



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

February 2018

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 children waiting is one of the most frustrating and upsetting things we must endure. When I was a child I was blessed to vacation the whole summer in Seaside Park New Jersey. We stayed in a converted garage but it didn't matter, we were at the beach. I remember each morning waking up eating breakfast, getting my suit on and watching my friends head to the beach, while I had to wait! Wait for my mother to do the dishes, wait for my mother to make the beds, and wait for her to get her bathing suit on. The wait seemed to go on forever. The thought never crossed my mind that if I helped my mother with the "chores" we would get to the beach sooner, no, instead I chose to lie on the couch watching reruns of I Love Lucy. As we mature the hope is that we develop patience and learn that waiting, especially where God is involved, is well worth the wait.

However, throughout the history of the people of God we have become impatient and often been found to lose heart. During the Babylonian exile, the prophet Isaiah reminds the people to set their hope on the fact that the God whom they believe in is the one who is creator and is sovereign over political events. "Hope" means convinced expectation. Such hope means the weary find new resources of energy and perseverance, because they know they have a future. Isaiah 40: 28-40 says this so well.

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (continued)

Worship at McAuliffe Middle School

35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson

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

Cornerstone Community



Donna Rosato, 2/6
 Sydney Slusak, 2/6
 Devin LaCross, 2/10
 Melissa Floyd, 2/11
 Jaimee Bainbridge, 2/15
 Beverly Kaiser, 2/16
 John Pushko, 2/16
 Michael Pushko, 2/16
 Anna Hekl, 2/18
 Sean DiGirolamo, 2/18
 Tory Pruner, 2/23
 Zoe Welch, 2/23
 Debbie LaCross, 2/27
 Rob Morrison 2/27



Frank & Lisa Capurso, 2/29

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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As a congregation, waiting and keeping hope for the promised future has been at times challenging. Like the people of God who have come before us there are moments when we cry out "how much longer?" We long to be in our permanent church home. At times we are like that child I knew long ago lying on the couch disgusted with the wait. Isaiah encourages us by reminding us that God still gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless. Those who wait for the Lord shall run and not grow weary. Last weekend I witnessed just that as 19 members gathered at Harmony Road Church and worked on the things needed to be completed for us to receive the Certificate of Occupancy. Youth and adults worked side by side, the photos on page 4 display a living illustration of what Isaiah wrote, "the Lord shall renew their strength..... they shall run and not grow weary. The energy and enthusiasm was wonderful to experience. As we "WAIT" to finally receive God's gift of Harmony Road church we can choose to wait on the sideline or to join forces with Fred and the Building Committee and experience firsthand God at work in and through us. We are coming to the last lap and finish line, join with others on work weekends at Harmony, let us not just "wait impatiently on the couch." Now is the time to give of our time and resources, knowing that the Lord is the everlasting God and he is ready to renew your strength so together we may finish the race we have before us.

ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

BOARD OF DEACONS

2018 Mike Pushko
 Gail Carlson
 Laura Stone
 David LaCross

Marye Barbagallo
 Elizabeth Hughes

2019 Barbara Dougherty
 Jim Foster
 Tina Kas
 Sharron Smith (Clerk)

Nancy Foster
 Ann Sarti

2020 Vikki Leach
 Allyson Moyer
 Denise Mudalel
 Ray Schleckser

Lisa Capurso
 Kathe Morrison

Please pray for:

- Arne Ildsgaard in the hospital with kidney issues after being severely dehydrated from a bad virus
- Donnette Hubert recovering at home after emergency hernia surgery
- Dave Carlson recovering in rehab after being hospitalized for injuries related to two falls



Continued prayers for:

- Jim Pruner recovering from quintuple bypass surgery on Dec. 29th.
- 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
- Cornerstone as we move forward to complete renovations—hoping to begin worshipping there by the summer!



Jonathan Hughes and Ben Leach cleaning tables at the soup kitchen at All Saints Episcopal Church. The youth will be volunteering there on the second Sunday of every month. See page 8 for more information about youth group!



Middle School Sunday School class watching Nooma. See page 12 for more information on Sunday School!

