

Cornerstone Connection

October 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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A Message from Reverend Pruner

Autumn, also known as fall, is one of the four seasons of the year. Autumn marks the time beginning in September running through November, when the days become noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably. For most of us it means back to "regular" life. Summer is over and it is back to school, team practices, activities and meetings. For students it means back to studying, taking tests, school games, concerts, plays, and so much more to prepare for. Why is it, though, that once we complete our education, we feel we are done with "learning"? Henry Ford once said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." We want to be young but who can find the time to open a book. This fall I challenge you to open a book, and to join in our church-wide study of "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. Rick will take us on a journey that will help us to discover anew God's purpose for our lives. To understand the "Big Picture," to catch a glimpse at how all the pieces of your life fit together. Rick explains, "Having this perspective will reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, increase your satisfaction, and most important prepare you for eternity."

As we study this book together, I pray we will also find ourselves growing even closer as the family of God. Recognizing that many of you will never be able to squeeze out time to come out to one of our study groups I hope you will consider joining our online study. Yes, Cornerstone is moving into video conferencing Church Wide Study. We are using Zoom because it is user friendly and inexpensive. All you will need to do is connect from your comfortable chair and together we will study this amazing book that has sold over 34 million copies! *(continued)*

Cornerstone Community



Carmine Pescatore, 10/1
Sean Kas, 10/1
Arne Ildsgaard, 10/3
Vernice DaConceicao, 10/3
Dominique Robert, 10/4
Daniel Sarti, 10/6
Zachary Tunis, 10/6
Ryan Kas, 10/6
Sueli Paes De Barros, 10/11
Jared Calhoun, 10/13
Meg Milligan, 10/16
Donnette Hubert, 10/17
Marlene Ruth, 10/19
James Hughes, 10/21
Elizabeth Hughes, 10/31



Don & Michele Welch, 10/3
Ann & Paul Sarti, 10/10
Patti & Ed Miller, 10/18
Kristen & Michael DiGirolamo, 10/18
Kellie & Michael Pushko, 10/24

*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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Our one-hour meeting will begin Wednesday October 9th at 8:00pm. To sign up email me at vappruner@gmail.com.

Let me close with a quote from "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, 'Without a clear purpose you will have no foundation on which you base decisions, allocate your time, and use your resources. You will tend to make choices based on circumstances, pressures, and your mood at the moment. People who don't know their purpose try to do too much – and that causes stress, fatigue, and conflict.

It is impossible to do everything people want you to do. You have just enough time to do God's will. If you can't get it all done, it means you're trying to do more than God intended for you to do (or, possibly, that you're spending too much time with electronics...TV, Facebook, Switch, Instagram). Purpose-driven living leads to a simpler lifestyle and a saner schedule.

The prophet Isaiah said it so perfectly, "You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you."

May we together discover the peace God so desires for us as we seek our God-given purpose.

"The path of spiritual growth is a path of lifelong learning."
— M. Scott Peck, *The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth*



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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

Please pray for:

- Meg Milligan's friend JoAnn who had a stroke
- Helen Granozio after the passing of her mother
- Stephanie Salony after the passing of her mother
- Megan LaFontaine recovering from surgery on a broken foot, facing 12-week recovery
- Ray Schleckser with back pain
- Donnette Hubert recovering from a fall
- Vikki Leach's mother-in-law with cancer in hospice care



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



Congratulations to Nicholas and Dottie Tedeschi, married on September 8th!
(Nicholas is the son of Denise Mudalel.)

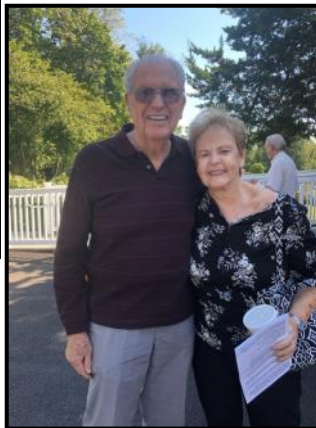


JACKSON DAY

Thanks to all who helped spread the Good Word of Cornerstone to our community! Ashley Moyer was even interviewed by JTV!



We enjoyed a time of fellowship and cookies after worship on September 8th!

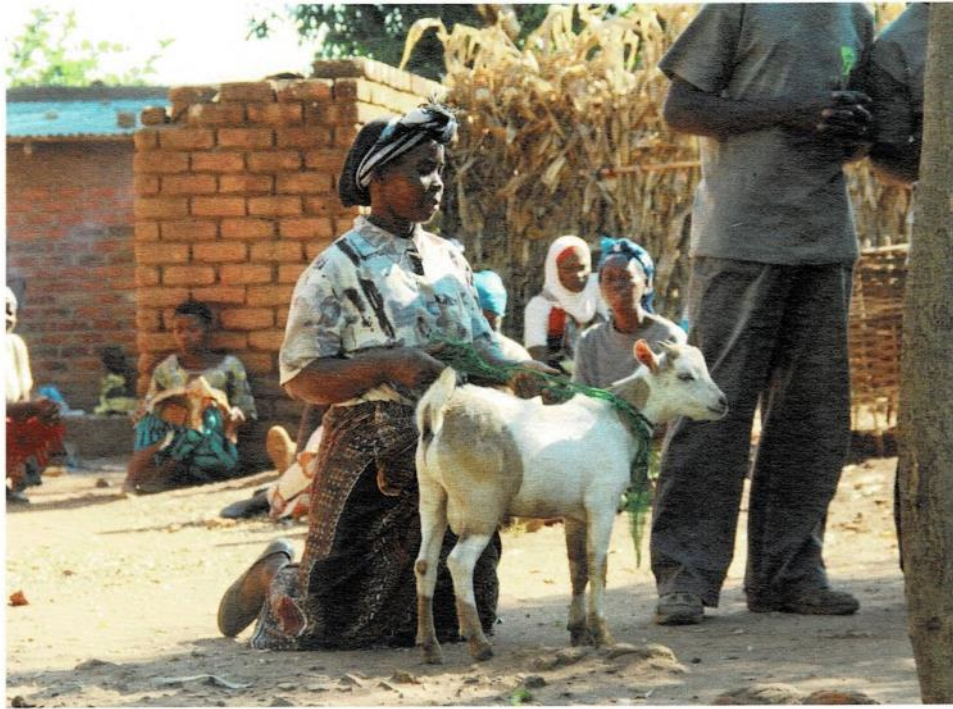


September 28, 2019

What a night! After a wonderful evening of worship with our Malawian guests (see photos on page 9), we shared a lovely meal and time of fellowship. Thanks to all who helped with the preparations!



Thank you card received from Villages in Partnership for the \$350 collected at Vacation Bible School to purchase 7 goats for families in Malawi:



Through the work of Villages in Partnership, lives are being changed!

Hundreds more children are now attending school, areas that have experienced perpetual hunger now have enough food, fewer women and young girls are walking hours each day to access clean water, and people are starting small businesses and taking advantage of previously unattainable economic opportunities. But we have a lot more work left to do! VIP is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty and helping our partner villages until they are on the path to sustainable development.

Dear Elizabeth and Cornerstone Presbyterian Family,
On behalf of VIP and the villagers in Malawi, we would like you VBS children and the members of your congregation for the \$350 you raised to purchase goats for families in Malawi.
Your gift is a beautiful example of Christian generosity and love for the poorest of the poor.
In peace and hope,
Your V.I.P. family

On Sunday, September 29th Cornerstone held it's first "The Church Has Left the Building" event! After a short time of prayer at the church, we set out to bless our community through local mission projects, including some work done on the church property and helping with yardwork at member's homes.

Thanks to all who participated!



**THE CHURCH
HAS LEFT THE
BUILDING**



Cornerstone Anniversary Concert

Sunday October 20th, 2019

4:00pm

One year ago, on October 21st we held our first worship service in our new church home. To celebrate God's great gift to us and his unending faithfulness we have planned an afternoon concert featuring Rev. Tory Pruner's good friend, Michael Barozzie (a free-will offering will be received). Michael will bring the sanctuary to life with music both very familiar to us as well as some of his own original works. Michael Barozzie has been inspired to write music that brings praise to God since he was a teenager. His album, "River of Life" is a wonderful collection some of his original music and can be listen to by going to YouTube and entering his name. Michael is a minister of music at The Presbyterian Church of Toms River where he leads the Saturday evening service and one of the Sunday morning services. He is responsible for the ministry to children as well as to young people with special needs. He is married to Jennifer, his wife of 17 years and they have twin boys, Matthew and David. You do not want to miss this time of praise and worship as we give thanks to God for our very first year in our Church home.



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!

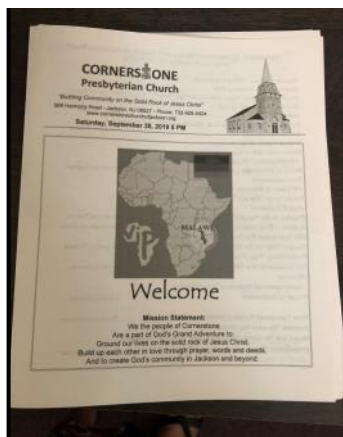


Cornerstone is offering an opportunity for the congregation to donate flower arrangements for the communion table, with a

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 signup through the link on the homepage of our website cornerstonechurchofjackson.org.

September 28, 2019 Worship with the Malawian Visitors

What a fabulous service as we learned more about the mission of Villages in Partnership and welcomed guests visiting from Malawi.



Introduction from Reverend Stephen Heinzl-Nelson (left) and greetings from VIP Program Manager in Malawi, Wellings Mwalabu (right)



A beautiful rendition of "It Is Well" sung in Chichewa and English



October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.



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 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 0-5. **NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME to shop for school supplies** while they are on sale at stores like Target, Walmart and Staples to get items like crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint sets, glue, scissors, pencil cases, erasers, etc.

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

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

Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 13th, 1:30-3 PM

Support our Cornerstone Team!



“We walk because they walk.” Why? Because people of Catholic and Protestant churches are getting sponsors to provide water, seeds and help to grow food for the hungry. This year, the invitation goes out for each to walk so that others may eat. Can you walk or sponsor a walker? The Ocean County walk is Sun, Oct. 13th, 1:30 to 3:00 for three miles starting at the Toms River Presbyterian Church. Jesus said, “In as much as you have helped the least of these, you have done it unto me.” See Allyson Moyer or Elizabeth Hughes for more information on how YOU can help the Cornerstone Team! To register or donate, please visit:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj/Cornerstone>

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! :)



6th Sunday 10am Sunday School Kick Off With Jesus & Tail Gate Party

Wear your favorite Football Team Jersey or Shirt! This will be our first Sunday School of the new season. We like to start in October to give you time to adjust to the new school year and activities. We will have a fun "Kick Off" Football celebration, see what you will be learning for the fall, play a game of football and enjoy a Tailgate Party with the entire congregation families after church! More info to follow soon.

9th Wednesday 10am Apple Picking/Pumpkin picking at Battleview Orchards

Kids are off from school for Columbus Day. Join us for a fun fall day of Apple picking, apple cider, donuts and pumpkin picking. Families & friends welcome!

13th Sunday 1:30pm Crop Hunger Walk - First United Methodist Church

Join the Cornerstone walk for Hunger! The 3-mile walk starts at 1:30pm at the First United Methodist Church in Toms River. Join us by registering on our team page!

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj/Cornerstone>

27th Sunday 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group Meeting - Halloween Party

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

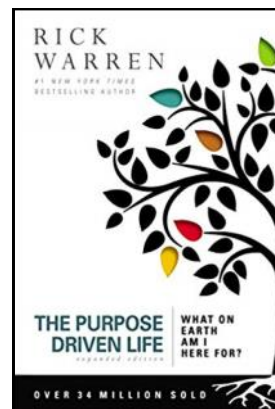
Don't let needing a ride stop you from attending any event. Carpooling available.

Friends are always welcome!

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

CHURCH WIDE STUDY—The Purpose Driven Life—starting in October!

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.



In *The Purpose Driven Life* you'll find the answers to three of life's most important questions:

- The Question of Existence: Why am I alive?
- The Question of Significance: Does my life matter?
- The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for?
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Living out the purpose you were created for moves you beyond survival or success to a life of significance - the life you were meant to live.

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

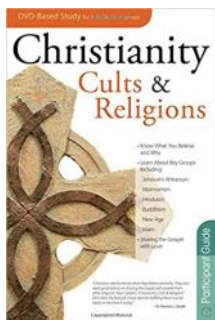
The Purpose Driven Life is available in two editions, in the most recent edition you will receive two additional chapters and other extras. Either book will be fine for our study. Know that the book comes in audio book, ebook, softcover, and hardcover editions.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

New Study Starts October 8th! All Women Welcome!

Meets Tuesdays 10:30 AM—Noon at Harmony House

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is planning two studies this fall— to participate in the church-wide study of the Purpose Driven Life (described above) starting on October 8th and then a 6-week study of *Christianity, Cults, and Religions*. All women are welcome to attend! Talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more information 732-580-3137, ejhughes@optonline.net.



The *Christianity, Cults & Religions* DVD-based study helps Christians know what they believe and why. By comparing Christianity with groups such as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, people have a better grasp about what the Bible says about who Jesus is and the message of the Gospel. This six-session study simply explains the history, background, and beliefs of the most common world religions and cultic groups: Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses and other groups.

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)



**KICKOFF DAY for our new
Sunday School year will be on
Sunday, October 6th!**

This will be the first day of Sunday School for this school year, and we will celebrate with a tailgate party and touch football game! Bring your favorite tailgate food to share and wear a shirt of jersey for your favorite team!



The Cornerstone Christian Education Committee is currently looking for Sunday School teachers to begin in October.

Volunteering can be on a rotating basis, so that there is not a commitment for every Sunday. Please see Allyson Moyer or Reverend Pruner if you're interested in helping!





It was a beautiful start to the new season when our choir sang "Sing With the Spirit" on September 28th!

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!

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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Do you have a skill or talent that could benefit our members?

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

October 2019 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 WORSHIP 10 AM  Sunday School KICKOFF 	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bell Choir 6-7 PM Singing Choir 7-8 PM	9 Adult Study 8 PM Youth Group Apple Picking 10 AM	10	11	12 WORSHIP 5 PM Adult Study 4 PM
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