



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

October 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

As I write this letter the hint of fall appears on the leaves. I love the colors of fall however it often signals the long winter ahead. I remember as a child on Labor Day my mother would say, "once Labor Day comes Christmas is right around the corner". To my mother those words bore a bit of dread. For me those words brought on feelings of great anticipation and excitement! Now as we receive our final permit to complete the parking lot of the Harmony Road Church, I feel that same feeling of anticipation and excitement. Since I came to serve as your Pastor, the Harmony Road church has been in the works. Every time we seem to be moving forward, a huddle or roadblock pops up. I have felt the frustration so many of you have been experiencing. To wait can be such a challenge. The people of God experienced waiting, the Bible is filled with accounts of marking time. Moses and the Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land. Joseph had to wait years before he was reunited and reconciled to his family. The prophets foresaw a time to come when the Messiah would come and they waited. Simeon and Anna were waiting for the Messiah well into their old age. Simeon was certain he would see the Messiah before he died. Tom Long writes of their waiting "Simeon and Anna were waiting for God to come, but they also were not passive in their waiting. Simeon was full of devotion and did what was just. Anna kept the lights burning at the Temple with her ceaseless worship. They waited, but, while they waited, they did what they could. Simeon and Anna did not wait because 'there was nothing else to do,' but because they had hope. Therefore, their waiting was not a vacuum, devoid of activity. They worked and worshiped, performed acts of justice and prayer.

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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



Carina Tullo, 10/1
 Carmine Pescatore, 10/1
 Sean Kas, 10/1
 Arne Ildsgaard, 10/3
 Vernice DaConceicao, 10/3
 Dominique Robert, 10/4
 Daniel Sarti, 10/6
 Zachary Tunis, 10/6
 Ryan Kas, 10/6
 Sueli Paes De Barros, 10/11
 Jared Calhoun, 10.13
 Meg Milligan, 10/16
 Donnette Hubert, 10/17
 Marlene Ruth, 10/19
 James Hughes, 10/21
 Elizabeth Hughes, 10/31



Don & Michele Welch, 10/3
 Ann & Paul Sarti, 10/10
 Patti & Ed Miller, 10/18
 Kristen & Michael DiGirolamo, 10/18
 Kellie & Michael Pushko, 10/24

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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While they waited, they defied the darkness by serving God, because it was for the light of God that they waited. They did what they could, and they waited." The Gospel of Luke tells us, God did not disappoint Simeon, he saw the Messiah, perhaps not what he may have expected yet still the child born Emanuel, God with us.

In our waiting, we are blessed to have "God with Us". Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to be active, to have the "lights burning" and to get ready for our new worship home. Now is the time to not only give thanks and praise for our needs being met, (no more weekly set up, no more moves, no more break down) but for us to prepare for what God has in store for us in the future. Over the next month we will be reaching out to you to join us as we get ready to welcome old and new friends to worship. We will also need help for the celebrations planned as we give thanks for our new home on Harmony Road. My prayer is that we can all find the patience and faithfulness of Simeon and Anna as we wait and serve the 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

Please pray for:

- All those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas
- All in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida recovering from hurricane damage
- Bev Kaiser in Fountainview Care Center recovering from pneumonia
- Doris Pfiessen recovering from thyroid surgery
- Wendy Barone's father having kidney surgery
- Sharron Smith and family
- 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 and knee
- 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



The Jackson Memorial High School Marching Band marched in the Miss America parade in Atlantic City! We're proud of our Jackson Jaguars: **Marissa Rosato, Devin LaCross**

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U. S. A.)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...
Isaiah 61:1

The Service of Installation

for

COURTNEY BETH CROMIE

as

Pastor

at

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church
Frenchtown, NJ

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Four o'clock p.m.

Jackson Day will be held on Saturday, October 28th at Johnson Park



We will have 2 tables, one to sell cider and cider donuts as a fundraiser and one information table to spread the good news of our move to Harmony Road throughout the community. **We need volunteers** to man the tables, donations of items such as bagged candy and water, and help decorating our booths. Please contact Allyson Moyer if you can help!

