



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Cornerstone Connection

July & August 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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Ashley Moyer & Jackie Leach

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A Message from Pastor Tory

There are certain times of the year where it feels as though blessings abound. One of those times of the year is Christmas time. The world seems to smile back at you. Every day is filled with great anticipation as you look forward to that gift you want to give to a loved one and or perhaps even more the one you hope to receive from your loved one. Well, as a church family we are having "Christmas" in the summer. After much anticipation and prayer we finally sold our property on route 571! When I first got word that the closing went through without a hitch I wanted to break out in song. The image of Julie Andrews singing on that mountaintop was exactly what I was doing (at least in my head). The sale of the property is wonderful on many levels. One, Cornerstone will be able to pay off the loans we have taken for the Harmony Road renovations. Two, we will have the funds available to complete the remaining projects needed to receive our Certificate of Occupancy. Three, there will be funds to put away for future projects. On that same day I got word that our modular space that we call "Harmony House" had arrived. Our multi-use "house" traveled from Maryland to Jackson and soon will be ready for us to use. Christmas in the summer!!

As a church family, we have patiently waited for a place to call home. I have only shared this journey with you for the past three years.

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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

JULY



Nkechi Okparaeké, 7/2
Ashley Moyer, 7/5
Bruce Thompson, 7/8
Gail Carlson, 7/8
Madeleine Welch, 7/11
Frank Capurso, 7/12
Dyana LaCross, 7/13
Kathe Morrison, 7/14
John Varrelmann, 7/17
Veronica Smith, 7/25
Sue Bross, 7/26
Timothy Leach, 7/27

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 can only imagine what it feels like for those of you that have been on this journey since the conception of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. I imagine it feels a bit like the Israelites felt as they approached the promised land. Similar to the Israelites during their wilderness experience, God provided for us. Each school provided a place to worship and a place to call home on Sundays from 8:30 AM to noon. Now, however, God is ready to give us a home 24/7.

As Joshua prepared the people to enter the promised land, he declared "As for me and my house we shall serve the Lord." Joshua knew that receiving God's gift of the promised land required the Israelites to remain faithful to God and his calling to follow him. God requires the same of us. God is calling us to amazing new opportunities of discipleship and fellowship. Our new "Promised Worship Space" will also enable us to reach out to our neighbors and friends who are seeking a new church home in Jackson. We will now be ready to open our hearts and the doors to our beautiful church for them to come and worship God.

The Lord is inviting us to share in this exciting adventure of faith. In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about how you can participate in our Dedication Service and our Open House. There will be opportunities to be tour guides, ushers, servers, bakers, parking lot attendants, and more. I pray that all of us will join in as we mark this historical and holy moment in the life of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church!

Cornerstone Community

AUGUST



Constantine Osiakwan, 8/2
 Kellie Pushko, 8/2
 Nicholas Hughes, 8/4
 Barbara Dougherty, 8/6
 Ed Breuninger, 8/6
 Ricardo Robert, 8/6
 Jim Bainbridge, 8/7
 Stephen Slusak, 8/9
 Lisa Capurso, 8/10
 Andrew Tomczak, 8/10
 Marcus Floyd, 8/11
 Okoro Okparaeke, 8/11
 Sydney Morrow, 8/12
 Ann Sarti, 8/13
 Patti Miller, 8/16
 Jason Smith, 8/19
 Russ Jones, 8/24

Happy
Anniversary

Keith & Tina Kas, 8/3
 Gail & David Carlson, 8/8

SAVE THE DATE FOR JACKSON DAY!



We will have a table at Jackson Day to raise funds and share the good news of our new church home! Volunteers will be needed to help out that day—please save the date! More details available soon!

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:

- Meg Milligan recently diagnosed with Lyme disease
- Allyson & Todd Moyer's niece Carli recovering from a serious blood infection
- Vernice DaConceicao recovering from hand surgery and preparing for another
- Laura Stone having a problem with her hip
- The Pruner family after the passing of Jim's nephew Dave



Continued prayers for:

- 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 this summer!

Cornerstone Community



Thank you to **Mike Pushko, Rodney Puig, Rob Morrison, and Dave & Devin LaCross** for their efforts to clean up the property on Route 571 to prepare for its sale.

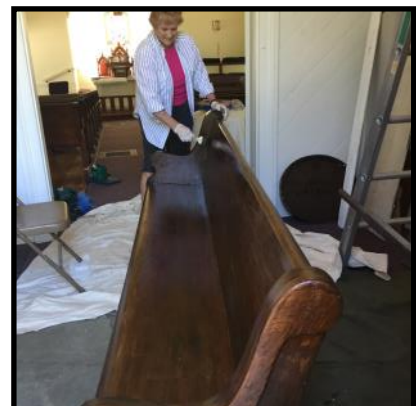
HALLELUAH—the property is sold!

Progress at Harmony

“Harmony Home” was delivered on July 16th! This will provide a valuable space for an office and meetings. Many thanks to Allyson Moyer for making all the arrangements, and to Fred VanLooy for all his hard work!



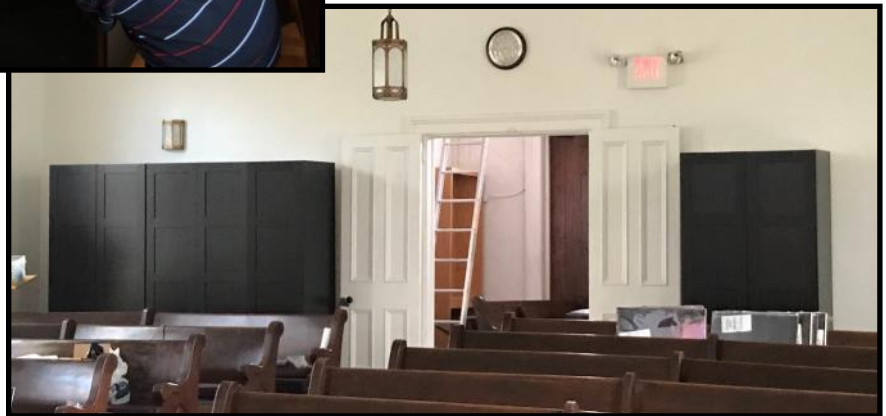
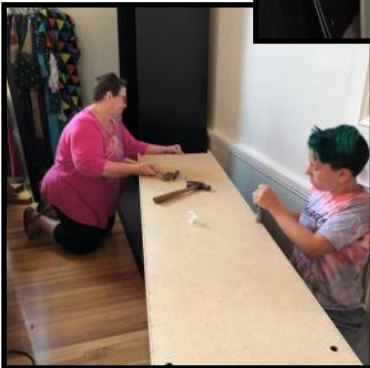
Preparing the parking lot



Thank you to **Barbara Dougherty** and **Jo Gatto** for stripping and staining the painted white pew!

Cornerstone Community

Thank you to the Morrisons for donating new cabinets for the back of the church, and thanks to them, Laura Stone, Allyson Moyer and her parents, and Jonathan Hughes for their hard work building them!



Congratulations to **Annabel Hughes** who graduated from Jackson Memorial High School, and **Kayla Moyer, Corey Pushko, Ryan Kas, Dyana LaCross, and Julia Capurso** graduating from 8th grade at Goetz Middle School.



Getting Ready for Operation Christmas Child!



Each fall our church participates in Operation Christmas Child, where we pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world.

Now is the time to be on the lookout for school supply sales at stores like Target, Walmart and Staples. It's a great time to stock up on items like crayons, pencils, sharpeners, pens, colored pencils, markers, and small notebooks to fill the boxes we will prepare this fall. For a complete list of suggestions for items to fill the boxes, visit :

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

In addition, we are collecting loose change throughout the summer months to get a head start on the cost for shipping our boxes! There is a shoebox on a back table during worship where we are collecting donations OR you can put your loose change or marked donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of this mission project!



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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 \$13.025 for the Building Fund.



The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September!



WORSHIP



Some photos for our new brochure!
Thanks to everyone who came and helped
fill the pews at Harmony!



Jackson Road Cleanup

Thank you to everyone who helped with the road cleanup on July 14th! Not only did you help us raise \$250, but you also performed a valuable service to the community in which we live. Thanks to all!



villages in partnership

THANK YOU to all who participated in and supported the Villages in Partnership (VIP) Water Walk back in May.

VIP has raised more than \$73,580 with donations still coming in!

UPDATE



Thanks in part to your generosity, VIP recently completed the construction of a teacher's house at the Sakata Primary School along with 2 school blocks. In total, VIP has created 3 teacher's houses and 3 school blocks. Over the past two years, the school has experienced an increase in enrollment due to the new structures and their ability to hold more students. Currently, there are 19 teachers along with 920 students! Learn more about VIP involvement in education by clicking the link:

<https://villagesinpartnership.org/six-critical-n.../education/>

The Friendship Trip team arrived in Malawi on July 11th! Please keep the team in your prayers for a safe trip. To see more information about Friendship Trips and read a blog of their activities, visit

<https://villagesinpartnership.org/why-we-go/>.

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 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 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!

16th 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 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.



(see next page for September and October activities!)

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



Thank you to the Moyers for hosting another fun day!



9th Sunday 12:15-2pm Soup Kitchen - All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood

13th Thursday 6:30pm Back to School Pizza & Get together, Harmony House
Let's get together over dinner and kick off the school year. What classes are you taking? Worried about new teachers, friends, making a new sports team, fitting in? Your youth group friends, youth leaders & Pastor Tory are here for you and praying for a great year!

20th Thursday 6:45pm Beyond Youth Night at Keswick - Whiting, NJ

28-30th Fri-Sun IGNITE NJ Conference, Wildwood NJ

The Jackson United Methodist Church & DeBow's Methodist Church have invited us to join them in Wildwood, NJ for the Youth Christian Conference IGNITE. <http://www.ignitenj.org/> It looks like an amazing weekend for our Youth. The cost is approximately \$65./pp not including the hotel/some meals. If your child or family is interested, please talk to Allyson asap so we can register and coordinate travel plans. Here is some info:

IGNITE 5th ANNIVERSARY

IGNITE is changing the world. Over the past 5 years:

- Over 200 churches have sent groups to IGNITE
- Over 4,000 participants have attended
- Over 2,000 commitments or re-commitments to Christ
- IGNITE Squad provides community and connection for over 40 young adults
- In 2017 alone we packed 80,000 meals which were sent to Zambia in Southern Africa
- GNJ launched Next Generation Ministries to re-energize ministry with youth in New Jersey

We are just getting started. In 2018 we dream of:

- 150 churches coming together for one weekend of worship, spiritual growth and fun
- 50 churches who have never been to IGNITE send groups
- 1,000 students commit or recommit their lives to Christ.
- Doubling the number of young adults serving at IGNITE on the Squad



14th Sunday 12:15-2pm Soup Kitchen - All Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood

18th Thursday 6:45pm Beyond Youth Night at Keswick - Whiting, NJ

20th-21st Sat./Sun. Grand Opening of Harmony Road

Save the date! The Celebrations committee is working hard to plan the Grand Opening Celebration inviting the Jackson Community for food, games and fun to promote our Church and grow our Congregation. Youth are asked to work the games and food stations.

27th Saturday TBA Jackson Day - Johnson Park, Jackson

Cornerstone will have a booth at Jackson Day. Youth are invited to volunteer at the booth to raise money for Cornerstone and promote our new church on Harmony Rd and grow our youth group in the the Jackson Community. More info to follow.



Make a
Joyful noise
Unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

Our choir is taking a break for the summer. Thank you to our faithful choir members and our Directory of Music, Susan Rovira! If anyone would like to share their gifts and musical talents during worship over the summer, please coordinate with Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).



Our 2017-2018 Sunday School year ended on Sunday, May 27th. During the summer months, all children are encouraged to stay in worship. We will have activities to help keep the kids busy and entertained in worship. **Nursery care will still be available for children 0-4!** For more information, please talk to Kellie Pushko, Kathe Morrison, or Elizabeth Hughes.

Gifts for Father's Day!



Cornerstone dads do rock!



During the summer months, one of the activities that keep our kids busy is making cards to support the Star 99.1 Cheer for Kids program! Cards are delivered to

children at Children's Specialized Hospital and Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital. The goal is to brighten the face, heart and room of every child who receives a card. We love that our Cornerstone Kids have such hearts for mission!





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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Fundraising Available

August 2018 at Cornerstone

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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Deacon's Meeting Soup Kitchen | 13 | 14 | 15 Session Meeting 7 PM | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26  Communion Served | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |