



Cornerstone Connection

March 2020



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

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

As March begins, so does the season of Lent. During Lent we remember when Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting and praying followed by being tempted by the devil.

Most of us think that if there is one thing we know about in life, it's temptation. We face temptation all the time. Temptation hangs in the air and on surfaces like flu viruses, always threatening to break down our resistance. Like the coronavirus that we are facing now, that seems to come from out of nowhere. So too, do the temptations of life morph to the desires and needs promoted by the world. We find that we are tempted to eat and drink to excess, to flirt with somebody at work, to cheat on a test, gossip about a friend, lie our way out of trouble ... you name it. We are always being tempted to do what we know we shouldn't do. This is something that even the young experience. My three year old granddaughter looks to be sure no one is watching before she steals a piece of candy.

Tom Long tells the story of wisdom gained when he was young. "Our church school teacher told us one Sunday, 'The best measure of a person is what you would do if you knew no one would ever find out.' Recalling that remark now, our Sunday school teacher was moving toward a profound gospel insight: Christian ethics grow out of Christian identity; the decisions we make in life are a product of who we understand ourselves to be.

In that light, we have a far too shallow view of temptation. The deepest temptation is not the urge to misbehave, to do what we know we shouldn't do, but rather the enticement to compromise our baptismal identity, to be who we are not called to be."

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Cornerstone Community



John Rosato, 3/5
Ben Miner, 3/10
Matt Hekl, 3/15
Emily Welch, 3/17
Anthony Maimone, 3/19
Chuck Calhoun, 3/21
Ashley DiGirolamo, 3/23
Doris Pfeiffen, 3/26
Heather DiGirolamo, 3/26
Sue Woolverton, 3/29
Jim Foster, 3/30



Bubba & Sharron Smith, 3/6

*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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Jesus was sure who he was, the son of God. When the Devil tempted him, he stayed true to his identity. Do you know who you are? You and I are sons and daughters of the King of Creation. How then can we be secure in our identity? I believe it is as Jesus showed us, through the word of God, through prayer, worship and fellowship with other followers of Jesus.

My prayer for you is that during this season of Lent you will have a keener insight into who you are as a child of the King. That as your Spirit within is strengthened you will become resistant to the overwhelming "temptation viruses" that hang in the air. May we know who we are and whose we are so that we may be better equipped to build God's kingdom by sharing the love of God and thus shattering the power of evil around us.



Please pray for:

- Meg Milligan as she transitions looking for a new home
- Allyson Moyer recovering from a fall; Ashley Moyer with health concerns



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

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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



On February 9th, we were blessed to celebrate the baptism of Bryce Rosenfeld. We all received a stone to remember our own baptism!






Applebee's™

SHORT STACKS FOR A TALL CAUSE

You're invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support
CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON



APRIL 25th, 8-10 AM
at Applebee's on Route 9 in Howell

TICKETS: \$10, includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a beverage.

**Mark your calendars
and support our
fundraiser at
Applebee's on
April 25th!**

**Buy your tickets at
church! Invite your
friends and family!**



**Calling ALL YOUTH to
MEET, GREET, SEAT
AND EAT!**

All volunteers will need to be at Applebee's by 7:45. As a volunteer you will help to meet, greet and seat our guests. Then you will serve them a pancake breakfast and bring the finished plates back to the kitchen. And, of course, you may have a pancake breakfast for yourself as well. The proceeds will be used to help with our church building.

Invite family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome! If you can help, please let Tina Kas or Allyson Moyer know.


Come see the Jackson Memorial High School production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame on March 12-15! Presale tickets are available through March 11th.

The Jackson Memorial High School
Production of

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

Music by **Alan Menken** Lyrics by **Stephen Schwartz** Book by **Peter Parnell**

Based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney film
Originally developed by Disney Theatrical Productions



Thursday, March 12 @ 6:30PM
Friday, March 13 @ 6:30PM
Saturday, March 14 @ 6:30PM
Sunday, March 15 @ 2:00PM

Tickets \$15 pre-sale, \$17 at the door

Buy tickets at JMHS Fine Arts: Mon, Wed, Fri, 2 – 4 PM
& Sat 10 AM – 2 PM; Feb 10 – March 11
Info: jacksonmemorialmusical@gmail.com

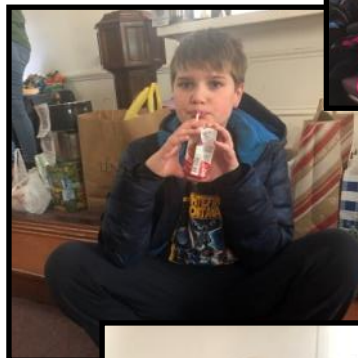
The Hunchback of Notre Dame is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com



"Souper Bowl" Celebration

February 2, 2020

We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and sandwiches after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, and our youth collected donations for the Jackson Food Pantry! In total, they collected \$253 and a carload of food to help our fellow Jackson residents! Thanks to all for supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring!





Youth Spotlight

Tyler Pushko and his dad Mike traveled with Cavalry Academy to La Vega, Dominican Republic for the school's senior class mission trip. While there, they worked with American missionaries on various construction and work projects at the local churches. They also did large outreaches to young children in the public schools and participated in worship in the churches they visited. The theme for the trip was "Love in Action" based on Ephesians 2:10, which says "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

WAY TO GO TYLER! We're proud of you!



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Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 8th!

Turn your clocks ahead one hour!



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 \$35 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 2020 or sign up through the link on the homepage of our website cornerstonechurchofjackson.org.

EASTER FLOWERS



We are 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 can be taken after 10 AM worship on Easter—forms are available in church and on our [website](http://www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)—orders are due March 29th!

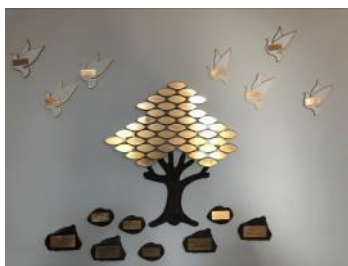
Buy Shop Rite Cards and Support Cornerstone!

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 13,680 for the church!



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!

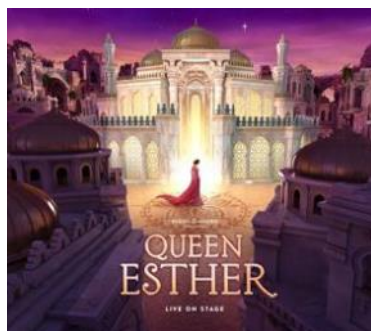


"Come Grow With Us" Donor Tree Campaign

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! Orders will be placed on an ongoing basis as they are received.



BUS TRIP TO SEE QUEEN ESTHER at Sight and Sound April 22, 2020

We are planning a Cornerstone trip to see Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater on April 22nd! The cost is \$129 and includes round trip bus transportation from Jackson, lunch at the Shady Maple buffet, theater seats, and all gratuities. You can register [online](#) or speak to Elizabeth Hughes or Allyson Moyer. ***The trip is now full!***
Thanks to all for your participation!

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!



Lent is the forty day season when we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and Easter is on April 12th. Join us throughout this period as we reflect and prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**SPECIAL
SERVICES
DURING
LENT**

- † Ash Wednesday, Feb 26 at 7 PM
- † Palm Sunday, April 5 at 10 AM
- † Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM
- † Good Friday, April 10 at 12 PM
- † Easter Sunday, April 12 at 8:30 & 10 AM

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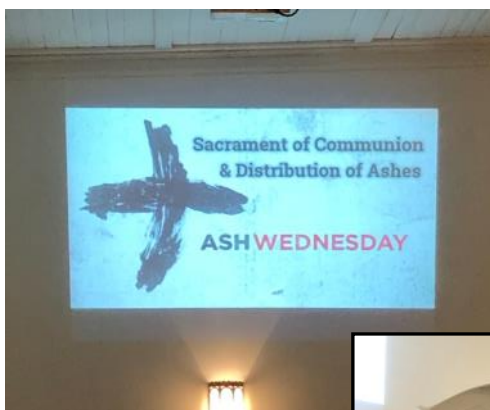
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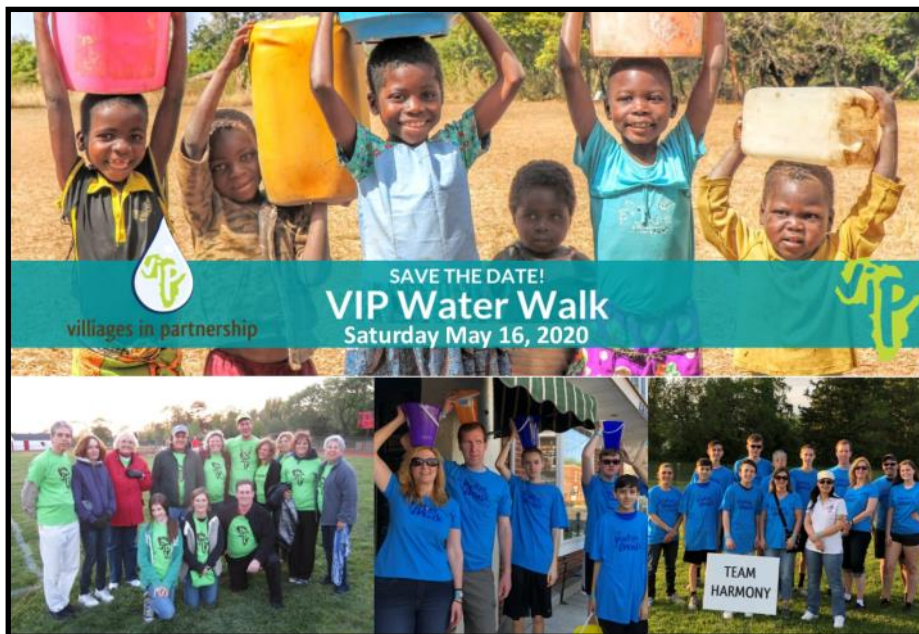


