



## Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

### Cornerstone Connection

November 2017

*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)

**Pastor:**

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Ashley Moyer & Jackie Leach

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#### A Message from Pastor Tory

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!

November is the month where we set aside a day to give thanks to God for all of his blessings to us. However, if we give thanks but once a year we miss out on so much. We live devoid of our Living Lord, the one who awaits not only our praise, he longs for us to take hold of his outstretched hand so that he might guide us, supports, and embrace us with His love. Living every day of our life with the Lord opens wide our hearts to see all God's great gifts.

One of the Christian contemporary songs that expresses this so well is "Blessed Be Your Name" by Matt Redman. The song begins with "In the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name. When the sun's shining down on me, when the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name." For me it is so easy to sing out praise to God, "when the world's all as it should be." When everything is great, I am quick to say "great is our Lord!"

However, what happens "when the darkness closes in, and on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering" as Redman writes? For many of us our knee jerk reaction is turn from God, or worse yet we blame God for the place we find ourselves. If you have ever found yourself there, you are in good company with our biblical ancestors. In Exodus we watch as the people of God sing praises when they land on the beach finally free from Pharaoh. Fifteen days later they are already complaining and blaming Moses for bringing them out to the wilderness to die, doubting that God was with them.

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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



Faron Trick, 11/1  
 Naija Smith, 11/3  
 Michele Calhoun 11/8  
 Todd Moyer, 11/10  
 Vanessa Smith, 11/12  
 Colin DiGirolamo, 11/14  
 Tina Kas, 11/15  
 Daniel Fowler, 11/16  
 Dave Carlson, 11/18  
 Kahra Woolverton, 11/22  
 Jonathan Hughes, 11/24  
 David LaCross, 11/27  
 Laurie Wegner, 11/27  
 Marye Barbagallo, 11/28  
 Becky Osiakwan, 11/29  
 Fred Mallison, 11/29  
 Austin Floyd, 11/30



Marlene & Don Kiefer, 11/7  
 Allyson & Todd Moyer, 11/24

## 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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Too often we allow ourselves to be swept away into the darkness, feeling as though we are alone, maybe even abandoned by God. Redman writes in the song, "when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say, blessed be the name of the Lord." "Still I will say," becomes the difference between groping in the darkness that at times descends on us or allowing the Lord to shepherd us through the valley of the shadow of death. Life comes with both abundance and darkness, it comes with births, weddings, graduations and celebrations as well as sickness, financial struggles, and the death of ones we love.

We have the wonderful opportunity to walk through life with our Lord, singing praise for his presence. Knowing that he will guide us through those dark times, as a shepherd sees that all that sheep make it through the difficult passages, leading us to the still waters. There we will sing loud "Blessed be Your name!"

## 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

## *Please pray for:*

- Bruce and Betty Thompson as they prepare to move to Pennsylvania this month—they will be missed!
- Cornerstone as we move forward to complete renovations—hoping to begin worshipping there this year!



## *Continued prayers for:*

- Ray Schleckser having continuing problems with his back and knee
- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8217
- 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



Congratulations to **Devin LaCross** for winning another pistol championship (shown above with the Sacajawea dollar he received for getting a perfect score of 100). Way to go, Devin!



**Tina Kas** ran in the "Perfect 10 Miler" on Sunday, October 22nd.

## **The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on November 19th after the 10 AM worship service for the purpose of:**

- Receiving the Nominating Committee report and the election of elders, deacons, and nominating committee members for 2018 and unfilled terms.
- The Session will also give an update on the Harmony Road construction and will ask the Congregation to allow the Session to designate any excess income from the Operating Fund to be used to cover costs exceeding the Building Fund balance for the purpose of making the way clear to receive the Certificate of Occupancy.
- Finally, the Session will move that we take out a loan for \$30,000 with a 5 percent interest rate for 60 months with no prepayment penalties that has been generously offered to us by our members Fred Van Looy and Barbara Dougherty. This will allow Cornerstone to have the modular space needed for church programs, fellowship and office.



The Jackson Memorial High School Marching Band won first place in the State Championship at Rutgers on October 28th! Good luck at Nationals on November 4th! We're proud of our Jackson Jaguars: **Marissa Rosato, Devin LaCross**



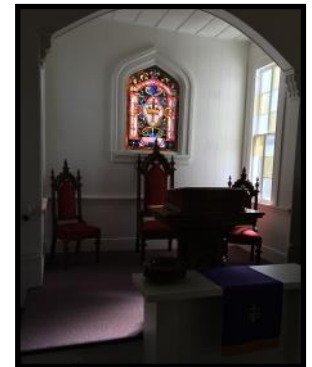


## HARMONY Work Day 10/21

Thanks to all who helped at the Work Day! We spruced up the outside by cleaning up the weeds and tall grass, and cleaned up the sanctuary inside. Paving and completion of the handicapped ramp/parking is scheduled for November, and we're hoping to be worshipping there by Christmas!



Ladies Luncheon at the Westlake Grill on Wednesday, October 25th! Thanks to Betty Thompson for organizing.



## Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 15th

Thanks to ALL who walked and supported Team Cornerstone—we raised a total of **\$580!**





## JACKSON DAY 10/28

Thank who ALL who helped at Jackson Day! We had two booths where we sold cider and cider donuts, and gave information about the church and our new home at Harmony Road. Whether you donated items, volunteered your time, or stopped by to say hello, we appreciate your efforts as we raised funds and spread the good news of Cornerstone in Jackson!

We raised more than \$300 for our church!

THANK YOU!





## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Youth Group is holding a food drive to benefit the Jackson Food Pantry. On the first two Sundays of the month (11/5 and 11/12), youth will collect donations of Thanksgiving meal items at church. Thank you for supporting this effort to share our blessings to help those in need in our community! or the food drive.



Cornerstone can benefit from YOUR online Amazon purchases! From the website 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.

### 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.



WORLD **COMMUNION** SUNDAY

October 1, 2017



Pastor Tory dedicated the "Gift of the Heart" kits collected for hurricane relief.



Our thanks to Reverend Alice Batcher who preached for us on October 29th!



October 22nd: Bruce Thompson gave us an update on efforts at Harmony Road.



Kathe Morrison gave a summary of our Sunday School curriculum as part of an overview of our Christian Education program.



### Committing to Cornerstone

Every year in churches all over the country members are asked to pray and then decide what they will be able to commit to the ministry and mission of the church for the coming year. The other day my daughter Lorna received her pledge card. For those of you who do not know Lorna, she is my middle daughter and is 26 years old, and was born with a rare chromosomal disorder. She is on disability and works helping in a nursery school Monday through Friday. Her resources are so limited that I thought at first why is she getting a pledge card? However, I turned the card over and saw that you could write in the commitment to volunteer. As I thought about it, Lorna perhaps gives the greatest amount to her church, more than any of our Pruner family. She volunteers for the 2-year-old to 4-year-old church school classes on Saturday night, and two classes on Sunday. On Tuesday she helps with the elementary fellowship and choirs. Then on Tuesday she helps with the preschool choir and fellowship. Finally, she was invited to serve on the Special Education Ministry committee, where she is part of creating a welcoming environment for children and youth with special needs. Wow! I find myself amazed when I write it down. Just one person, whose annual income is under \$5,000. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians was trying to help them understand that we are each members of one body through Christ. We have different gifts, but not one gift is more important than another to the body. In verses 17&18 Paul writes, "If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose." Every one of you are important to the working of the mission and ministry here at Cornerstone. I pray that Lorna's commitment inspires you to listen to where God may be leading you in the coming year. 2018 will be an exciting year as we settle into the Harmony Road church. There will be new opportunities to serve and new missions and ministries to support through your financial commitment. Only you and your family can discern with God's help what you will be able to give. On November 19, we will dedicate our pledges/commitments to God during worship. Please take time over the next few weeks to prayerfully consider what you bring to the Lord in 2018.

