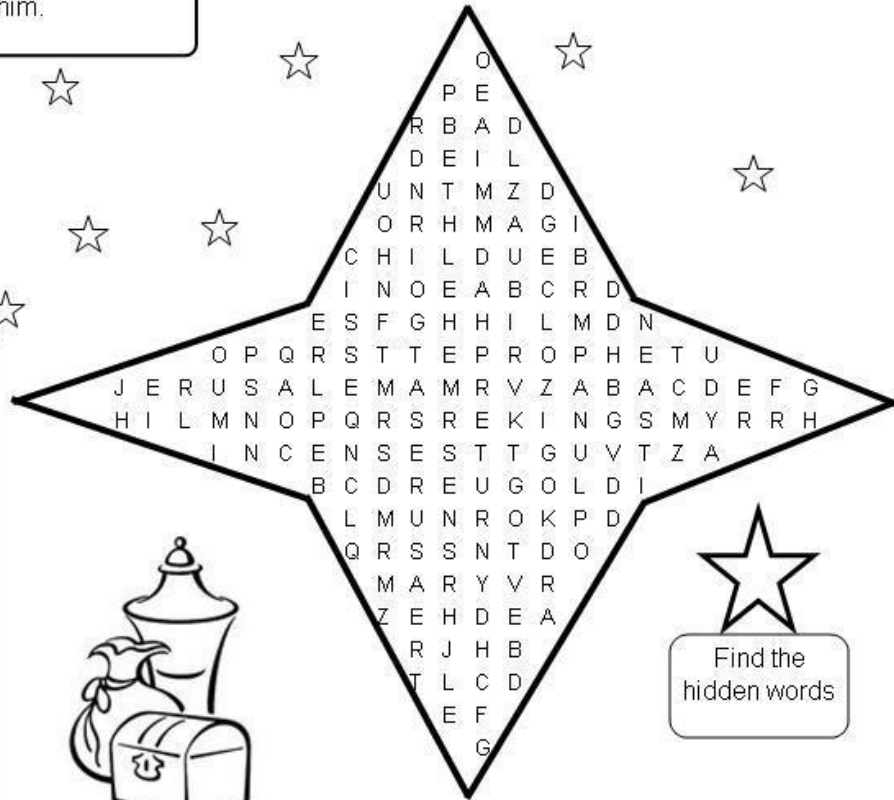
Teachers:

Kathe Morrison, Kellie Pushko, Abby Cloos, Elizabeth Hughes, Dominique Robert, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach, and rotating volunteers

The Wise Men

We saw his star in the east
and have come to worship
him.

Bethlehem
Herod
Magi
Jerusalem
King
East
Star
Prophet
Child
Mary
Treasures
Gold
Incense
Myrrh
Dream
Return





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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Licensed and Insured

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HERE.*

Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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Reflection & Inspiration: Specialty note cards for that special person or occasion. Go Green! Send a lovely note card that can be framed and enjoyed by all! Total gift cost \$4.00.

Qywnn Gross

qgross@hopecathedral.com


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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 or by simply calling 732-286-4852.*

January 2017 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	11 Session & Deacon Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14 YOUTH at the food pantry 9-11 AM
15	16	17 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	18	19 YOUTH Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	20	21 Equipping the Saints Leadership Training at Princeton Seminary
22	23	24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28 YOUTH at the food pantry 9-11 AM
29  Communion Served YOUTH movie & pizza night 4 PM	30	31 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM				