



## Cornerstone Connection

Fall 2020



*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

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### WORSHIP

**SATURDAYS at 5 PM**

**SUNDAY at 10 AM**

**VIRTUAL on FACEBOOK**

**SUNDAYS at 10 AM**

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### A Message from Reverend Pruner

As fall approaches, our time of "social distancing" continues, however one of the amazing things I have witnessed is that faith, hope and love continues to impact our lives. Guidance from our leaders may advise no singing, no shaking hands and no hugs in Christian love. Yet, the fellowship continues and the faithfulness of our Cornerstone family continues to grow.

Songs of praise continue to fill our hearts each week in the Sanctuary as Doreen and Will lead us in worship. Each week I have been overjoyed to welcome more of you back to the Sanctuary and I have loved hearing from those of you who are worshipping virtually. The great truth is that we cannot be separated from the Lord who loves us and connects us to one another like a vine connects its branches.

Throughout the summer our children had virtual church school as well as times together to just have fun. The faithfulness of Kathe Morrison was displayed as she designed learning activities and delivered them to the children of the church. This helped our families to continue the Christian Education of their children. Kathe is one of the many within our church family showing that God's love shines in every situation in life.

In October you will have opportunities to have Christ's light shine brightly through you too! On Sunday October 4th we will celebrate World Communion Sunday as one worshipping congregation!

Our Saturday evening congregation will join us at 10:00am. How awesome it is to think that throughout the world Christians will be celebrating communion recognizing that in Christ we are one.

Following worship we will have our Kickoff Koffee Hour. Please plan to come, this will give many of us a chance to catch up and share in fellowship. The coffee and snacks are on us and we will have chairs and tables ready for you to grab a seat and visit.

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# Cornerstone Community



## OCTOBER

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  
 Meg Milligan, 10/16  
 Donnette Hubert, 10/17  
 Marlene Ruth, 10/19  
 James Hughes, 10/21  
 Elizabeth Hughes, 10/31



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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Each year we participate in the Crop Hunger Walk. This will be Sunday October 11th following worship. The Crop Hunger Walk gives us a chance to shine bright with Christ's light. Together as a team we will walk (with social distancing) at Johnson Park! This will be a way for us to raise resources for our local food pantries and show God's love to our many neighbors in need. Come join team Cornerstone, you can walk a little (with me) or a lot with our youth, or sponsor a walker.

I feel so blessed to be pastor of the Cornerstone Church filled with so many faithful disciples. As disciples we are all on a journey with our Lord. We need to remember that long ago the disciples had to learn to use the faith that they possessed. Today that is Jesus' word to us, as well. In times of confusion, when everything seems to be falling apart, we have the faith deep within us to carry us through. Faith great enough to bring hope and love to the world!

### ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

### BOARD OF DEACONS

2020 Vikki Leach  
 Allyson Moyer  
 Denise Mudalel  
 Ray Schleckser

Lisa Capurso  
 Kathe Morrison

2021 Mike Pushko  
 Megan LaFontaine  
 Laura Stone

Gail Carlson  
 Diane DeLuca

2022 Jim Foster  
 Deborah LaCross  
 Fred VanLooy  
 Linda Van Melis

MaryAnn White  
 Kellie Pushko



# Cornerstone Community



## NOVEMBER

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  
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

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Flowers donated by Gail and David Carlson in honor of their 33rd wedding anniversary (left) and Meg Milligan in memory of her mother on her heavenly birthday (right).

Thank you to Barbara Dougherty and Fred VanLooy for providing coffee for fellowship after worship!





## Fall Stewardship



### Bells Rings Loud with Praise to God!

When the Harmony Bell rings out with praise, it fills our hearts with joy. I can barely believe that it was two years ago that we moved into our church home on Harmony Road. The journey required great sacrifices and countless labors of love as renovations and permits went on and on. However, God blessed us with more than a building, He has given us the privilege to share in ministry and mission with a permanent home to expand our witness to Christ's love. In the fall we ask each of our Cornerstone families to pray, think on and discuss what their 2021 pledge/commitment will be to God's ministry and mission. Biblical stewardship calls us to understand that our lives are on loan from God, regardless if we acknowledge this or not, and God calls us to steward everything about our lives for his glory and the good of others.