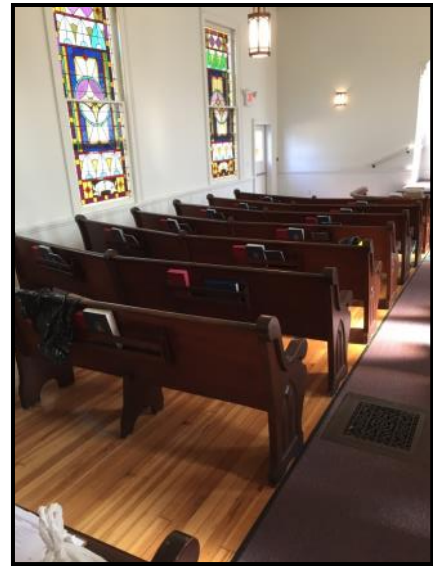
Work Day at Harmony 1/27

The day was a great success! We had 19 people put in 44.5 work hours. The pews on the left side of the church were spaced and anchored to the floor. The mirror was hung in the bathroom. Lots of "stuff" in the back of the church was sorted and organized, with some of it being stored on shelves set up in the basement.

Further Renovation Updates

Fred Van Looy has met with a number of inspectors for building, fire electric and plumbing, and necessary inspections are ongoing. Our new sign for the front is ready and should be installed any day! Since the work day, Fred spaced and anchored the remaining pews on the right side of the church so that job has been completed. The supports for the pews will be installed in the next few weeks. We are working on submitting the required paperwork to the township to receive the permit for the new office trailer, and when that is complete we will set up a time for its delivery and installation.

Our thanks to Fred for all of his hard work in leading our ongoing renovation project!



"SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY"—FEBRUARY 4th!

Wear your favorite team's colors!

Souper Bowl of Caring



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. The statistics 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 4th.

Meal of Soup & Bread

A Cornerstone tradition! We will have a meal of Soup & Bread on "Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 4th! Stay for a time of food and fellowship after worship that day, and still be home in plenty of time for the football game. Stay and join us if you can!



Volunteers Needed to Attend Presbytery Meetings

We are looking for one or two volunteers from the congregation to be Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery Meetings; must be an ordained elder (past or present). There are 4 meetings in 2018: Tuesday, February 27th, 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Manasquan), Saturday, May 19th, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm (Sayreville), Tuesday, September 25th, 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Hightstown), Saturday, November 17th, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm (Plumsted). Please talk to Pastor Tory if you would like to volunteer.

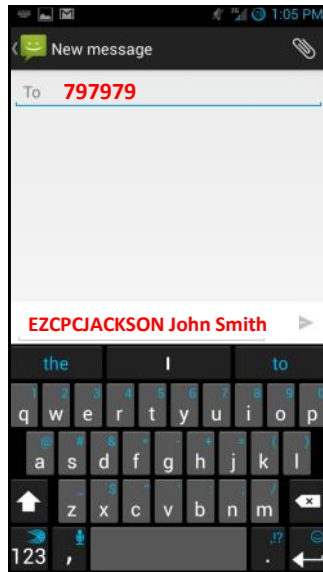
Buy Shop Rite Cards and Support Cornerstone!

Gift cards are available for you to purchase each Sunday before worship, and 5% of the purchase price goes directly to the church. For many years, Vernice DaConceicao has faithfully sold these gift cards each Sunday. For all who get their groceries at Shop Rite, it's an easy way to help! Thanks to all, we have raised \$12,875 for the Building Fund.



Text Alert System

Cornerstone has a text alert system to notify our congregation of important announcements (such as church closings due to weather) via text. Important information will also continue to be emailed, posted on our website, or shared with phone calls for those without computer access. But if you would like to receive alerts via text, then text **EZCPCJACKSON <your name>** to the phone number 797979. If you are successful, you will get back a message saying "Welcome to the Cornerstone text list." Talk to Elizabeth Hughes if you have any questions.



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Per Capita Offering for 2018

Our Per Capita Offering is now being collected for 2018. Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$37.00) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The amount not given by the members must be covered by our general budget, taking away from other work and ministry of Cornerstone.

The Per Capita Offering is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. When we give our offering, it allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Per Capita also funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students. Helping to prepare future ministers to faithfully answer their call from God. As Presbyterians, we believe that we need each other as we work together to and discern the mind of Christ for the PC (USA).

We encourage all members to pay your share of \$37.00 per member, even if it is made in small increments throughout the year. By contributing your portion of per capita, you will free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. We hope you will make this contribution at your earliest convenience. Together is how we have the greatest impact!

Lenten Preaching Series



Lent begins on
Ash
Wednesday,
February 14th

Lent has been for Christians a time of reflection and prayer, bringing each of us back to our Lord and preparing us for his overwhelming sacrifice on our behalf and amazing triumph over death. Rev. Tory Pruner will be using Timothy Keller's book "Jesus the King" as the basis for her preaching series. "Jesus the King" is an insightful and revelatory look at the life of Christ. Keller explores the Gospel of Mark; demonstrating how the story of Jesus is cosmic, historical, and personal; and encourages us to re-examine our relationship with God. Join Keller as he explores the Gospel of Mark; demonstrates how the story of Jesus is cosmic, historical, and personal; and encourages you to re-examine your relationship with God.

Timothy Keller is pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City and has been called by Newsweek "a C.S. Lewis for the 21st century." Tory encourages you read the book as we walk through these 40 days of Lent. Each week in our Cornerstone Weekly Update Tory will provide devotionals for during the week to help you to grow in your understanding of and love for Jesus your King.



Epiphany—January 7th

Installation and ordination of our new elders and deacons. Thanks to all who serve!



Thank you to Rev Rob and Kathe Morrison for the wise men figures for the table!

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.



View scheduled activities Feb—May 2018 on our [website](#)!

Spread the **LOVE**...for the first two weeks in February the youth will be collecting items to make "Blessing Bags" for the Lakewood Soup Kitchen. Simple items from the Dollar Store or items already in your home; hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion), pocket tissues, feminine products, gloves, socks, toothbrush/paste, wipes, beef jerky, crackers, candy bars, any snacks and gently used pocketbooks. These items will be put in gallon Ziploc bags or the donated pocketbooks and distributed to the Soup Kitchen.

Every Saturday 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! :)



4th Sunday 10am Super Bowl of Caring at Cornerstone

Youth are asked to bring a big pot and collect donations of canned goods and monetary donations from the congregation. Donations will be given to the Jackson Food Pantry. After worship we will have our annual Soup & Bread Congregation get together!

11th Sunday 12:15-2pm Soup Kitchen - All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood

Cornerstone is committed to help the local families by serving a hot meal. Two youth and one adult are needed to help wrap silverware, prepare the meal and then serve/clean-up. Time commitment is less than two hours and we promise you will leave feeling very fulfilled and blessed!

15th 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.

22nd Thursday 3pm Cook at Ronald McDonald House, Long Branch

One of our favorites! Let's cooks for those families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Meet at the Moyer's for 3pm (or Allyson will pick-up as many as possible). We will go cook Penne ala Vodka, Garlic Bread, Salad and dessert and then grab a bite to eat on the way home.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions so please feel free to email or call Allyson to add an event to the calendar.

Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event. Carpooling available.

Friends are always welcome!

Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email allymoyer@gmail.com home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581



Our 2018 Confirmation classes are underway!

Confirmation classes are typically offered from January – May each year. This class is a time for youth to confirm the love that God has expressed for each of us in Jesus Christ. It is important that both the youth and the family are involved in this journey. Classes are taught by Reverend Tory Pruner and adult mentors.

Tentative Class Schedule:

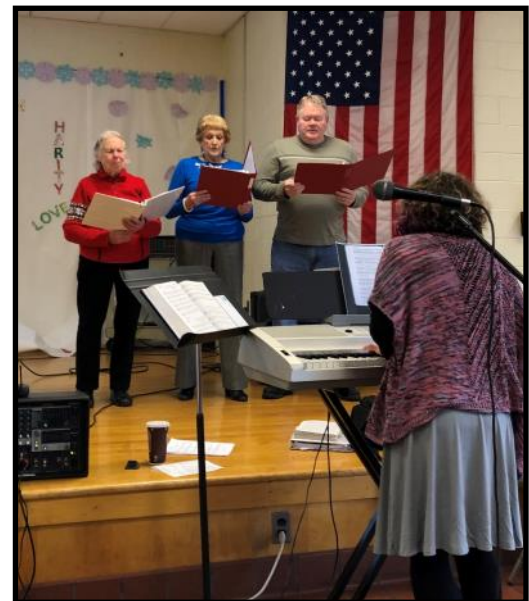
- January 21** Student and Parent Informational Meeting
- January 28** Created for a Purpose by God the Creator
- February 4** Who is this One Named Jesus Christ
- February 11** Holy Spirit – Gift given by Jesus
- February 18** Off for the holiday weekend
- February 24-25** Confirmation Retreat at Thomson Memorial in New Hope, PA
- March 4** Sin and Forgiveness
- March 11** No Confirmation Class
- March 18** Developing a Rule of Life
- March 25** No Confirmation Class
- April 1** No Confirmation Class
- April 8** Church Visit
- April 15** Being Presbyterian – Being a Member of Cornerstone
- April 22** Statement of Faith Review
- April 29** No Confirmation Class – submit final Statement of Faith to Elizabeth
- May 6** Session Examination
- DATE TBD** Confirmation in Harmony Road Church!!



Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

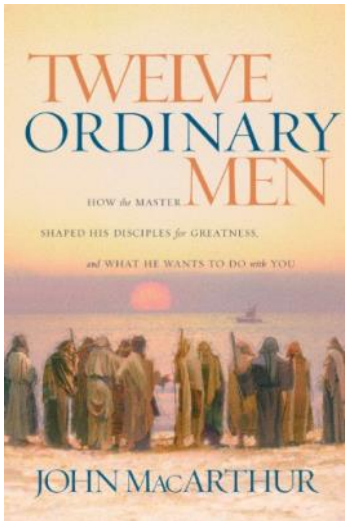
The Cornerstone Choir rehearses before worship on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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).



Adult Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at the home of Elizabeth Hughes



The women's group is doing a 10-week study of the book "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. It's never too late to join - please speak to Elizabeth Hughes for more information. All are welcome!

Description: Contrary to popular belief, we do not have to be perfect to do God's work. Look no further than the twelve disciples whose many weaknesses are forever preserved throughout the pages of the New Testament. Jesus chose ordinary men - fisherman, tax collectors, political zealots - and turned their weakness into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness. MacArthur draws principles from Christ's careful, hands-on training of the original twelve disciples for

today's modern disciple - you.

Tentative Schedule:

- January 9: Common Men, Uncommon Calling
- January 16: Peter—The Apostle with the Foot-shaped Mouth
- January 23: Andrew—The Apostle of Small Things
- January 30: James—The Apostle of Passion
- February 6: Philip—The Bean Counter
- February 13: Nathanael—The Guileless One
- February 20: Matthew—The Tax Collector and Thomas—The Twin
- February 27: James—The Less; Simon—The Zealot; and Judas (not Iscariot) - The Apostle with Three Names
- March 6: Judas—The Traitor



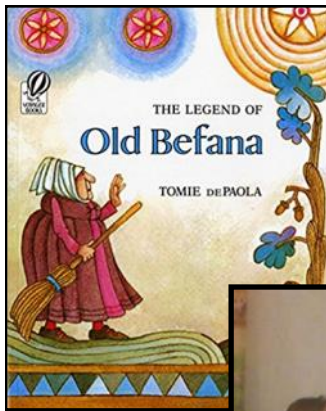
Bible study via Skype!



"The Legend of Old Befana"

Sunday School Epiphany Play—January 7, 2018

Thank you to all who helped with the Sunday School presentation, a video based on the book by Tomie de Paola called The Legend of Old Befana. Special thanks to Kathe Morrison for organizing and directing, Jonathan Hughes for filming and editing, Allyson Moyer and Kellie Pushko for assisting, and to all the kids who participated! You can see the video on our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/cpcjacksonnj>



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 Bible 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.

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HERE.*

February 2018 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 SOUP & BREAD after worship  Confirmation Meeting	5 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	6 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	7	8	9	10
11 YOUTH Volunteers at Soup Kitchen Confirmation Meeting	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	14 	15 YOUTH Night at Keswick 6:45 PM	16	17
18 1st Sunday in Lent	19	20 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	21 Session Meeting 7 PM	22 YOUTH visit to Ronald McDonald House 3 PM	23	24 Confirmation Retreat
25  Communion Served Confirmation Retreat	26	27 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	28			