

Cornerstone Connection

Spring 2021



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

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

Not Just Pretzels Anymore!

As we have all struggled through this last year each of us have found God, people, distractions and food to comfort us. One of the foods for me has been the pretzel. My favorite is mini pretzels by Rold Gold. Did you know pretzels actually came to life in the church. Pretzel history reaches many centuries back to a time during Lent when Italian monks would bake unleavened bread. They rolled the left-over scraps into tubes and formed them into the shape of children's arms folded across their chests in prayer. They were soft-baked as rewards for children who correctly recited their religious lessons and prayers. The monks called these treats "pretiolas," Latin for "little rewards." The 3-part shape of the pretzel was also associated with the Holy Trinity.



Now, whether crispy or soft, pretzels are firmly linked to Lent in many congregations where the early legends are repeated each year. The world's oldest sketches and descriptions of these treats are in manuscripts now stored in the Vatican Library.

During this season of Lent, as you seek ways to find comfort I encourage you to listen to the monks of old and pray. Praying brings us closer to the God who created us, Jesus who came to teach us, love us and save us and the Holy Spirit who guides and inspires us. I also encourage you to set aside time during Lent to read one of the gospels. Whether you read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John you will read of the amazing life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

May God be with us in this time of Lent as we prepare for Easter, the holiest day of the year!

Cornerstone Community



March

John Rosato, 3/5

Ben Miner, 3/10

Matt Hekl, 3/15

Emily Welch, 3/17

Anthony Maimone, 3/19

Chuck Calhoun, 3/21

McKenna Brady, 3/22

Elyse Brady, 3/22

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.

Per Capita Offering 2021

What is Per Capita? How is our Per Capita offering used?

The Per Capita offering began long ago to assure that representatives from every region of the United States would be able to gather for General Assembly. Today, General Assembly gathers every other year to address important issues concerning the larger church and representatives from every Presbytery attend.

Over the years the Per Capita Offering has expanded to include the support of vital programs that help to assure strong pastoral leadership. As well as the coordination of volunteer mission work. Some of the many ways includes:

- administrating ordination exams for candidates for ministry
- administering the church leadership connection referral system helping churches seeking a new pastor.
- planning for General Assembly and other related gatherings allowing us to connect with one another and our Lord.
- partnering with ecumenical bodies worldwide to promote Christian unity and to extend the church's work for peace and justice far beyond what we can do ourselves including the World Council of Churches.
- working with volunteers worldwide

Our Per Capita Offering is received throughout the year. Per capita is the amount of money due per member (this year, \$40.00) that our Church pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). If you would rather give a portion of your Per Capita each month you need only to note it in your giving. See page 8 for ways you can give electronically.

If you have already given your Per Capita offering, thank you! If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so. Together is how we have the greatest impact!

Cornerstone Community



April

Michele Welch, 4/3
 Bob Wegner, 4/4
 Ian Rosato, 4/4
 Nancy Foster, 4/9
 Seraphim Osiakwan, 4/14
 Maggie Varrelmann, 4/18
 Betty Corio, 4/20
 Kathie Hekl, 4/22
 Vikki Leach, 4/24
 Sara Miller, 4/24
 Malachi Hekl, 4/26
 Ryan Pushko, 4/30



Michele & Chuck Calhoun, 4/10

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ELDERS ON OUR SESSION

2021 Mike Pushko
 Megan LaFontaine
 Laura Stone
 Kathe Morrison

2022 Jim Foster
 Deborah LaCross
 Fred VanLooy
 Linda Van Melis

2023 Gail Carlson
 Allyson Moyer
 Elizabeth Hughes
 Tina Kas

BOARD OF DEACONS

Diane DeLuca

MaryAnn White
 Kellie Pushko

Barbara Dougherty
 Nancy Foster

Please pray for:

- All who are suffering from coronavirus and mourning loved ones; Kayla and Ashley Moyer, Lisa & Julia Capurso recovering from the virus; Debbie LaCross with the virus
- Donnette Hubert's daughter Marian who is suffering from Bell's palsy
- Peace and unity in our divided country
- All who are mentally ill, homeless, in nursing homes, suffering from isolation and loneliness



Continued prayers for:

- Ray Schleckser recovering from back 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

Happy 105th Birthday John Bestenheider!
January 10, 2021





Our “Souper Bowl” celebration was delayed due to snow, but we had a great time of fellowship with s’mores on 2/21 after worship, and collected a large food donation and \$225 for the Jackson Food Pantry. Thanks for helping us “tackle hunger!”



Clothing Fundraiser—THANK YOU!

We collected a large number of donations for our clothing drive on Feb 20-21! Thanks for spreading the word and making the drive a big success—stay tuned to find out how much we raised!



Thanks to Ben Leach for help loading the truck!



Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 14th! Turn your clocks ahead one hour!



EASTER FLOWERS



We will be offering Easter flowers to purchase as a fundraiser for our church, and to help decorate our worship space for Easter! See order form on next page.

Return to Elizabeth or email her the information by **March 8th!**

One Great Hour of Sharing



For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world, in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression.

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

During Lent we will be receiving our OGHS Offering, with special collections on Palm Sunday and Easter. By giving to this offering you will be a part of Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry and Empowering the Oppressed. Each gift to OGHS supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Read more about OGHS on the [PCUSA website](https://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

- \$4.1million granted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the United States and 57 countries in the first half of 2020
- 17,000 people trained nationally and internationally by OGHS ministries
- 5,676 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work teams served
- 51,000 trees planted around the world
- 5,000 projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since Self Development of People's inception
- 1,097 Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Every year, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church offers it's congregation the opportunity to purchase beautiful Easter flowers as Memorials or Honorariums to decorate the worship space on Easter Sunday. To place your order for this year's flowers, fill out the form below.



The plant selection and prices are shown on the form below. The deadline for your order is March 8th. You may fill out this form and mail it to Cornerstone (569 Harmony Rd, Jackson, NJ 08527) or return the form to Elizabeth Hughes at church. Your check should accompany your order and be made out to "Cornerstone" with "Easter Flowers" written in the memo field. You may take your plant(s) home after 10 AM worship on Easter Sunday (April 4).



Please fill out form completely and print clearly.

	4" pot (indicate quantity)	6" pot (indicate quantity)	8" pot (indicate quantity)	10" pot (indicate quantity)
Lily		_____ @ \$12 ea	_____ @ \$25 ea	
Hydrangea		_____ @ \$20 ea	_____ @ \$30 ea	_____ @ \$40 ea
Tulips	_____ @ \$5 ea	_____ @ \$10 ea		
Hyacinth	_____ @ \$5 ea	_____ @ \$10 ea		
Daffodil	_____ @ \$5 ea	_____ @ \$10 ea		
Crocus	_____ @ \$5 ea			

6" Azalea: _____ @ \$20 ea

TOTAL: _____

☐ I do not want to purchase a plant, but instead I would like to give a monetary donation as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium. \$_____ (amount of gift)

Name _____
[NAME PRINTED AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN THE BULLETIN]

Phone Number _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



SAVE THE DATE—ROAD CLEANUP MARCH 21st

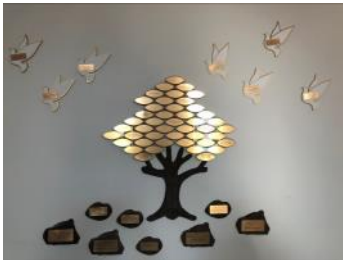
We tentatively have a road assigned for a Jackson street clean up on Sunday, March 21st after worship! This is a great opportunity to raise \$500 for the church while also performing a service for the town that we live in. Please help if you can!

Follow us on Facebook!



www.facebook.com/cpcjacksonnj

"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.

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](#)



We are very excited to have opened our doors to in-person worship 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).

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



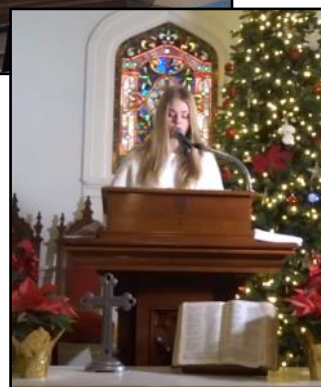
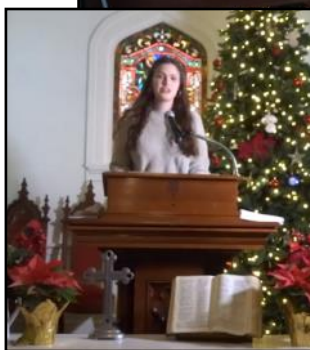
Saturday, December 19th at 5 PM





Christmas EVE

We had two Christmas Eve services—a virtual family service at 4 PM (featuring duets by Vikki Leach and Doreen Laskiewicz, and readings and nativity scenes by our children and youth) and a traditional in-person service at 7:30 PM.



During the Message, the children opened up the gift of LOVE!





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 17th, and Easter is on April 4th. Join us throughout this period as we reflect and prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

HOLY WEEK Services

- ✝ Palm Sunday Weekend, March 27 & 28
 - * Saturday at 5 PM
 - * Sunday at 10 AM
 - * Easter Egg Hunt Sunday after 10 AM Service
- ✝ Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM
- ✝ Good Friday, April 2 at 12 PM
- ✝ Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10 AM

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

ASH WEDNESDAY



WORSHIP



Baptism of Bob Zinsman on January 17th



Flowers donated by Gail and Dave Carlson to say "Thank you"



Baptism of Anthony Gonsiewski on February 28th



MISSIONS

across the street & around the world



SAVE THE DATE!

Cornerstone will participate in our 10th Water Walk on May 22nd, raising awareness and funds for the most vulnerable in Malawi!

Stay tuned for details!

Thank you!!!!

This past Christmas season, the Jackson Food Pantry collected Shop Rite gift cards in lieu of gifts to give out to the local families that they serve. Our angel tree had gifts of \$25 or \$50 cards, and we were able to donate a total of **\$1875** to the food pantry!

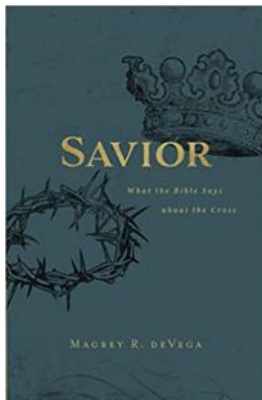
Thanks to all who donated so generously!



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. Starting on Tuesday, February 23rd, the group will switch over to a 6-week Lenten study of the book "Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross" by Magrey deVega.

After the Lenten study, the group will return to the book "It's All Under Control: A Journey of Letting Go, Hanging On, and Finding a Peace You Almost Forgot was Possible," by Jennifer Dukes

Lee. This book study will resume on April 6th with a discussion of Chapter 5.

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.



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. 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

Sunday school classes for Pre-K through 5th grade are being held during Sunday worship with masks and social distancing in effect. Megan LaFontaine and Kathe Morrison have put together the lessons , and materials are being delivered to be used at home. If you attend in person, please bring your lesson bag with you!

If you have questions or would like your child to receive materials, please contact Kathe Morrison or Megan LaFontaine.

March Lessons:

Jesus Feeds the 5,000 John 6:1-21

Jesus Meets Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10

Mary Anoints Jesus John 12:1-8

Matthew's Holy Week Matthew 21-27



Fish banks will be distributed for the children to collect change for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please return the fish banks on March 28th (Palm Sunday) or April 4th (Easter).



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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Reflection & Inspiration: Specialty note cards for that special person or occasion. Go Green! Send a lovely note card that can be framed and enjoyed by all! Total gift cost \$4.00.

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.*

March 2021 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	3	4 Zoom Chat 7 PM	5	6 WORSHIP 5 PM
7 WORSHIP 10 AM  Communion Served	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	10	11 Zoom Chat 7 PM	12	13 WORSHIP 5 PM
14 WORSHIP 10 AM 	15	16 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	17 	18 Zoom Chat 7 PM	19	20 WORSHIP 5 PM
21 WORSHIP 10 AM Road Cleanup 11 AM	22	23 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	24	25 Zoom Chat 7 PM	26	27 WORSHIP 5 PM  Communion Served
28 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 AM EGG UHNT 11 AM	29	30	31			

April 2021 at Cornerstone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Maundy Thursday WORSHIP 7 PM	2 Good Friday Prayer Service 12 PM	3
4  EASTER WORSHIP 10am	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	7	8 Zoom Chat 7 PM	9	10 WORSHIP 5 PM
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