



## Cornerstone Connection

June 2019



*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

[www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

### WORSHIP

**SATURDAYS at 5 PM**

**SUNDAY at 10 AM**

(Sunday School for Children  
during Sunday worship)

**Pastor:**

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### A Message from Reverend Pruner

I recently read an article that made me wonder about why campaigns such as "Pay it Forward" are successful for a fleeting moment and then, for most, it is back to business as usual. Why is that? I believe that they fade as fast as they rise because there is no belief system to give it wings. There is instead an emotional response that moves people, but there is no foundation, so time erodes the initial commitment. As we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, that day long ago when the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to us, it becomes clear where we find the foundation to help us to "love our neighbors" - our great God. We are called together as the church to be the hands, feet, voice, and heart of our Lord. When the Holy Spirit tugs at your heart to serve it does not fade. We may try to ignore this calling, but the Spirit is consistent, unlike the ad campaigns that come and go. Where is the Spirit tugging upon your heart to serve, to show love to your neighbors near and far?

Over this past year the Spirit began to tug upon Elizabeth Hughes' heart to serve neighbors nearly halfway around the world away from her home and family. The reasons not to go as a missionary to Malawi with our mission partners Villages in Partnership far outweighed the reasons to go. There was her family, her commitments to the church, her regular schedule of activities...Yet, the Spirit kept tugging and Elizabeth kept praying. In the end, she listened to her heart.

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# Cornerstone Community



Kayla Moyer, 6/1  
Ike Okparaekwe, 6/3  
Annabel Hughes, 6/5  
Jacob Welch, 6/6  
Marissa Tunis, 6/7  
Tyler Pushko, 6/8  
Alex LaFontaine, 6/11  
Amy Slusak, 6/15  
Don Welch, 6/17  
Mary Nickel, 6/19  
Allyson Moyer, 6/20  
Sara Floyd, 6/23  
Joan Breuninger, 6/27  
Marissa Rosato, 6/29  
Betty Thompson, 6/30



Ed & Joan Breuninger, 6/6  
Elizabeth & James Hughes, 6/6  
Rob & Kathe Morrison, 6/19  
Bruce & Betty Thompson, 6/22

*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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You see, when something is God-inspired, it is built on a firm foundation.

Where are you being called? Do you often feel as though there is nothing much you could do to make a difference? Well, I encourage you to listen a little more intently to the Spirit. There is not one part more important in the body, and the same is true in the Church. Sometimes we just have to keep our eyes open for such opportunities.

As summer approaches it is perhaps the perfect time to look at the ways we as a church are living out the great command to love our neighbors as ourselves. As you read further in the newsletter, you will see how Elizabeth and Annabel need us to provide hygiene kits that they will give to those they visit in Malawi.

This year, Kayla Moyer and Julia Capurso will be attending the Presbyterian Triennium. They will represent Cornerstone and bring back fresh ideas and curriculum we can use with our Youth. Perhaps the Spirit is leading you to make a financial and prayerful commitment to support Kayla and Julia.

Our Board of Deacons is looking into ways we can support our local Food Pantries on a more regular schedule.

This year we will host our first Vacation Bible School, perhaps you can jump in and lend a hand as we welcome the children. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Such a strong calling to welcome the children inspires us to serve the youngest teaching them the stories of faith.

So many ways the Spirit is leading us as a Church! Where is the Spirit leading you?

*Please pray for:*

- Meg Milligan and her family after the passing of her mother Carol
- Vikki Leach's mother-in-law with cancer in hospice care
- Ray Schleckser with recurring back pain



*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

**ELDERS ON OUR SESSION**

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

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



**Praise God and Halleluiah!** We now have outside water spigots at the church, which will make it possible to water our new landscaping that will be planted in June. **THANK YOU** to Fred VanLooy and his son for the installation!

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





villages in partnership  
**Water Walk**

**May 18, 2019**

THANK YOU to all who participated in The Villages in Partnership (VIP) Water Walk! Cornerstone's "Team Harmony" raised \$3405 (FAR surpassing our goal of \$2000), which will help our friends in Malawi, Africa to have safe water sources, food, and medical care as they struggle every day to survive. It was a beautiful day, and we had 14 people participate from Cornerstone for a fun and inspiring night!

Thank you ALL for your support – whether you walked, sponsored our team, or said a prayer!

**As of May 31st, VIP raised over \$87,000 with donations still coming in!**

Pastor Tory gave the Opening Prayer







## Thanks to all who helped with the road cleanup on May 11!

We picked up 18 FULL bags of garbage  
and recycling along Bethel Church  
Road - and earned \$500 for the  
church! Thank you!



It's always an interesting  
experience—Rodney Puig found a  
deer skull, Allyson Moyer found a  
turtle, and Ann Sarti and Stephen  
Kubin found \$20!



**THANK YOU** to Dave Visconi  
for loading his pickup!

## Thank you to all who donated shoes



for Sydney, a local girl scout working on her Gold Award. Sydney has surpassed her goal and collected almost 3000 pairs of shoes!

Cornerstone donated over 100 pairs to help her along.

The money she raised through this collection will fund her project called "R.E.A.C.H. for a Book", which stands for Reading Enhances a Child's Happiness. She will 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.  
**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!



## Follow us on Facebook!



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



Cornerstone is offering a new opportunity for the congregation to donate flower arrangements for the altar, with a memorial

or honorarium dedication in the bulletin.

The cost is \$30 and proceeds will be used for a Cornerstone Flower Fund to allow us to purchase other special arrangements as needed throughout the year. Please see Elizabeth Hughes to sign up for any Sunday in 2019 or signup through the link on the homepage of our website [cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://cornerstonechurchofjackson.org).

## BEACH BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN IN OCEAN GROVE— Tuesdays July—August 5



Bring your own beach chair and a friend and look for the pink striped umbrellas (at 2 different locations) for a relaxing time of fun, friendship and a focus on God! Small group discussions open to all women. This season's study topic is "Seeing Ourselves through God's Eyes."

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & August 5 at 7:00 PM at 2 locations: Main Avenue Beach, and The Hub courtyard (attend the one most convenient for you). Rain location at Bishop Janes Tabernacle.



We will observe Pentecost on the weekend of June 8-9 as we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles!  
**Wear RED to worship!**



**Join us for Youth Sunday  
on Father's Day,  
June 16th at 10 AM!**



**The kids handed out flowers to all the women on Mother's Day.**



**Mission Updates!** We are planning some new and ongoing mission opportunities to help others on both a local and global scale. In addition to the Water Walk (see page 4) and the June collection for the people of Malawi, Africa (see below), we plan to coordinate with Villages in Partnership for other ways that we can help regularly throughout the year.

A project that will begin this fall is a **Christmas Gift Collection** for the children of Roselle Preschool Center at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle, NJ where Mary-Lynn Morrison is the pastor. We will collect items to make up gift bags for approximately 70 low income children, ages 0-6.

We are also investigating other opportunities to support local organizations such as Bread from Heaven or the Food Pantry in Jackson on a regular basis.



**Stay tuned for more details!**



## *Donations for Malawi*

*Items being collected for Elizabeth & Annabel Hughes to bring to Malawi for a mission trip with Villages in Partnership in July:*

- T-shirts (new or gently used)  
(for men, women, children)
- Large jars of Vaseline
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Washcloths
- Bars of soap
- Crayons
- Cash (to purchase needed items)  
(please place in offering marked "Malawi")

### Home Hygiene Kits

In a gallon-sized Ziploc bag:

- 8 toothbrushes
- 1 full-size toothpaste
- 1 full-size bar of soap
- 1 washcloth
- 1 large Vaseline (for dry and cracked skin)

*Donations will be collected through June 30th*

*Thank you for your support!*



**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! :)



**Stay tuned for the date of the Annual Pool Party at the Moyer's!**

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

Youth Volunteers are welcome to help with Vacation Bible School, August 19-23rd from 9:00—11:30 AM each day! Helpers are needed for snacks, crafts, music and acting! Earn volunteer hours and have fun too! Talk to Reverend Pruner if you can help! (See page 11)



**We are planning some fun events for the summer, so keep your eye out for some activities in July and August!**

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](mailto:allymoyer@gmail.com) home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581

Our 2018-2019 Sunday School year ended on Sunday, May 26th. During the summer months, we will have movies and activities for children elementary-age and younger in Harmony House after the Time for Children.

**Nursery care will be available for kids 2 and younger!**



**Making gifts for  
Mother's Day!**



**End of Year Party on 5/26**





**Vacation Bible School 2019**

**August 19-23, 9:00-11:30 AM**

**Who Is My Neighbor?  
Learning to love like Jesus**

**Who is my neighbor?** Neighbors are more than people who live next door. Neighbors are more than people in our families or communities. Through five carefully chosen Bible stories, *Who Is My Neighbor?* VBS leads children on a journey to discover more about God's great love. From looking at how to be a neighbor to diving into what it means to live out our faith, this interactive VBS series will lead children deeply into Bible stories focused on God's care and compassion for neighbors close at hand and around the world. Join us as we discover neighbors near and far!

Children ages 2 years old (by April 2019) through 5th grade graduates are welcome to this time of fun, music, games, crafts, snacks, and incredible Bible stories. *Who Is My Neighbor?* VBS will take place at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 569 Harmony Road, Jackson. The registration fee is \$5 per child, which helps us to offset the cost of the VBS curriculum and supplies for our week together. **We also ask that each child bring a white, cotton T-Shirt.** Our older children will be tie dying them and all the children will wear them for our closing program on Friday at 11 AM.

Please use the registration form available in church or register online through our website [cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)!

Come enjoy one of the last weeks of the summer with us as we have fun together and help our neighbors!

**LOOKING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS! We will need help setting up on Sunday, August 18th, and also helpers throughout the week—registration, crafts, snacks, acting and music, cleanup on Friday. Let Reverend Pruner know if you can help, or you can also use the online registration form on our website (just select “0” for number of kids to register).**



Make a  
Joyful noise  
Unto the Lord  
Psalm 100:1



## CHOIR UPDATES

**Our choirs will take a break for the summer after June 9th!**

Thank you to our Director of Music, Doreen Laskiewicz, and the Cornerstone **RINGERS AND SINGERS** for providing a joyful noise during worship! If anyone would like to share their gifts and musical talents during worship over the summer, please coordinate with Doreen!

**THANK YOU** to Linda Van Melis for taking some pictures during bell choir rehearsal!!



How many bells can Doreen play at once? ☺

## 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**

609-802-1143

Vleach@verizon.net

Vikkileach.myrandf.com



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### **Meg Milligan**

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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.***

# June 2019 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WORSHIP 5 PM
2 WORSHIP 10 AM	3	4 Women's Bible Study Tour of Princeton Seminary 11 AM Singing Choir 7:15 PM	5	6	7	8 WORSHIP 5 PM
9  PENTECOST WORSHIP 10 AM	10	11	12	13	14	15 WORSHIP 5 PM
16  Father's Day YOUTH SUNDAY 10 AM	17	18	19 Session Meeting 7 PM	20	21	22 WORSHIP 5 PM
23 WORSHIP 10 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29  Communion Served WORSHIP 5 PM
30 Communion Served WORSHIP 10 AM						