



Cornerstone Connection

April 2019



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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WORSHIP

SATURDAYS at 5 PM

SUNDAY at 10 AM

(Sunday School for Children
during Sunday worship)

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Ashley Moyer & Jackie Leach

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A Message from Reverend Pruner

I recently came upon story about Cecil B. DeMille, the famous motion picture producer. He was a man of great talents and insights. He often liked to go off by himself to think out a problem. One time, he was in a canoe on a lake in Maine. The whole afternoon he allowed the canoe to drift quietly while he thought about his problem.

The canoe drifted to a place where the water was only a few inches deep. Looking down he saw that the bottom was crowded with water beetles. As he watched, one of the beetles came to the surface and slowly crawled up the side of the canoe. Finally reaching the top, it grasped fast to the wood and died.

DeMille's thoughts went back to his problem. About three hours later he happened to notice the beetle again and saw that in the hot sun its shell had become dry and brittle. As he watched, it slowly split open, and there emerged from it a new form--a dragonfly--which took to the air out of the old husk, its scintillating colors flashing in the sunlight.

The winged insect flew further in an instant than a water beetle could crawl in days, and then it circled back and swooped down to the surface of the water. DeMille noticed its shadow on the water. The water beetles below might have seen it, too, but now their companion was in a world beyond their comprehension. They were still living in their limited beetle world, while their winged cousin had gained all the freedom between earth and sky.

Later, when DeMille told of this experience, he concluded with a very penetrating question: "Would the Great Creator of the universe do that for a water beetle, and not for a human being?" Imagine what God is going to do for his sons and daughters of faith who are heirs of the promises that Christ shared for those who believed in Him.

Cecil had one of those moments that our often called "God Sightings." As he witnessed the new life of the dragonfly and asked the great question "Would the Creator of the universe do that for a water beetle, and not for a human being?" The answer is a resounding "NO!"

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Cornerstone Community



Michele Welch, 4/3

Bob Wegner, 4/4

Ian Rosato, 4/4

Nancy Foster, 4/9

Seraphim Osiakwan, 4/14

Maggie Varrelmann, 4/18

Betty Corio, 4/20

Kathie Hekl, 4/22

Vikki Leach, 4/24

Sara Miller, 4/24

Malachi Hekl, 4/26

Ryan Pushko, 4/30



Michele & Chuck Calhoun, 4/10

*Don't see your special day listed?
Please let Elizabeth Hughes know!*

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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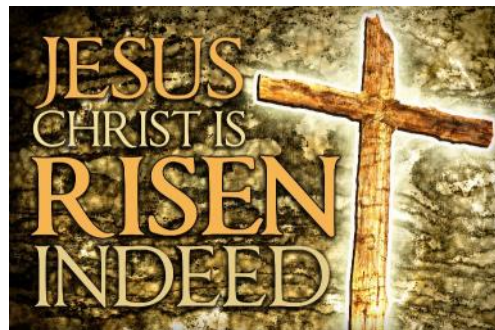
On that first Easter morning as the women approached the tomb and discovered it empty, first bewildered about where the body was, until they were greeted by the Risen Lord. The word spread "He is Risen!"

As Christians we recognize the undeniable love Jesus has for us, he gave his life so we would have life. Life, yes in the future when he welcomes us into His kingdom, but Life here and now! As disciples we are empowered by the Spirit to build a bit of His kingdom now. To live in an Easter mode everyday. The great theologian John Calvin had a favorite phrase, "Sola Gloria Dei" which translates, for the glory of God alone. When we give our lives to the Risen Lord we are like that dragonfly, we find new life! We now do everything we do for God's glory.

Yet, too often we do not trust our "new wings." We are not able to live our lives in a way that gives those still living in a limited world, a glimpse of God's kingdom. A kingdom that can be with us now when we trust our Risen Lord.

There are many among us at Cornerstone who are witnesses of following our Risen Lord and quietly doing for God's glory. After we moved into the Church there was great joy, yet as we lived in the new building projects seemed to arise around every corner. At the same time, Dave LaCross was laid off from his job. For many this would be a time of searching and worrying, for Dave and Deb they put their trust in God. In the months Dave was not working he spent time doing the "to do" list. Never looking for any acknowledgment or thanks. His faithfulness was not overlooked, it inspired many of us, as he gave sacrificially and helped us to glimpse the kingdom of our Risen Lord.

I pray, that each of us might find our "wings", living for the glory of God alone in everything we do and bring the great news to the world, Jesus is Risen, He is Risen indeed!



Please pray for:

- Lorna Pruner diagnosed with an autoimmune disease
- Ashley Moyer having tests done
- Vikki Leach's mother-in-law with cancer in hospice care
- Jim and Nancy Foster expecting a new grandchild in early April



Continued prayers for:

- Bev Kaiser in FountainView Care Center: 527 River Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-534-8253
- John Lukacs in Assisted Living Facility in Freehold: Mattison Crossing, 93 Manalapan Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728
- Our troops around the world and their families



By Susan Kornutick

PALM SUNDAY

Clothes were strewn upon the ground,
the palms waved in the air.
The crowd was hushed in silent awe
as the Blessed Lord drew near.

He rode in on a donkey,
and the words "Hosanna" rang;
the men and women raised their voice,
and even children sang.

But Jesus knew, as He rode on,
amidst the bustling throng,
the torment that still lay ahead,
and he prayed that He'd be strong.



Goetz Middle School presents The Addams Family on April 12-13 at Jackson Memorial High School. **Jonathan Hughes** plays the role of Gomez—break a leg, Jonathan!

Goetz Middle School Presents...

The Addams Family

Friday April 12 at 7 pm

Saturday April 13 at 12 & 5 pm

Presented in: Jackson Memorial High School Fine Arts Auditorium

Tickets: Adults: \$10 Students: \$5

THE ADDAMS FAMILY YOUNG © PART ED.
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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY: ANDREW LIPPA
BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED BY: MARC TUMMINELLI
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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
2021 Mike Pushko Gail Carlson (2019) Laura Stone David LaCross (2019)	Elizabeth Hughes



Congratulations to **Ashley Moyer** and **Ryan Kas** for an excellent swim season for Jackson Memorial High School! Ashley earned her Varsity letter and was given the award for Most Improved. Way to go!

Our best wishes to our Pastor Emeritus **Reverend Robert "Rev Rob" Morrison** as he begins a new job as the Interim Senior Pastor at the United Presbyterian Church of Yardville starting April 1st.



On Sunday, March 31, 2019 we had a beautiful remembrance of our beloved member Joan Mallison during worship. Her daughter Beth and family were in attendance as we dedicated the stained glass window in the narthex in her memory.



The Women's Bible Study had a fabulous time at the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 5th! See page 14 for more upcoming trips—all are welcome!



Shoe Donations are being collected



for Sydney, a local girl scout working on her Gold Award. Her project is called "R.E.A.C.H. for a Book", which stands for Reading Enhances a Child's Happiness. Her goal is to share her love of

reading, and provide free little libraries in Jackson parks and school busses for children to borrow or swap books, and to start a story time at the Switlik Elementary School after school program. To fund her project, Sydney is collecting new and gently used shoes to repurpose - she will raise money per pound of shoes – her goal is to collect 2500 pairs! Please



help if you can, donations can be placed in the box in the church narthex. Thank you!

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 13,330 for the church!



EASTER FLOWERS

Orders are due April 7th!



We will be offering Easter flowers to purchase as a fundraiser for our church, and to help decorate our worship space for Easter! Flowers must be prepaid and will be delivered to church on Easter—forms are available at church and on our [website](http://www.cpcjacksonnj.org).

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



Our church will collect for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), a special offering of PC(USA), on Palm Sunday and Easter. Fish banks will be distributed for the

kids to collect loose change over the next few weeks as part of the OGHS offering. A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. **Please return fish banks to church on Palm Sunday or Easter.** Thank you!

Women's Club at Westlake Women's Scholarship Program

The Women's Club at Westlake Women's Scholarship Program provides grant(s) to qualified **female residents of Jackson, N.J.**, who have been accepted into a post high school educational or training program, who are in need of financial assistance for books, fees, etc., and who meet **any one** of the following categories:

- ♦ Currently completing high school and are pursuing a higher education or vocational training, etc., OR
- ♦ Currently attending a post high school educational institution, e.g., college, university, professional trade school, technical institute, etc.
- ♦ Currently working and planning to enroll in a program to enhance skills or make a career change or desiring further education, OR
- ♦ Currently not working but desiring job training skills or retraining, OR
- ♦ Registered in either public school or vocational school in a continuing education program.

Applications are available at:

- ♦ Online at: <https://westlakeclubs.com/womens-club/womens-club-scholarship/>
- ♦ Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Library
- ♦ Guidance Offices at:
 - ♦ Jackson Liberty and Memorial High Schools
 - ♦ Ocean County Vo Tech High School
- ♦ Financial Aid Offices at:
 - ♦ Ocean County College
 - ♦ Georgian Court University



Deadline for submission is May 1, 2019.



**On April 6th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
all are invited to join other
Cornerstone friends as we get things
ready for the spring!**

We need you to bring your tools with you, rakes, shovels, gardening tools and your wheelbarrow if at all possible. There will be light work and heavy work so everyone is welcome. This is a great way for us to get to know each other better as we work side by side. Join us as we welcome spring together!

Save the date for the Road Cleanup on May 11!



We once again have an opportunity to clean a Jackson road, and this time we can earn \$500 for our church! This year, we are required to have a team of 5-8 people. We will meet on May 11th at 9:00 am at the Jackson Senior Center for a buffet breakfast, a quick orientation, road assignments and clean up supplies. Sign-ups will be in April!

Per Capita Offering for 2019

Our Per Capita Offering is now being collected for 2019. Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$40.00) 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 \$40.00 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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- † Palm Sunday Weekend, April 13 & 14
 - * Saturday at 5 PM
 - * Sunday at 8:30 and 10 AM
 - * Easter Egg Hunt Sunday after 10 AM Service
- † Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7 PM
- † Good Friday, April 19 at 12 PM
- † Easter Sunday, April 21 at 8:30 and 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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WEDNESDAY



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! :)



Due to Easter and Spring Break our youth group will meet only once in April.



April 14 Sunday 5pm-8pm Amazing Escape Room & Federici's Pizza, Freehold
Can you escape?? A fun team building event for our youth group. Put on your thinking caps and see if you can escape. As the date gets closer we will need to RSVP so I can get a groupon to keep costs down to approximately \$21./kid. + pizza. Kids will get an hour to try to escape the room and then we can head over for pizza at Federici's. Family is welcome for to come for pizza after the Escape Room. Please let Allyson know if you have a preference of the room the kids would enjoy: Take a look <https://amazingescaperoom.com/freehold/>



May 11th Saturday 9am-11am Clean Communities Road Clean-up, Senior Center
Calling all Youth...this is a great way to earn your community service hours. Cornerstone will have 2 miles of local road to clean-up and our church will receive \$500. from Jackson Township. Sign up at church or with Allyson Moyer. Meet at the Senior Center at 9am for a light breakfast and then we will be assigned our road and start cleaning. After the clean-up we are invited to Johnson Park for Jackson's Spring Fling Community Event.

May 18th Saturday TBA VIP Water Walk - Allentown

Always a great time for the whole family, with a BBQ, love music and a chance to come together as a community to change the lives of people in need. Villages in Partnership helps our friends in Malawi have access to clean water and 100% of the proceeds raised go directly to help those in need.



June 14th Friday 3pm Annual Pool Party, Moyer's

Come celebrate School being out and summer beginning! BBQ and Pool Party. Bring a side to share.

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

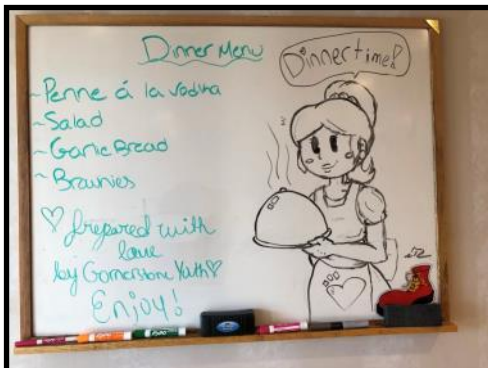
Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event. Carpooling available.
Friends are always welcome!

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

The Youth Group had a blast at the Ice Palace with ice bumper cars and skating!



Our youth did a great job preparing a meal for the residents of Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch on March 28th.



MISSIONS

across the street & around the world



The annual Villages in Partnership (VIP) Water Walk is a team fundraising event where, after a symbolic walk through downtown Allentown carrying buckets of water, team members take turns walking around the Allentown High School track. Team members collect pledges to raise money for development projects in Malawi. The Water Walk is a great time for the whole family with a barbecue, live music and the chance to come together as a community to change the lives of people in need.

The VIP Water Walk is the organization's signature fundraiser. The event is designed to raise awareness and funds for access to safe water for our friends in Malawi. 100% of all funds raised through the Water Walk go directly to the villages for life-changing, sustainable development projects, which help alleviate the daily challenges of survival.

Cornerstone is once again forming a team to walk in this event. We are hoping to form a team of 10 people to walk and each raise \$200.

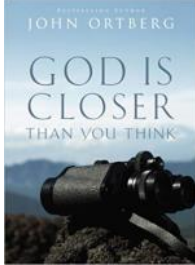
Sponsor sheets will be available soon. Whether you can walk, or sponsor a walker, thank you for your support of this mission project!



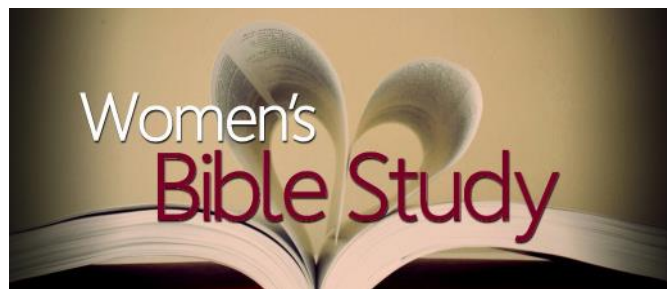
Imagine a world where water isn't clean, safe, or accessible. A simple shower or drink of clean water isn't possible. Groups of women with full buckets of water on their heads is a normal sight to our brothers and sisters in Malawi. Many travel miles just to bring water back home to their families. Learn how you can make a difference this spring at the 2019 Water Walk! <https://villagesinpartnership.org/water-walk/>

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Bible Study on Saturdays/Sundays at Harmony House



It's not too late to join the Lenten Bible Study for all adults, with two weekly opportunities to participate - before worship on Saturdays at 4 PM or after worship on Sundays. Experience ways you can be more aware of amazing truth of God's love through scriptures and time of reflection with John Ortberg and a bible study group discussion led by Rev. Tory Pruner. This small group bible study is based on the book "God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg.



SPRING 2019 UPDATES

The Women's Bible Study typically meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes.

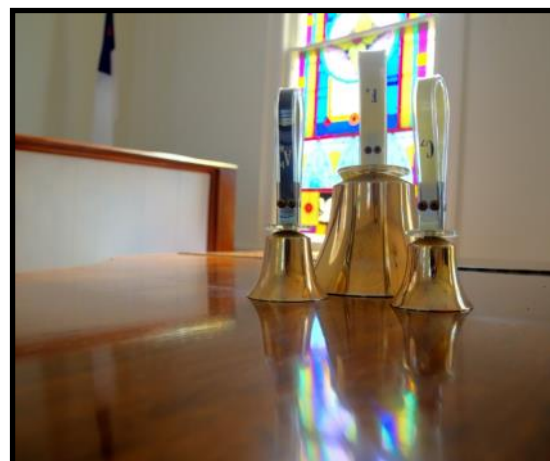
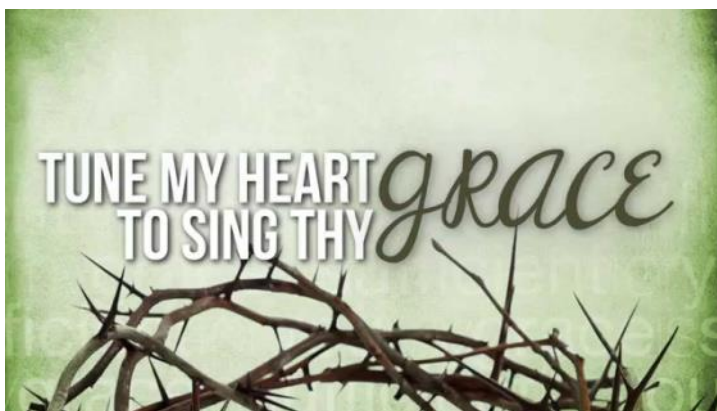
All women are welcome!

- **April 2** – Bus trip to see “Jesus” at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster
- **April 9** - Rev Jo Gatto leads a study session on “Music in Ministry” Part 2
- **April 16*** – Tour of Saint Barbara’s Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River at 10 AM followed by afternoon tea at 12 PM at 600 Main.
- **April 23** – No meeting (spring break)
- **April 30*** – 11 AM tour of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Hindu house of worship) in Robbinsville

** ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!*

Reservations required so please

RSVP to Elizabeth ASAP!



CHOIR UPDATES

Choir rehearsals for the Cornerstone **RINGERS AND SINGERS** are on Tuesday evenings at Harmony. Bell Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 PM, followed by Singing Choir rehearsal starting at 7:15 PM. You are welcome to be a part of one OR BOTH of these programs—no experience necessary! Talk to our Interim Director of Music, Doreen Laskiewicz, for more information.



The Saturday 5 PM Worship Service is rocking with the musical talents of Will Vanderburg on piano and Jim Pruner on the drums!



Future praise band members, Declan and Keegan Brady!



Rehearsals for the **RINGERS AND SINGERS** began in March!





Fish banks have been distributed for the children to collect change for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please return the fish banks on April 14th (Palm Sunday) or April 21st (Easter).



Sunday School for Kids During Worship!

Our **PreK-K** Class is using the Whirl curriculum which highlights key Bible stories from both the New and Old Testaments.

The **1st-5th Grade** Class is also using the Whirl Curriculum.

The **6th—12th Grade** Class is using the DVD series The Story: Getting to the Heart of God's Story, which teaches our youth how the story of Scripture intersects with the story of their lives.

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, Kayla Fratto, Megan LaFontaine, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach.

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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*Talk to Elizabeth Hughes to put your ad
HERE.*

April 2019 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Women's Bible Study TRIP to see "Jesus"	3	4	5	6 SPRING CLEANUP 9-12 Bible Study 4 PM WORSHIP 5 PM
7 WORSHIP 10 AM Bible Study 11:15	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	10 Session Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12	13 WORSHIP 5 PM
14 Palm Sunday WORSHIP 8:30 & 10am Easter Egg Hunt YOUTH GROUP Escape Room 5-8 PM	15	16 Women's Bible Study Tour of Greek Orthodox Church/Tea	17	18  Maundy Thursday WORSHIP 7 PM	19 Good Friday Prayer Service 12 PM	20
21  EASTER WORSHIP 8:30 & 10am	22	23	24	25	26	27  WORSHIP 5 PM Communion Served
28  WORSHIP 10 AM Communion Served	29	30 Women's Bible Study Tour of Indian Mandir in Robbinsville				