



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

September 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

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." Romans 5:5

The day was one that you so rarely experience, from horizon to horizon the sky had not a cloud. The color was blue, but not the normal sky blue, rather a deep rich blue. As I drove to work the sun was brilliant and so were my spirits. Nothing could have prepared me for the phone call I got next. A friend called to ask, "Did you hear that a plane crashed into the World Trade Center?" We were stunned, how did a pilot fly into the building? When I got to church my friend and I were glued to the computer for answers. We watched in horror as the second plane hit the other tower! All I wanted was to have my family safe at home together, but my girls were in school and Jim was in Trenton. The schools asked parents not to come and get their children. As incredibly hard as it was I waited for the children to be dismissed and began to check on family and members. My brother-in-law's sister Nancy who worked by the towers could not be reached. The phone call volume was so extensive that many could not be reached. We later came to find that she had to walk with the many survivors away from what later was called ground zero. She walked most of the way home to the Bronx, until a pickup truck offered her a ride. Along with about ten others packed in the back she finally caught her breath as she rode home. The day seemed so long. Long and heart wrenching. Long as I waited to be united with Jim and the girls. Long until evening when we finally knew Nancy was home. Long because of the unimaginable horror of the day. *(continued)*

Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

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Cornerstone Community



Rodney Puig, 9/2
Ray Schleckser, 9/2
Makayla Morrow, 9/12
Tori Mamola, 9/17
Pilar Fowler, 9/18
Laura Tunis, 9/19
Wendy Barone, 9/20
Joan Mitchell, 9/21
Bubba Smith, 9/24
Julia Capurso, 9/25
Lois Fox, 9/29
Adam Woolverton, 9/29
Jerry Mamola, 9/29
Joan Nebel, 9/30



Bob & Laurie Wegner, 9/8

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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I share this with you because as we have watched the devastation that Hurricane Harvey has caused in the Houston and surrounding areas I can only begin to understand what families are feeling as they are unsure if those they love are safe. First and foremost, we want those we love to be safe in the storm. When the rain waters recede, the next heartache sets in, homes are destroyed, all that made it home is gone as well. As we look in from afar it seems hopeless, imagine living the moment. Yet, looking past the record-breaking rain, hope rises. We witness hope as first responders pluck families off roof tops, as volunteers who have left their homes welcome victims to the shelters. Love breaks into the catastrophe witnessed in the outpouring of donations. No one can survive alone, in moments like these we need one another.

Jesus during his ministry taught his disciples how important it is to be there for one another. In the Gospel of John, he explains what the command to love one another as He has loved us looks like lived out. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." There have been countless stories this past week of such love. None stood out to me more than the Texas woman who saved her 3-year-old daughter from drowning from the rising flood waters. Remarkably, amidst earnest prayers this mom kept her daughter alive until rescuers arrived, making the ultimate sacrifice, her own life. No greater love lived out before our eyes. The story brings tears to our eyes but it also inspires us to love our friends and family more faithfully. We are reminded just how precious a gift life is.

Faith, Hope and Love are the greatest gifts God gives to us and are the greatest gifts we can give to others. As a Cornerstone Family, we will show our love to our brothers and sisters in Texas by giving to the Disaster Relief Fund of the Presbyterian Church USA. Cornerstone to Houston with Love envelopes are available on the back table for you. Simply give from your heart and we will see that someone in Texas gets a hand, and in that way God's amazing power of faith, hope and love brings new life!

Cornerstone Harmony Road



The journey of the Cornerstone Church to Harmony Road has indeed has been a winding road. There have been countless schools transformed for worship and church school. Hours and hours of prayer lifted up for a permanent place to call home. Then the joy of discovering the Harmony Road church, abandoned in 1989 by the Methodist Church and when we were led to the site by God it was now an historical site in desperate need of tender loving repairs. Over the last three years many within the congregation have made those repairs. There have been countless weekends dedicated to painting and scraping, dusting and cleaning. Let us not forget the overwhelming financial support you as a congregation has given to making this vision from God a reality for our church. The road may have been a bit winding and felt much too long, but one thing is for sure it has been met with ceaseless dedication and great faith. One individual who has given hours too many to count and been most faithful to the task (as well as kept others faithful) is Bruce Thompson. Bruce has been invaluable in bringing back to life this beautiful sanctuary. There are times in our life when we have the opportunity to give in such a sacrificially way. Bruce and Betty, in their retirement years, chose to serve in this way. They had to put aside some of their own interests to make such a commitment. We have been truly blessed. Now with the final permits in hand we move ever closer to moving in to Harmony Road. Our tentative plan is to be in by late fall, with invitations out to the community to join us for worship the Sunday before Thanksgiving. As we look back at the winding road, what we see is an incredibly faithful congregation that has been able to accomplish great works with the help and guidance of their Lord!

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION		BOARD OF DEACONS	
2017	Vikki Leach Todd Moyer Kellie Pushko Ray Schleckser		Lisa Capurso Lois Fox
2018	Bruce Thompson Gail Carlson Laura Stone David LaCross		Allyson Moyer Elizabeth Hughes
2019	Barbara Dougherty Jim Foster Tina Kas Sharron Smith (Clerk)		Nancy Foster Ann Sarti



Dyana LaCross
received her second
degree black belt in
August! We're so proud
of her hard work and
dedication!
Congratulations to
Dyana!



Cornerstone friends having fun at the Mercy Me
concert at Great Adventure on August 26th!

Mayor Michael Reina

And the Jackson Township Clean Communities Program



JACKSON DAY 2017

Cornerstone will once again have two
tables to raise funds and share the
good news of Cornerstone in our
community! Volunteers are needed.
See Allyson Moyer if you can help!

SATURDAY – October 28 – 11:00 A.M.

JOHN F. JOHNSON JR. MEMORIAL PARK

Please pray for:

- All those in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey
- Cornerstone as we move forward to complete renovations—hoping to begin worshiping there this fall!



Continued prayers for:

- Ray Schleckser having continuing problems with his back
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8253
- John Lukacs in Brookside Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Brookside Assisted Living, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Our troops around the world and their families

Follow us on Facebook!



We are using our Facebook page to promote our church within the community by increasing the frequency of our posts and introducing some new ideas. **YOU CAN HELP!** Please like our page, and when you see a post from Cornerstone, please like, share, or comment! All of these things increase the number of people who will see our posts, and gradually we will improve in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and Cornerstone throughout the community that we live in. You can find our Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/cpcjacksonnj/>

Click "Like" on the page and you will start seeing our posts in your newsfeed. Please talk to Elizabeth Hughes if you have any questions!

Another way you can help: on Sunday mornings at church, open Facebook on your phone and click "check in" in the upper right. Where it says "where are you" start typing Cornerstone and click on "Cornerstone Presbyterian Church of Jackson" when it comes up.



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

New Fall Sermon Series!

This fall we will begin our sermon series, "God in Action: The Ordinary transformed to Extraordinary". We will be looking at a different Biblical hero each week, discovering how their journey of faith can inform and inspire our own journey. In September, we will look at Noah, Jacob and Moses, each called by God to live out a unique purpose for God. One of the books I have been reading is Cast of Characters by Max Lucado who writes "Common people...story after story marked by scandal, stumble, and intrigue. Who are these people? They're the people of the Bible. And they're us. We find our stories in theirs. We find our hope where they found theirs. In the Hands of an Uncommon God." Max has a great way of bringing these great heroes to life and I look forward to sharing some of his insights as we together open our minds and hearts to how God is still in Action today leading ordinary people of faith to do extraordinary acts.



It was a JOY to have Reverend Jim Pruner preach for us and play the drums on August 20th!



The Master's Clowns to Lead Worship on September 24th!



As we get ready to kick off Church School we have

invited our own Macaroni Anne Cheeze and "The Master's Clowns" (a Christian Ministry) to lead our worship on September 24th. This will be a time filled with fun, surprises, and great teachings of our God. Don't miss this awesome day!

Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 15th, 1:30-3 PM

Support our Cornerstone Team!



“We walk because they walk.” Why? Because people of Catholic and Protestant churches are getting sponsors to provide water, seeds and help to grow food for the hungry. This year, the invitation goes out for each to walk so that others may eat. Can you walk or sponsor a walker? The Ocean County walk is Sun, Oct. 16th, 1:30 to 3:00 for three miles starting at the Toms River Presbyterian Church. Jesus said, “In as much as you have helped the least of these, you have done it unto me.” See Allyson Moyer or Elizabeth Hughes for more information on how YOU can help the Cornerstone Team! To register or donate, please visit:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj/Cornerstone>

Getting Ready for Operation Christmas Child!



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 \$9 to ship each box and our typical goal is to fill 100 boxes. To get a head start on collecting for this \$900 expense, **we will be collecting loose change throughout the end of September.** 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!



Team Cornerstone from last year's walk!



Crop Walk

TODAY-one child will die every 5 seconds because of hunger.

Most will be younger than five years old. Most will die from ordinary childhood illnesses – Dysentery, Influenza, Respiratory Infections – illnesses they could survive if they were not already weakened by malnutrition.

**WALKING TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE WHILE, WE CAN HELP.
AFTER ALL, A LITTLE WHILE IS A LONG, LONG TIME IF YOU'RE HUNGRY.**

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

**WHERE: REGISTRATION 1:30 PM, TOMS RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1070 Hooper Avenue & Chestnut Street, Toms River**

WALK BEGINS AT 2 PM Through the neighborhood around the Presbyterian Church (5K)



**Feed the
Hungry**

YOU CAN HELP!

1. Sign up to walk and solicit sponsors for your walk
2. Sponsor someone else to walk

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM. USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSORS. BRING IT WITH YOU ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th

WALKER'S NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Email address _____

Group or Church _____

SPONSOR'S NAME		ADDRESS
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Please make checks payable to: CWS/CROP

**If you cannot make the walk you can still support by contributing online @
www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj**

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County and The House of Hope will benefit from our walk.

IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR A WALK! PLEASE BRING A NONPERISABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE HOUSE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

For information: Call Alan Reifenheiser at 732-349-0665 or email him at areifenheiser@comcast.net

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.



Every Saturday morning from 9am to 11am the High School Youth are asked to help stock the shelves and sort donations at the Jackson Food Pantry. Youth must be 14 and older as per the township rule. If you are interested in helping please talk to Allyson. It's a great way to earn community hours.



12th Tuesday 6pm Taco Tuesday at Surf Taco - Jackson

Let's get together and see how the first day of school was! Kids can share their teachers, worries, excitement and we can all pray together for a great school year!

21st Thursday 6:45pm Beyond Youth Night at Keswick



Join many young teens from the area for a night of music and worship. Ice Breaker/Game, Worship Time/Student Testimony, Devotional lead by one of our local Youth Pastors, -FREE TIME in Activity Center- Indoor pool (one piece bathing suits only), Indoor hot tub, Basketball, Racquetball, Volleyball, Gaga, Ping-Pong, and they always have some organized games like free ball, Nine square or a tournament happening! They also offer a snack shop which serves Ice Cream, Milk Shakes and French Fries so bring a few

dollars if you'd like to purchase.



9th Monday 10am Apple Picking / Pumpkin picking at Battlevue Orchards

Kids are off from school for Columbus Day. Join us for a fun fall day of Apple picking, apple cider, donuts and pumpkin picking. Families welcome!

15th Sunday 1:30pm Crop Hunger Walk - Toms River Presbyterian Church

Join the Cornerstone walk for Hunger! The 3-mile walk starts at 1:30pm at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River. Registration link will be live soon!

19th Thursday 6:45pm Beyond Youth Night at Keswick - Whiting, NJ

21th Saturday 3pm Freight Fest at Great Adventure

Join us at GA for a thrilling night of scary shows and rides. Be prepared-this is scary!

28th Saturday 11am to dusk Jackson Day - Johnson Park, Jackson

Cornerstone will have two tables at Jackson Day. Join the fun selling apple cider donuts and apple cider or volunteer at the information table letting everyone know about Cornerstone's move to Harmony Road. A sign up sheet with shift times will be available during church or email Allyson. There will be Fireworks at dusk. It is important to have Youth at our tables to show our great active youth group!

Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1



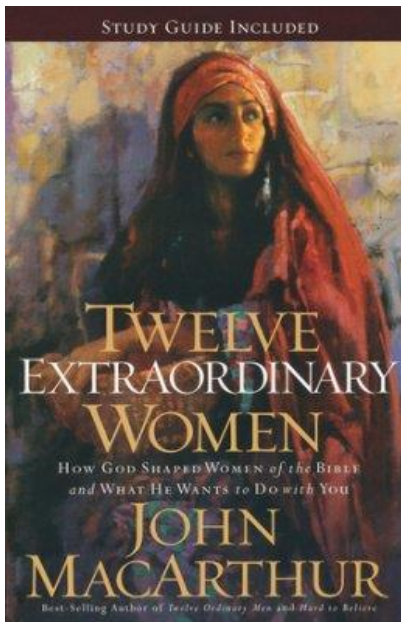
The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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 Resumes September 26th! All Women Welcome!

Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at the home of Elizabeth Hughes



The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 26th at 10:30 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The group will begin a 12-week study of the book "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur. Books are available in print or Kindle edition for approximately \$10. If you would like to order a book, please speak to Elizabeth. All women are welcome!

If you are interested in attending an evening or weekend study group for this book, please speak to Elizabeth or Pastor Tory.

Description: Celebrated for their courage, vision, hospitality, and spiritual giftedness, it's no wonder women were so important to God's place revealed in the Old and New Testaments. It wasn't their natural qualities that made these women extraordinary but the power of the one true God whom they worshipped and served. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages.

In *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur, you'll learn more than fascinating information about these women, you'll discover--perhaps for the first time--the unmistakable chronology of God's redemptive work in history through their lives. These women were not ancillary to His plan, they were at the very heart of it. And this book includes their amazing stories.

The twelve women studied in this book are Eve (Genesis 3:20), Sarah (Genesis 11-25), Rahab (Matthew 1:5-6), Ruth (Ruth 1-4), Hannah (1 Samuel 1-2), Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1-2), Anna (Luke 2:36-38), The Samaritan woman (John 4), Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42), Mary Magdalene (Matthew 27:56-61), and Lydia (Acts 16:14).

“Summer Sundays” Continue in September

Throughout the end of September, 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.


October 1, 2017
Rally Day



SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we resume our regular Sunday School classes during worship in October, we are always in need of extra volunteers to help teach! If you are interested in trying something new, even just on an occasional Sunday, please talk to Kellie Pushko or Elizabeth Hughes.

September 2017 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Youth Group Surf Taco 6 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Youth Group Keswick 6:45 PM	22	23
24	25	26 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	27	28	29	30
 Communion Served						