Ladies LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, October 25th, there will be a Ladies Luncheon at the Westlake Grill at 12:00 PM. Please RSVP to Betty Thompson by October 18th!

HARMONY Work Day 10/21



There will be a work day at Harmony Road on Saturday, October 21st at 9 AM. We will work on clearing out the inside of the church worship space and closet and getting it ready for worship! On Sunday, October 22nd, after the worship service we would like to spend time going through the shed outside of McAuliffe. Please help on either or both day if you are able!



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.



The Most Treasured Gift

In response to a lawyer's question, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" asked to test Jesus. Jesus responds, "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

The lawyer's question leads us to discover the great commandment, love. To love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Love, is the most treasured gift. When we open ourselves up to God we discover a love so faithful that we want to give nothing but the best.

Over the fall we have witnessed ordinary people of God giving sacrificially in response to the devastating storms and then this week as the horrific shooting in Las Vegas began we watched as people ran into the fray to help. Moments like these so often put into perspective what really matters. We discover anew that when we live our lives as an offering to God and our neighbor we find not only our purpose but our greatest joy.

I present a challenge before us as a congregation, in the month of October, may we find time each day to open our hearts, minds and souls to the Lord, praying that he may reveal the ways we may love even more faithfully. Through our prayer, may we as a congregation be empowered to be a greater force of love as we live our lives as a witness of God amazing and unchanging love. This Prayer Challenge is one of the best ways I believe we can begin to prepare to serve the Lord in the coming year. For on Sunday November 19th we will be bring forth our commitments for the ministry and mission of the Cornerstone. Through our prayer may we be ready to give our most treasured gift of love.



It was a JOY to have Macaroni Anne Cheeze (aka Meg Milligan) and the Master's Clowns lead us in worship on September 24th!



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>

Operation Christmas Child



Each fall our church participates in this program where we pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world. Today we are giving out boxes to fill and some items to start you off on filling them! **Please return filled boxes to worship by Sunday, November 5th.** If you would like to donate towards packing or shipping the boxes, place your offering marked “shoeboxes” in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of this mission project!

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED
OUR SUMMER SHIPPING
COLLECTION—WE RAISED MORE
THAN \$300!!!**

**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!**





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.



9th Monday 10am Apple Picking / Pumpkin picking at Battleview 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!



Youth Group enjoying Taco Tuesday and fellowship at Surf Taco!



Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1



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

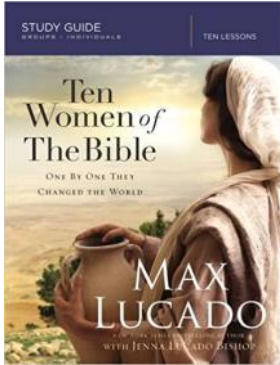
Rehearsals are low key and fun! We are always looking for new members and hope that you will prayerfully consider joining this awesome group of singers. Singing is another way that we can pray. Think about trying something new – your voice in a choir. If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).



Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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:

- October 3: **Sarah**
- October 10: **Rahab**
- October 17: **Abigail**
- October 24: **Esther**
- October 31: **Mary, the Mother of Jesus**
- 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**



RALLY DAY is on October 1st, and Sunday School will resume during 10 AM worship! There will be a celebration at the end of the hour, and prizes will be given to all who can say the memory verse they received in the mail!

Sunday School volunteers are always welcome! Please talk to Pastor Tory, Kathe Morrison, or Kellie Pushko if you can help!

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!

October 2017 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	4	5	6	7
8	9 Youth Group Apple Picking 10 AM	10 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	11	12	13	14
15 Deacon Meeting 11 AM 	16	17 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	18 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	19 Youth Group Keswick 6:45 PM	20	21 WORK DAY at Harmony 9 AM Youth Group FRIGHT FEST 3 P<
22	23	24 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28 JACKSON DAY 11 AM
29  Communion Served	30	31 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM 