

## Cornerstone Connection

November 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:**

Tory Pruner, 732-691-5825

**Director of Music:**

Doreen Laskiewicz, 732-740-9086

**Administrative Assistant:**

Elizabeth Hughes, 732-580-3137

**Treasurer:**

Tina Kas, 732-928-1778

**Nursery Care:**

Ashley Moyer & Jackie Leach

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### A Message from Reverend Pruner

As you take a moment to look through the pages of this newsletter it is so exciting to see and hear the ways the Cornerstone Church Family is worshipping, learning, serving and growing in faith in our great Lord. We have been so very blessed over this past year as a congregation. Our first year in our church home has brought new friends, new opportunities to sing and ring, great times of study for the young and mature, amazing ways to serve through new and favorite ministries and missions, fantastic times of fellowship and caring, and wonderful moments of praise and worship each weekend!



Each year at this time we begin to reflect on the gifts that we have received from God. We even as a country set aside one day to “give thanks” for all the blessing our Lord has given to us. In the church we prepare to give our financial commitment, our pledge, for the new year. The pledges we give are a result of our prayerful consideration and reflect thanksgiving for all

the blessings we have received and the joyful opportunity to support the work and ministry of Jesus Christ here at Cornerstone. John Ortberg, in his book “Giving,” writes “Jesus is clear. What you do with your life and resources matters to God. It matters to the world that desperately needs what the Lord of the gift offers. God’s strong language does not run counter to the notion of grace. In fact, his words are a result of love. Jesus doesn’t want you to get to the end of your life and know the profound regret of missing the chance of a lifetime.” Each moment we live, we can use the gifts God has entrusted to us with love. When we do, we will impact not only the world, but we will be transformed by the Lord that calls us his own. As we prepare to dedicate our pledges/commitments to God may we find the courage to be faithful with the gifts God has given to us. Then, together we will be blessed to witness our Lord in action!

# Cornerstone Community



Faron Trick, 11/1  
Naija Smith, 11/3  
Michele Calhoun 11/8  
Todd Moyer, 11/10  
Vanessa Smith, 11/12  
Colin DiGirolamo, 11/14  
Tina Kas, 11/15  
Daniel Fowler, 11/16  
Dave Carlson, 11/18  
Kahra Woolverton, 11/22  
Jonathan Hughes, 11/24  
David LaCross, 11/27  
Laurie Wegner, 11/27  
Marye Barbagallo, 11/28  
Becky Osiakwan, 11/29  
Austin Floyd, 11/30



Marlene & Don Kiefer, 11/7  
Allyson & Todd Moyer, 11/24

## 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.



## Thank you for your Pastor Appreciation Gift

I was so very thankful for your wonderful card and very generous gift. One of the great things of being a part the Cornerstone family is the incredible sense of support and love I experience as your Pastor. This gift comes at the perfect time as Jim, Lorna and I prepare to move to Jackson. We are going to share a beautiful home with our daughter Kayla, her husband Nick and son Landon. This will be a blessing for everyone. We hope to be settled by Thanksgiving!



**The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting after worship on November 3, 2019 for the purpose of presenting the 2018 Annual Report to the Congregation.**

*Please pray for:*

- Vikki Leach's mother-in-law with cancer in hospice care
- Pastor Tory and family as they move to a new home



*Continued prayers for:*

- Ray Schleckser with back pain
- Donnette Hubert recovering from a fall
- 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



Congratulations to **Jonathan Hughes** (left) and **Daniel Sarti** (above) for amazing performances in Broadway Night at Jackson Memorial High School!

We've been learning about the importance of fellowship and small groups in our Bible Study of *The Purpose Driven Life*. Laura Stone shared about herself in the Tuesday morning group, including this quote that summarizes her perfectly - her energy is inspiring to us all!

"Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of a splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

- George Bernard Shaw



We were blessed on October 20th with a concert by Michael Barrozie to celebrate the one year anniversary of Cornerstone in the Harmony Road church!



Our thanks to Rev Jim Pruner for the drum accompaniment!







On October 6th we had a TAILGATE party after worship to celebrate the KICKOFF of a new Sunday School year!





## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Youth Group is holding a food drive to benefit the Jackson Food Pantry. On the first two Sundays of the month (11/3 and 11/10), youth will collect donations of Thanksgiving meal items at church. Thank you for supporting this effort to share our blessings to help those in need in our community!



## Follow us on Facebook!



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

## 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!



**Cornerstone offers an opportunity for the congregation to donate flower arrangements for the communion table, 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 sign up through the link on the homepage of our website [cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://cornerstonechurchofjackson.org).



## “Come Grow With Us” Donor Tree Campaign

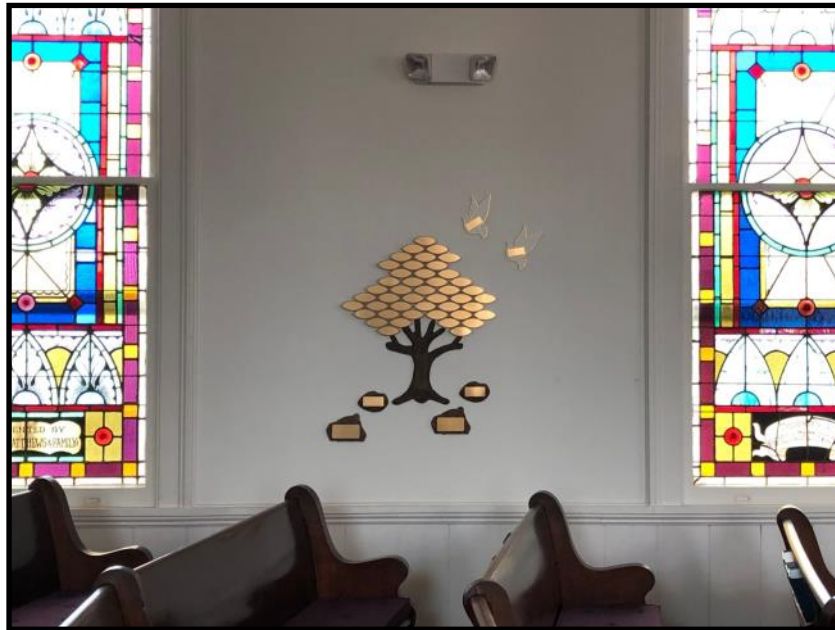


We have a beautiful new tree hanging on the wall of the church sanctuary that will allow our members and friends an opportunity to support the church and make a lasting impression in our new church home. By making a donation, you can choose a leaf, dove, or rock with the engraving of your choice to recognize your family name, or in honor or memory of a loved one.

The order form is available at church or to download from our [website](#)!

We hope you will consider contributing to the "Come Grow With Us" Donor Tree

Campaign and be recognized with a permanent reminder of your part in Cornerstone history! We will be sending in our first batch of engraving orders in late November, so if you'd like to be included in the first order please return forms by November 24th!



# WORSHIP



Our thanks to Kellie Pushko for her many years teaching Sunday School!



What a blessing it was to celebrate the baptism of Dray Villecco on October 20th!





# MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

## CORNERSTONE Presbyterian Church



### CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

To benefit the children of Roselle Preschool Center at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle, NJ.

Donations needed to create gift bags for approximately 70 low income children between the ages of 0-5.

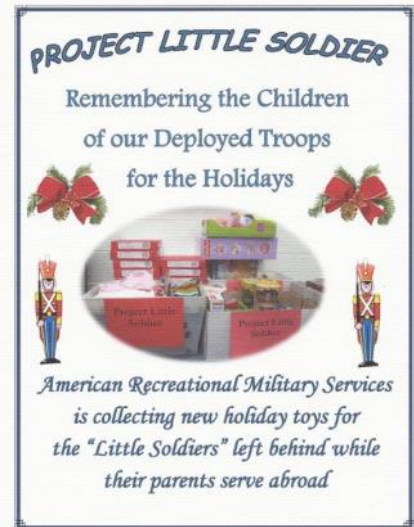
A current project is a Christmas Gift Collection for the children of Roselle Preschool Center at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle, NJ where Mary-Lynn Morrison is the pastor. We will collect items to make up gift bags for approximately 70 low income children, ages 0-5.

Suggested donations would be: baby items, small toys and games for preschoolers, playdough, arts and crafts supplies, t-shirts, socks, hats.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity and support of this local mission project for Christmas!

## PROJECT LITTLE SOLDIER

Each year the Jackson Rotary Club collects holiday gifts for the dependent children of local deployed military women & men in our area, and our Youth Group is going to collect gifts to support this project. We will receive "stars" which provide a child's name, age & requested gift. Interested parties take the "star", purchase the gift & return it unwrapped. Our youth will collect the gifts at church and bring them to the Rotary Club for wrapping and delivery. Stars will be available later in November! Please help our Youth to support this special holiday project!



THANK YOU to all who walked and/or supported our team in the CROP Hunger Walk on October 13th! We raised \$520 that will be used to help alleviate hunger.



**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! :)



**Youth Mission - Food Drive for Thanksgiving** - Our Youth will run a food drive benefiting Jackson Food Pantry. The first two Sunday's we will ask for donations of Thanksgiving meal items to help the local Jackson Food pantry. Youth will be in charge of collecting items at end of service and delivering to food pantry. Youth will also coordinate the **Little Soldier project**—see page 9!

**14<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group Meeting - Harmony House**

November is a great time to reflect on what we are thankful for. We will get together and write cards to family, friends and members of the congregation to show them we are thankful for them.

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group Meeting - Harmony House**

Movie night and snacks....movie suggestions welcome.

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

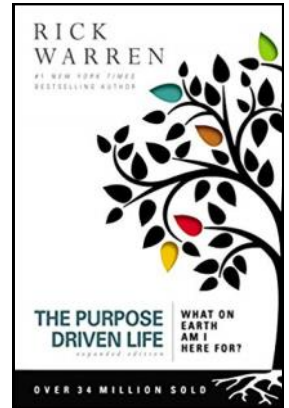
Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event. Carpooling available. Friends are always welcome!

Please RSVP to Allyson Moyer email [allmoyer@gmail.com](mailto:allmoyer@gmail.com) home (732)961-3192 cell (732)245-6581



## CHURCH WIDE STUDY—The Purpose Driven Life

This fall we hope that you will set aside time to join with fellow Cornerstone friends to wrestle with the question that so often haunts each of us, "What on earth am I here for?" To leads us in our study we will use *The Purpose Driven Life*, the *New York Times* #1 bestselling book by Pastor Rick Warren. As one of the best-selling nonfiction books in history, with more than 34 million copies sold, *The Purpose Driven Life* is far more than just a book; it's the roadmap for your spiritual journey. A journey that will transform your life and help you understand the purpose of your life.



We will have a study on:

- ⇒ Saturdays before worship at 4:00pm in the Harmony House, starting October 12th
- ⇒ Tuesday at 10:00 during our Women's Bible Study in Harmony House starting October 8th.
- ⇒ Wednesdays at 8 PM, remotely from your home using ZOOM starting October 9th

*The Purpose Driven Life* is available in two editions, in the most recent edition you will receive two additional chapters and other extras. Either book will be fine for our study. Know that the book comes in audio book, ebook, softcover, and hardcover editions.

## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at Harmony House

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is currently participating in the church-wide study of the Purpose Driven Life (described above). All women are welcome to attend! Talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more information 732-580-3137, ejhughes@optonline.net.

### SCHEDULE:

- November 5: The Purpose Driven Life, Session 5
- November 12: The Purpose Driven Life, Session 6
- November 19: The Purpose Driven Life, Wrap up
- November 26: No Meeting
- December 3: Service Project—pack Christmas bags for Roselle Preschool
- December 11 (Wednesday): Bus Trip to Newark (see next page for details)
- December 18: Christmas Party (details TBD)

**Coming in January: a 6-week study of Christianity, Cults, and Religions.**

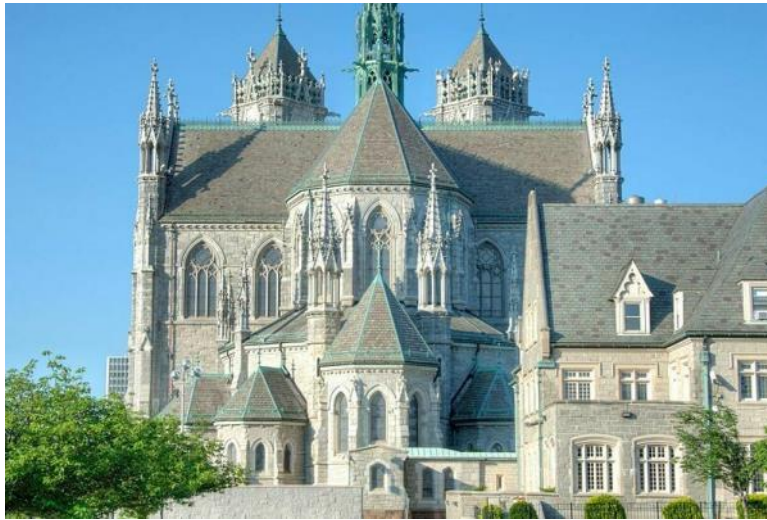


The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is planning a bus trip with  
Garden State Getaways:

## **Newark Cathedral Concert, Ballentine House for the Holidays and Dinner**

**Thursday, December 11th**  
**(12:45 PM departure from Jackson Memorial High School)**

**All are welcome to join us!**



Tour the holiday decorated Ballentine House built in 1886 at the Newark Museum and enjoy holiday gift shopping in the museums gift shop. Dinner will be enjoyed in Newark to include family style appetizers, entrée choices, dessert, soft drinks and coffee. Finally, you will experience a candlelight Christmas concert at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Wonderful evening!

Package includes motor coach transportation, driver's gratuity, lunch, admission, concert and trip leader \$123

You can register online and pay via credit card:

<https://www.bustoursnj.com/online-store/December-11-p146833540>

(or visit this page for instructions on paying by check)

## 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 a video series called Switch—Identity, loaded with fast-paced worship, activities, and video teachings to address real issues that students face each day.

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, Allyson Moyer, Megan LaFontaine, Ashley Moyer, Jackie Leach, and rotating volunteers

**Nursery Care Always Available!**



**Our youth  
on KICKOFF  
Sunday!**





## CHOIR UPDATES

Thank you to our Director of Music, Doreen Laskiewicz, and the Cornerstone **RINGERS AND SINGERS** for providing a joyful noise during worship!

**Rehearsals for our bell choir and singing choir are on Tuesday evenings—come check it out!**

**Bell Choir: 6-7 PM**

**Singing Choir: 7-8 PM**

**Talk to Doreen for more information. No experience necessary, all are welcome!**



Come check out the music at the Saturday 5 PM worship service!

Most Saturdays feature the talents of Will Vanderburg on piano and Rev Jim Pruner on the drums. Come early for the pre-worship concert—and yes, they take requests!



## 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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### ***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.***

# November 2019 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 WORSHIP 10 AM	4 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	5 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	6 Bell Choir 6-7 PM Singing Choir 7-8 PM	7 Youth Group 6:30 PM	8	9 WORSHIP 5 PM Adult Study 4 PM
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