Jackson Food Pantry Collection During Lent

Whether you've chosen to give something up during this season of Lent, we challenge you to also consider taking something on! As a church, we will be taking up a collection for the Jackson Food Pantry to help provide them with items that are in high demand but not often donated:

- Diapers (size 4,5,6)
- Canned fruit
- Condiments (mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise)

Can you help by making a donation to provide our fellow Jackson residents with these needed items? Donations will be collected at church through Easter Sunday. Thank you!

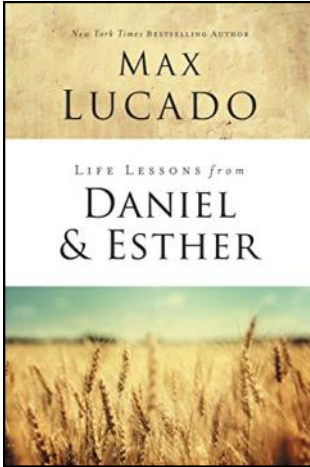


Cornerstone will once again have a team in the VIP Water Walk on May 16th from 4-10 PM in Allentown, NJ. We will be raising money for Villages in Partnership, an organization whose mission is to build partnerships between villages in the developed world and villages in Malawi to bring about life-changing development for all. This is our *ninth* year participating in the walk, and its an extra special year as we had an opportunity to meet four people from Malawi in September! Please mark your calendars so we can make this our best Water Walk yet! More information will be coming soon.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

The Women's Bible Study group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM at the home of Elizabeth Hughes. The group is doing a study based on the Max Lucado book "Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther: Faith Under Pressure." All women are welcome to attend! Talk to Elizabeth for more information.



Staying faithful when the pressure was most intense. That's what these two did. The Jewish people had reason to be depressed. Their nation had been conquered. Their hometown was in ruins. They were living in captivity. Yet from the ashes, God raised up two key figures to preserve the Jewish race. Daniel was among the first of the captives carried away by the Babylonians. Although he lived in a culture opposed to God, he was always faithful to the Lord – even in the face of death – and ultimately was able to influence kings and rulers. Esther was in exile during the time of the Persian Empire. Like Daniel, the Lord also placed her in a position to influence those in power. God also called her to step out in faith and risk her life to foil a plot against her people. As a result of her bold actions, the entire Jewish race was saved from annihilation.

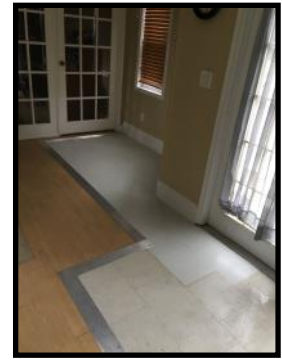
The Life Lessons with Max Lucado series brings the Bible to life in twelve lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word. Each lesson includes an opening reflection, background information, an excerpt of the text (from the New International and New King James versions), exploration questions, inspirational thoughts from Max, and a closing takeaway for further reflection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 3/3: Discussion on Chapters 3 & 4 (Daniel)
- 3/10: Discussion on Chapters 5 & 6 (Daniel)
- 3/17: Discussion on Chapters 7 & 8 (Esther)
- 3/25: No Bible Study meeting this week, Ladies Lunch (location TBD)
- 3/31: Discussion on Chapters 9 & 10 (Esther)
- 4/7: Discussion on Chapters 11 & 12 (Esther)
- 4/14 – No Meeting, SPRING BREAK
- 4/21 – No Meeting, ESTHER at Sight & Sound on 4/22
- 4/28: Discussion with Dan and Ruth Green on Messianic Judaism

UPDATE on Harmony House

After many months of estimates, planning and repair, the floor is fixed and **HARMONY HOUSE IS OPEN!** Sunday School classes resumed in Harmony House on Sunday, March 1st. *HALLELUIAH!*



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 5th (Palm Sunday) or April 12th (Easter).



Sunday School for Kids During Sunday 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, and rotating volunteers

Nursery Care Always Available!



Can you spare some change?

The Cornerstone Sunday School kids will be collecting loose change each Sunday to help local families going through hard times. When the jar is full, we will provide a meal for a local family to brighten their day and let them know they are in our prayers. Collection jars are in Harmony House and the church foyer.

Make a
Joyful noise
Unto The
Lord!



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.

We are excited to announce that Will has officially joined our staff as the Assistant Director of Music!

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

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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.*

March 2020 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP 10 AM	2 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Bell Choir 6-7 PM Singing Choir 7-8 PM	3	4	5	6	7 WORSHIP 5 PM
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