As we look forward to 2021 there are many ways we can continue to grow as faithful stewards. I am always humbled by the widow that Jesus saw bring her offering forward as recorded in Mark chapter 12. *"A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"*

Wow, to come to God with everything we are...our time, our talents and our resources. Throughout my ministry I have come to know saints of the church who were witnesses of the true joy you experience in giving. Yet I have also found that giving is a matter of the heart. The Lord never twists our arms to give but invites us to share in the adventure of caring for his children and building of his kingdom.

While we were locked down, God sent a friend to Cornerstone. A friend, whose name we will never know, began to regularly leave a gift of 100.00 in our mailbox. Even now that we are back worshipping in the Sanctuary, we continue to receive these anonymous gifts. Such generosity reminds us of those early Christians who shared all that they had. Then and now we witness the impact of consistent generosity. Our "friend" came to support us during a difficult time. Not for personal glory but rather to glorify God and I believe also as a witness of the joy we experience when we entrust our gifts to God.

This fall we will hear ways we could expand our mission support and grow the ministries of Cornerstone Church. You will receive a stewardship mailing on October 20th that includes a pledge card and information about Cornerstone Church today and where God is leading us for the future. May God be with us as we discern how we can commit to the Lord's work. **Mark your calendar for the weekend of November 14&15 when we will dedicate our pledges/commitments!**

#### *Please pray for:*

- Susan Barschow recovering from a stroke
- All the kids starting college and adjusting to new situations; all students returning to school, studying in person and/or virtually
- Donnette Hubert's daughter Marian who is suffering from Bell's palsy
- All suffering from coronavirus and those who are mourning loved ones
- All who are mentally ill, homeless, in nursing homes, suffering from isolation and loneliness
- Our country during a time of great unrest and division



#### *Continued prayers for:*

- Ray Schleckser with continued back problems, possibly another surgery
- 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

The steeple renovations are complete and it looks amazing! Many thanks to Fred Van Looy, our Building Committee Chair, who coordinated the work, and to Cut and Dry Painting for a job well done. The front door was also repainted and it looks great!



Fred and Barbara even had a chance to go up in the lift!



## KICKOFF DAY for our new Sunday School year will be on Sunday, October 4th!

This will be the first day of Sunday School for this school year, and we will celebrate with a KICKOFF KOFFEE HOUR outside after worship. Bring your own chair if possible - coffee, water, and individually wrapped snacks will be available.

**We hope that you will come celebrate with us outdoors at 11 AM even if you are not yet comfortable worshipping indoors!**



THANK YOU to all who helped at the work day on July 25th to help get the outside of the church cleaned up and ready for our return to in-person worship!



## Care Packages for College Kids



Cornerstone has 9 college students either away at school or at home, studying both in person and virtually. This year is one with unique challenges for our youth, and we want to show them that their Cornerstone family is thinking of them as they get settled into a new routine. We will be taking up a collection of items to send each person a care package. **If you would like to participate, please bring donations to church by October 4th.** Suggested items: snack bags, candy, school supplies, sticky notes, even cards or notes of encouragement. We suggest that you bring 9 items when possible so that one can go in each box and they'll all be roughly the same. Please talk to Doreen Laskiewicz if you have any questions! Thank you to Doreen for organizing this effort.

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### Thanksgiving Food Drive

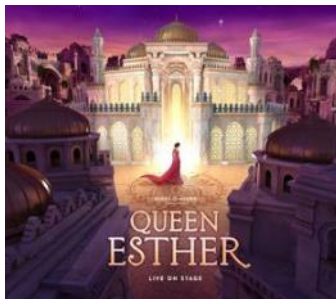
Our Youth Group is holding a food drive to benefit the Jackson Food Pantry. **On the first two Sundays of November (11/1 and 11/8),** youth will collect donations of Thanksgiving meal items at church. Thank you for supporting this effort to share our blessings to help those in need in our community!

**If you are not attending in-person worship, there are still several options available for giving to the church.**

- Offerings can be mailed to Cornerstone at 569 Harmony Road, Jackson, NJ 08527
- Set up [online giving](#) for recurring donations through bank transfer or credit card
- Download the [Give+](#) mobile app to make a one-time or recurring donation from your mobile device
- Make a donation via [PayPal](#)

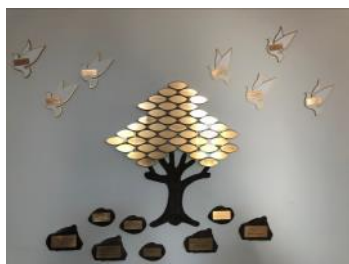






## **BUS TRIP TO SEE QUEEN ESTHER at Sight and Sound POSTPONED until November 18th!**

The bus trip that we had been planning back in April to see Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster has been rescheduled for November 18th. If you had registered for this trip and have not cancelled, please let Faith (732-689-2251) from Garden State Getaways know if you would like a refund at this time or if you would like to hold on for November. If you would like to be a part of this trip and had not previously registered, you can register [online](#) or speak to Elizabeth Hughes or Allyson Moyer.



## **"Come Grow With Us" Donor Tree Campaign**

We have a beautiful 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! Orders will be placed on an ongoing basis as they are received.

## **Per Capita Offering for 2020**

Our Per Capita Offering is now being collected for 2020. 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. The total amount due is over \$4,000, last year approximately half was paid out of the operating budget, taking away from the ministry of Cornerstone.

The Per Capita Offering is one way we work together with Presbyterians from 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. One great example of how Per Capita supports the local church ministry is through the funding of the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students. This is one way we help 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 funds in our operating 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!



**We are very excited to have opened our doors to in-person worship in August, with our usual worship times of Saturday at 5 PM and Sunday at 10 AM.**

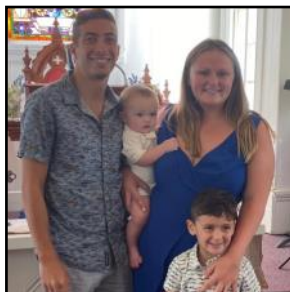
As we return to in-person worship, we are limiting the number of people who attend so that we can maintain proper social distancing requirements.

RESERVATIONS and MASKS are required.

Visit our [Eventbrite](#) page to make reservations. Please contact Elizabeth if you have any questions (732-580-3137, [ejhughes@optonline.net](mailto:ejhughes@optonline.net)).

Services will continue to be livestreamed on our [Facebook page](#) at 10 AM. They can be watched anytime!

Even as we practice social distancing and a combination of live and virtual worship, we will stand together as a church family! Please reach out if you are in need of special assistance or have a prayer request: call or text 732-691-5825 or email: [pastor@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](mailto:pastor@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)



Baptism of Sylvester Fox Fratto on August 23rd

Fellowship with social distancing after worship!



## October 4, 2020

We will have a special combined worship service for World Communion Sunday on October 4th at 10 AM! We will combine our two worship services to celebrate communion for the first time since COVID-19 disrupted our worship, and we will have individually sealed juice and crackers for each person. Please remember to make a [reservation](#)!

Following worship, our Cornerstone Church family will gather outside for coffee hour, and even if you are not comfortable yet coming to indoor worship we do hope you will come join in this time of fellowship (weather permitting).

**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.



Check out our new hand sanitizer station! We have another in the church foyer.





## Virtual Crop Hunger Walk—Sunday October 11th

Support our Cornerstone Team!



**Cornerstone will once again have a team in the Ocean County CROP WALK on October 11th.** This year, it is a virtual event, and you can join our team as an actual walker (and agree to walk on Oct 11 on your own or with our team) OR as a virtual walker (agreeing to support us and help raise funds).

**We will walk as a team (with social distancing) immediately after worship at Johnson Park!** We will meet by the tennis courts, and you can walk as much or little as you like! Please RSVP to Elizabeth if you plan to join us.

***Wear your blue Cornerstone t-shirt if you have one!***

Please help us support hunger relief efforts both locally and around the world! Join or donate on our team page: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj/cornerstone>. You can also make donations directly to Cornerstone - make sure to mark your offering with

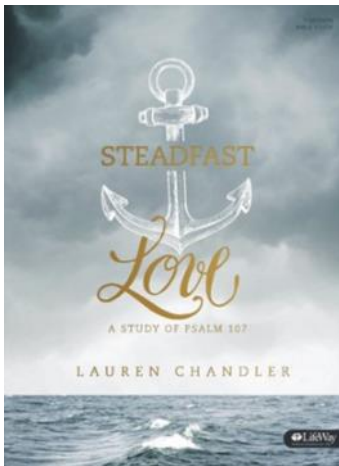


## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

### All Women Welcome!

**Meets Tuesdays 10:00—11:30 AM on Zoom**

The Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM via Zoom (for now). The current study is "Steadfast Love," a study of Psalm 107. It's never too late to join us—all women are welcome to attend! Talk to Elizabeth Hughes for more information 732-580-3137, ejhughes@optonline.net.



*Psalm 107 is a call to worship. It reminds us that each season of life is an opportunity to reveal the anchor of our souls. In this 7-session Bible study, learn to face both storms and deserts with courage and trust in Jesus, and discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts. For there is no fear for the one who fears the Lord, the one whose soul is anchored in His steadfast love. See <https://onlinestudy.lifeway.com/v/SteadfastLoveOBS> for more information and to purchase a study guide.*

## Coffee Chats on Thursday Evenings

### Let's Stay Connected!

Join together on Zoom with other Cornerstone friends to catch up with one another and have an informal discussion on the sermon topic that Reverend Pruner preached on the previous Sunday.

**Reverend Pruner is currently preaching a series based on the Max Lucado book "Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World."** Meetings will be at 7 PM every Thursday evening.



The link to join the Zoom meeting is below. Just click on the link to join the meeting – you can connect on your mobile phone or tablet by downloading the Zoom app, or from your computer. If you need help connecting on Zoom, please contact Elizabeth for assistance (732-580-3137).

**Join Zoom Meeting on Thursdays at 7 PM:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637857918?pwd=cXZjM3RHRIM2aG45RTdleUVscHZkZz09>

# Update on CHILDREN'S Sunday School

## A new season of Sunday School begins October 4th!

We're excited to kickoff a new season of Sunday School for kids in Pre-K through 5th grade! Classes will be held during worship with masks and social distancing in effect. We will still be offering materials for home study for families who prefer virtual Sunday School. If you have questions or would like your child to receive materials, please contact Kathe Morrison or Megan LaFontaine.

Kids will be learning this fall from the Whirl curriculum, including Old Testament stories on Adam and Eve, David, Joshua, Samuel, Psalm 23, and more. Each lesson includes a bible story, craft or activity, and an animated video.



## Learning at Home!



**The Cornerstone Christian Education Committee is currently looking for Sunday School volunteers.**

No experience necessary, and any amount of time you can give will be appreciated! Please see Allyson Moyer or Reverend Pruner if you can help!



# Summer FAMILY Fun POOL Parties

Thanks to the Moyers and the Pruners for hosting!





**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.



*We have many great events planned for the fall to get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather and have some fun with friends and family. Remember you are always welcome to bring along your friends! The more, the merrier!*



**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**11am Crop Hunger Walk** – (weather permitting)

The Youth Group will be walking together (socially distanced) after church at Johnson Park. We will meet in the Cornerstone Parking lot at 11am and head over. Carpooling is available. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch and we can have lunch together after our walk. Join our team or donate on our team page:

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

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**9am Apple Picking / Pumpkin Picking** at Battleview Orchards – (weather permitting)

Join us for a fun fall day of Apple picking, apple cider & donuts and pumpkin picking. Families welcome!

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**11am Fall Craft & Get Together**

Lets have some fun together making a fall pumpkin out of wine corks or wreath craft after church. We will be outside Harmony House and social distance best we can. RSVP to Allyson if you plan to attend so we are sure we have enough supplies.

*See November calendar on the next page!*



# **Youth Group—Fall Activities (continued)**



**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.

**12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 3 PM**

**Ronald Mc Donald House, Long Branch**

One of our favorite things to do! Lets cook together so families in need can enjoy a home cooked meal while visiting their sick child. We will make penne ala vodka, salad, bread and dessert. If you like to donate an item for the meal, please contact Allyson. Meal needs to be ready for serving at 5pm.

**22nd Sunday 11 AM**

**Youth Group Meeting – Harmony House**

Lesson on “Our Blessings” and make Thanksgiving cards for our congregation members and family. Outdoors (weather permitting).

**Coming in December — Adopt a Family program, Youth Christmas Party, Christmas Caroling to spread holiday cheer!**

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

## 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

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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.***



# October 2020 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffee Chat on Zoom 7 PM	2	3
4 WORSHIP 10 AM  KICKOFF KOFFEE HOUR SUNDAY	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	7	8 Coffee Chat on Zoom 7 PM	9	10 WORSHIP 5 PM
11 WORSHIP 10 AM  CROP HUNGER WALK ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	14	15 Coffee Chat on Zoom 7 PM	16	17 YOUTH GROUP Apple Picking 9 AM WORSHIP 5 PM
18 WORSHIP 10 AM	19	20 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	21 Session Meeting	22 Coffee Chat on Zoom 7 PM	23	24 WORSHIP 5 PM
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15 Stewardship Sunday WORSHIP 10 AM	16	17 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	18 BUS TRIP TO QUEEN ESTHER	19 Coffee Chat on Zoom 7 PM	20	21 WORSHIP 5 PM
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