Pledge cards are available in worship on Sundays or to  
from our website!

Please bring your pledge to church for the dedication on  
Stewardship Sunday, November 19th!





## BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 5TH!

**Thank you to all who packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!** Each fall our church participates in this program where we pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world. If you have not returned your box, please contact Elizabeth Hughes or Gail Carlson to make arrangements this week. Boxes will be dropped off to the local collection site the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. **If you would like to donate towards packing or shipping the boxes, place your offering marked "shoeboxes" in the offering plate.**

**There will be a meeting at the home of Gail Carlson on Wednesday, November 15th at 1 PM** to complete any remaining shoeboxes and get them ready for delivery.

**Thank you for your support of this mission project!**



**Thank you to everyone who donated "Gift of the Heart" kits and supplies to be sent via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to areas affected by hurricanes! We collected a total of 31 kits (23 health kits, 5 school kits, and 3 buckets), and over \$300 to help those recovering from storms.**

**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.

## November

**Youth Mission - Food Drive for Thanksgiving - Youth run for entire congregation benefiting Jackson Food Pantry** The first two Sunday's we will ask for donations of Thanksgiving meal items to help the local Jackson Food pantry. Youth will be in charge of collecting items at end of service and delivering to food pantry by Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

16<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:45pm

**Beyond Youth Night at Keswick - Whiting, NJ**  
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 our 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.



Youth Group collecting donations for hurricane relief at Harmony Road on October 21st—they collected \$300!



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](mailto:srplus3@comcast.net)).

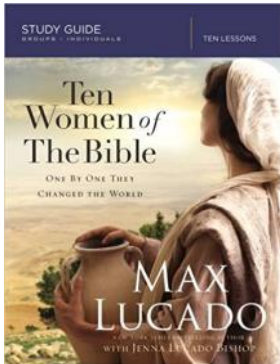




## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

### All Women Welcome!

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



The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The group is doing a 10-week study of the book "Ten Women of the Bible: One by One They Changed the World" by Max Lucado. It's never too late to join - please speak to Elizabeth for more information. All women are welcome!

**Description:** We don't even know all their names. Some are referred to only by their nationality. Some are known only by the place where they lived. Some would become queens, while others would live on the fringes of society. One would give birth to a nation, and one would give birth to the Messiah. Their culture often overlooked or discounted the contributions of women, yet the writers of Scripture found these women and the role they played remarkable to the telling of God's story.

As we study the lives of the women in the Bible, we find important truths that God wants us to grasp. They lived in a different world than our own, but we find ourselves facing the same issues they faced. Yet even more, these women show us there is a God who sees us where we are and loves us for who we are. He is the one who hovers over all the pages of the Bible, shaping lives, rescuing hearts, healing sicknesses, raising what was dead to life, and assigning high callings to those who choose to follow him and have faith in him.

#### Schedule:

- November 7: **The Samaritan Woman**
- November 14: **The Canaanite Woman**
- November 21: (no meeting)
- November 28: **Mary of Bethany**
- December 5: **Mary Magdalene**
- December 12: **Sapphira**

## Sunday School for Kids During Worship!

The **K-5th Grade** class is using the Whirl curriculum which highlights key Bible stories from both the New and Old Testaments.

The **6th-8th 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 **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, Allyson Moyer, Elizabeth Hughes, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach, and rotating volunteers

**Nursery Care Always Available!**



## 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.

### **Vikki Leach**

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Vleach@verizon.net

Vikkileach.myrandf.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.***



# November 2017 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	15 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Youth Group Keswick 6:45 PM	17	18
19 Deacon Meeting 11 AM Stewardship Sunday	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26  Communion Served	27	28 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	29	30		