



THE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH • NOVEMBER 2021



You're Invited

Join our family for
Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanksgiving Day
Cornerstone Church
595 New Bloomfield Road | Duncannon
RSVP for 12:00 or 1:00 seating
Take Out Available



ccduncannon.com/thanksgiving

Stepping up

We welcome a somewhat “new” face to the Cornerstone Kids’ Ministry! Lauren True, who has been ably assisting Hope Coombs the past few years, will assume the Director’s role in November. Lauren and Hope have been working together over the last month to make a smooth transition.

When Hope and Kenny first came to Cornerstone three years ago, they were just beginning the process of becoming foster parents. In May, they were able to adopt their first foster, Carson, and added a newborn baby girl through foster care in June. As family and business needs continued to grow and required Hope’s attention over the past several months, she knew it was time to step aside and let Lauren fill her role as Director.

Lauren started attending Cornerstone about 10 years ago when she was pregnant with her son, but it was a struggle juggling two kids at church when they were not comfortable being in the nursery and away from mommy. Fast

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Katrina Boyer

Thanksgiving 2021—10 years of Thanksgiving meals at Cornerstone! It’s hard to believe we are in our 10th year of serving fresh, hot Thanksgiving dinners for—and with—our community. I never dreamed we would be able to look back and say 10 years ago we started this and will continue to do it for years to come.

So many stories in the Bible involve food and gathering as a group to enjoy it. This year, Mark 6:35–44 stands out most of all. The disciples were concerned that there was not enough food to feed the people gathered to hear Jesus, and they tried to convince Jesus to send the people away before it got too late and they would not be able to find food. Instead, Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowds. By the end of the story, we learn that more than 5,000 people had been fed with the food available: five loaves of bread and two fish.

Time and again, I become a little more anxious than I like to admit, and I question myself every year. Will we have enough food? We can plan and research, but the reality is, we are never quite sure about how many people will show

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forward about five years. Lauren and her husband Derick returned to Cornerstone, took the Financial Peace class, and Lauren became a Partner and knew she wanted to be involved with the Kids' Ministry.

Besides assisting Hope, Lauren has a wealth of experience working with children—20 years at a day care and currently working at the CAIU. She's been married to Derick for 17 years and they have a daughter Regan, 13, a son Grant, 10, plus a dog, a cat, a bunny, and some fish. While the kids' sports and activities keep them pretty busy, the family enjoys going camping together whenever they can.

Lauren says, "I plan on keeping things relatively the same. We are focusing on the Christmas Shop for right now. I enjoy seeing the children returning every Sunday for class. They are smiling and feel comfortable coming into the classroom, and excited to learn about Jesus and to see what craft and activity they will get to do. I have fond memories of growing up going to church and attending Sunday school."



*If we are going to worship in Spirit,
we must develop a spirit of wor-
ship.*

Michael Catt

*No amount of guilt can solve the
past, and no amount of anxiety
can change the future.*

Gabrielle Bernstein

*The greatest mistake you can
make in life is to be continually
fearing you will make one.*

Elbert Hubbard

Thanksgiving Dinner

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up, or if the amount of food we prepare will be enough. Much like the end of the story in Mark, at the end of the day, we always have plenty of food. Our God is so, so good, and I am humbled by the fact that He always provides, every single year.

As we all know, we are living through unprecedented times. Last year, we served hundreds of people hot meals as they drove through our parking lot to pick them up and take them to their families at home. It was the only way we could provide Thanksgiving dinners to the families that needed them. We missed being able to fellowship with our "regulars," and the ones that would have joined us for the first time in 2020. Today, we continue to live through the difficulties of a pandemic and all it seems to bring with it.

Social isolation is a reality, and nobody should have to be isolated if they chose not to be. To respect that everyone can choose what works for them, we have decided to serve hot meals in person and provide takeout meals as we have done for years past. To be the safest we can, we will offer in-person dining in two identified settings this year. When our guests register for the meal, they will have three choices: Sit down dining at 12noon, 1pm, or to take their meals to go. In between settings, we will have a volunteer that will wipe tables down and spray tables and chairs with sanitizer. We will do our part to protect our guests as they join us for this important meal.

We are once again looking for volunteers to plan to help before, during, or after the meal. The reality is that the more hands we have to lift the load, the easier the lift becomes for all of us. We are looking to assign individuals to specific areas based on preference and the time they plan to be at the church.

On November 7 and 14, there will be several sign-up sheets at the pallet wall. One will include a sheet to let us know that you are able and willing to volunteer for serving in some capacity at the church. That sheet will ask you about what times you will be able to be there. I ask that you please give me definitive times, so that I can better plan for areas of need. It is very difficult to have those time-frames left blank or for volunteers to write in "I will help whenever/wherever I am needed." So be careful writing that in—I may surprise you by scheduling you to wash dishes all day long!

In addition to looking for volunteers, we will be looking for food donations. Those lists will also be available on the pallet wall. Also needed are large containers—like ice cream buckets—for freezing broth. If you have questions beyond what is available on the pallet wall, do not hesitate to contact me (**Katrina Boyer—katrboyer@yahoo.com by email or call/text 717-514-2375**). We look forward to seeing you at Cornerstone for our 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner!



Help us love our neighbors and spread joy on Christmas morning to a child in our community. We are partnering with Join Hands and Susquehanna School District to help provide gifts to families in our county.

How you can help:

- Take a tag from the Adopt-A-Family display in the church lobby, purchase items, and return by Sunday, November 21. Some tags cover an entire child (toys and clothing) and some are for specific items.
- Make a monetary donation. These donations will be given to Susquehanna Elementary School to support their program.
- Donate a gift card from Target, Walmart, or Kohl's. Gift cards are used to supplement items so children in the same family have equal gift items or to cover children that we receive after the deadline. (Gift cards are not given directly to families.)

Santa's Workshop
A KIDS CHRISTMAS SHOP

Santa and his elves are opening up the workshop for kids to find presents for their family and friends.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
9:00 am-NOON
CORNERSTONE CHURCH
595 New Bloomfield Road | Duncannon
cccduncannon.com

All gifts \$5 and under
FREE craft stations, snacks, and photos with Santa

Grace is like a blanket of hope that covers you at night when you think you don't have what it takes to get up in the morning.
Caroline Myss



Imagine Christmas!

Christian Life Assembly invites you to its full length dramatic musical for the whole family. **Christmas Wonderland 2021, Imagine Christmas!**

Performance dates and times

Saturday, December 4	2pm and 6pm
Sunday, December 5	3pm
Thursday, December 9	7pm
Friday, December 10	7pm
Saturday, December 11	2pm and 6pm
Sunday, December 12	3pm

Imagine Christmas takes place in present-day Chicago, where you will meet a family who owns and runs Imagine Books and Café. With the help of the family matriarchs, some hilarious antics and lots of imagination, various Christmas stories will come to life, including the most important story ever—the birth of Jesus! This dramatic musical features beautiful music and dance, live animals, and flying angels.

Ticket prices:

\$15 adults | \$10 students (ages 5–18) | \$5 discount (Thursday/Friday mezzanine only)

Online sales:

claproductions.com

CLA ticket and media center sales:

M–W, 9am–1pm, 717-737-1887

Group sales:

Email (tickets@clacamphill.com) or phone (717-737-6560). Tickets must be paid for at time of order by cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard. Tickets can be mailed to you or sent electronically for you to print yourself. For updated information go to claproductions.com.

Cornerstone Health Team

Amanda Schrader, BSN, RN

Happy Fall from your Cornerstone Health Team! This team is currently being led by me (Amanda). I am a nurse with more than 12 years of nursing experience. We are looking for more volunteers with medical/EMS background to volunteer for the Health Team. We try to have a volunteer at each service in case of an emergency or need for assistance. It's rare that we have to respond and when we do, it is generally for minor first aid. We also try to have at least one Health Team member at any large events held at the church as well. Cornerstone is blessed with a large children's ministry, and we see many little ones with bumps and scrapes as we encourage kids to be kids. We're also looking to expand our involvement in our community outreach. We would like to bring back regular screening opportunities for both our Cornerstone Family and for our community members as well. We are open to any suggestions on events we can hold or participate in as this team. COVID has not allowed for as much in-person health-related support, but we would love to see that come back to Cornerstone.

COVID vaccines are available locally and the Health Team is happy to assist you on finding a location to receive your vaccine if you desire to do so. It is also flu season and flu shots are still highly recommended as well. Please let us know how we can support you. We also have access to resources for common disease management and education on healthy living as well as holistic options to compliment your current treatment plan.

Please contact **Amanda Schrader (clk3_amanda@yahoo.com or 570-567-4386)** if you are interested in supporting the efforts of the Health Team or with any suggestions/requests you may have for ways we can better support our Cornerstone Family and our community.



And the answer was "Yes!"

Congratulations to two couples who got engaged last weekend. Saya Saidmuradova and Jonathan Fry sealed the deal last Saturday, and Meghan Umphred and Donny Comp did so too. (Plus it was Tom and Sue Comp's wedding anniversary—quite a nice anniversary present!)

Examples of Kindness – 30 Days with Ruth

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| 1. Ruth 1:1-5 | 16. Ruth 2:18-23 |
| 2. Deut 11:7-17 | 17. Ruth 3:1-5 |
| 3. Judges 2:11-19; 3:7; 21:25 | 18. Ruth 3: 6-9 |
| 4. Ruth 1:6-14 | 19. Ruth 3:10-15 |
| 5. Deut 25:5-9 | 20. Ruth 3:16-18 |
| 6. Ruth 1:15-18 | 21. Ruth 4:1-6 |
| 7. Joshua 24:14-15; 23-24 | 22. Ruth 4:7-10 |
| 8. Ruth 1:19-22 | 23. Isaiah 43:1 |
| 9. Psalm 146:5-10 | 24. Ruth 4:11-12 |
| 10. Ruth 2:1-9 | 25. Ruth 4:13-16 |
| 11. Proverbs 14:31; Romans 12:10 | 26. 1 Peter 5:10-11 |
| 12. Ruth 2:10-13 | 27. Eph 2:11-22 |
| 13. Lev 19:9-10; Deut 24:17-22 | 28. Ruth 4:17-22 |
| 14. Ruth 2:14-17 | 29. Matt 1:1-17 |
| 15. Galatians 5:13-14; 22-25 | 30. Isaiah 54:1-8 |



If you set your mind on loss, you are more likely to lose ... but a grateful perspective brings happiness and abundance into a person's life.

Andy Andrews

Wise men are not always silent, but they know when to be.

He loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us.

St. Augustine of Hippo

I believe the secret to a long and happy marriage is not just finding someone you can live with for 50 years. It's finding someone you can't live without.

Frank Caprio

Celebrate • Connect • Reach

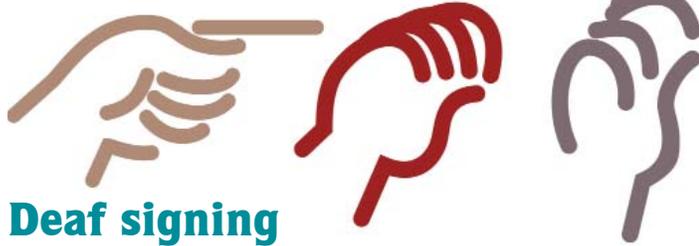
PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Our next Partnership Class will be held **Sunday, November 21** in the Conference Room from **12noon to 1pm**. You can sign up at **Guest Services** in the church lobby, online at ccduncannon.com/connect, or contact the **church office (717-834-4641 or office@ccduncannon.com)**. Lunch and childcare will be provided.



Chair stacking party

Don't forget that we have a chair stacking party every Sunday following the 10:30 worship service. If you are able to help stack chairs, we would be glad to have the help. After the chairs are stacked we could also use some help putting them in the chair shed.



Deaf signing

Jessica Bentley-Sassaman generously offers her services as an interpreter for the deaf at our 9am Sunday Celebration. If you need this service, please try to sit in the first row on the right side of the multi-purpose room as Jessica signs the lyrics to our worship music and the sermons.



Coffee and snacks

Our coffee and snacks have returned! Step up to the window in the lobby between services to get your morning brew (regular or decaf), plus hot water for tea and cocoa. On the bar you'll find prepackaged snacks, water, and fruit juices.

3 ways to give



in person



by mail



online

We appreciate your continued generosity! Your donations allow us to continue living out our mission to **CELEBRATE** together, **CONNECT** with one another, and **REACH** out to our community in love.

ONLINE Check out Cornerstone's online giving by visiting ccduncannon.com/donate for more information or to get started. This secure platform allows you to safely use your credit card, debit card, or a bank transfer to give your offering as you normally would. All donations are tracked and we provide a charitable giving receipt to you at the end of the year, or you can access your account anytime to track your giving.

MAIL You can also mail a check to 595 New Bloomfield Road, Duncannon, PA 17020.
IN PERSON Place your offering in the black boxes located at the back of the multi-purpose room.

Thank you for your continued support of Cornerstone and our programs/ministries!

God is good—all the time!

Cornerstone Christian Church is truly blessed. Pray for God to continue to bless us as we follow His will.

	ATTEND.	OFFERING	BLDG. FUND	BENEV.	MISC.
September 26	259	\$9,386	\$120	\$200	—
October 3	271	\$7,940	—	\$225	—
October 10	251	\$6,677	—	\$174	—
October 17	254	\$9,743	\$400	\$375	—
October 24	260	\$6,826	—	\$70	\$150

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Christmas is coming

It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner. We have so many opportunities to love our neighbors and serve our community around the holidays including our Adopt-A-Family program. We partner with Susquenita School District and Join Hands ministry to provide Christmas gifts to children in our community. Stay tuned for more information on how you can support this great program.

**Note: Because of holiday food drives and our Thanksgiving Dinner, there will be no Food Bank Sundays in November and December.*

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself; and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is ... Life is good when you are happy. but much better when others are happy because of you.

God has given us two hands: one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving.

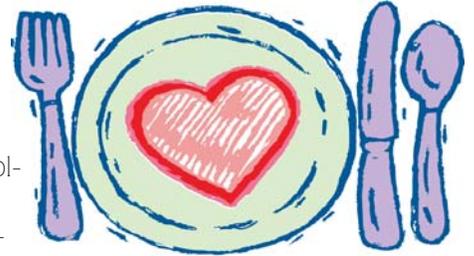
Billy Graham

Get a life in which you are generous. Look around at the azaleas making fuchsia star bursts in spring; look at a full moon hanging silver in a black sky on a cold night. And realize that life is glorious, and that you have no business taking it for granted.

Anna Quindlen

Meals on Wheels

The Perry County Meals on Wheels program is looking for a few volunteers. If you are interested in delivering meals to those in our community who find it difficult to prepare meals for themselves, please contact **Carol Wilfong (717-350-6010 or dew408@comcast.net)**. You would deliver meals once every five weeks and it takes approximately two hours starting at 11am from the Senior Center in Duncannon at the former Orrstown Bank. Currently only three days are covered.



Meals on Wheels is the week of November 1.



Pop tabs!

The Ronald McDonald house is a home away from home for families with ill children. They provide a place to sleep, a hot meal, and much, support.

If you drink anything from a can with a tab, you can effortlessly help contribute to the Ronald McDonald House! They ask for tabs as a donation. They turn those into money. 1,128 tabs = 1 pound. On average, they receive 40 to 50 cents per pound.

A stay for a family is about \$100-\$140 per night. That's \$1,157-\$1,625 a night when the 13-bedroom House is full. Families are only asked for \$10 per night, but not turned away if they cannot contribute that.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP! Please donate your tabs to the church. Place your bags of tabs in the box near Guest Services in the church lobby.

Cornerstone's Meal Team

Katrina Boyer

When the pandemic hit, the newly formed Meal Team went to work feeding the people in our community.



Together, we fed dozens of families multiple prepared and ready-to-heat meals every week for three months. What a way to introduce the food ministry team than by hitting the ground running!

More than a year has gone by, and while we are not preparing meals like we did, we continue to offer meals for families and others that need them. Whether we provide meals for a family with illness, the birth of a new child, passing of a loved one, or some other need, we have served countless meals to our church family and neighbors.

One thank-you note we received in October read: "Thank you so much for the meals and making my job easier." The author follows with "My husband came home today, and we are having one of your meals tonight. They are a life saver to me, and I do appreciate your kindness." Providing meals for those that just need a "little help" is something that is easy to do when you have meals frozen and ready to go. For the receivers, they can be "a life saver."

Having meals available at the church is one way our Meal Team plans to continue to serve our community. But we have had bigger dreams! At the end of the summer, we provided the luncheon for the Camp Cornerstone Kids' End of Summer Bash! We prepared and served a full, hot lunch for everyone that came to enjoy the fun!

Another idea we are exploring is crock pot freezer meal planning and assembling for our community. A test group of three people came together on a

Saturday morning in September and prepped seven different crock pot freezer meals for eight families. Each share of seven meals cost just \$60! These meals fed approximately 4–6 people and were healthy, easy to put together, and delicious when they were ready to serve.

Opening the crock pot meal planning and assembly to the public is something that we plan to do on a regular basis. We will invite family representatives to come together in our kitchen to fellowship and prepare/assemble meals they can take home for later use. With 6–8 individuals and a few hours on a Saturday morning, we can easily assemble 7–10 individual meals to fill a family's freezer. Sharing the work and cost among the families is both fun and cost effective!

Opportunities like this can build relationships and show others compassion and generosity through our work. Food is an important part of our lives, and coming together to provide for families and the community is a way that we can share God's infinite love for us in meaningful ways.

If you have questions or ideas that involve meals, or you are interested in learning more about the Meal Team, please feel free to contact **Katrina Boyer (katrboyer@yahoo.com or 717-514-2375)**.

Everyone wants to be someone's sun to light up someone's life. but why not be someone's moon to brighten in the darkest hour.

Never hold on to anything tighter than you're holding on to God.

Some drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle.

God is in the hypocrite's mouth, but the world is in his heart.
Gurnall

One trouble with being an atheist is that you have nobody to talk to when you are alone.

Talk about your blessings more than you talk about your problems.

Worship helpers

November 7

Greeters (9am) Welcome Center—Sue Belmont | Door—Tom Belmont
 (10:30am) Welcome Center—Margie Safko | Door—Katrina Boyer
 Ushers (9am) Jim Dersham
 (10:30am) Comp Family
 Hospitality Pam Hoover/Beth Basile
 Set-Up Crew Tom Comp's team

November 14

Greeters (9am) Welcome Center—Jen Rector | Door—Rich Rector
 (10:30am) Welcome Center—Pam Hoover | Door—Doug Young
 Ushers (9am) Dave Tanner
 (10:30am) Ken Black
 Hospitality Bridget Kitzmiller/Terrasha Maurer
 Set-Up Crew Jim Dersham's team

November 21

Greeters (9am) Welcome Center—MaryAnn Camacci | Door—Charlotte Barrett
 (10:30am) Welcome Center—Kathy Heckard | Door—Denny Heckard
 Ushers (9am) Rodney Reed
 (10:30am) Comp Family
 Hospitality Sandy Sizer/Deb Reed
 Set-Up Crew Steve Smiley's team

November 28

Greeters (9am) Welcome Center—Jennifer Newell | Door—Brian Newell
 (10:30am) Welcome Center—Betty Hook | Door—Maureen Cleaver
 Ushers (9am) Harvey Mullen
 (10:30am) Ken Black
 Hospitality Pam Hoover
 Set-Up Crew Steve Strawser's team

If you're scheduled and can't be there, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU. Thanks!

O happy day!

When you see someone who has a birthday or anniversary this month, wish them a happy day, or send them a card. It's nice to be remembered on your special day. If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please let Pam Hoover know the date and you won't be missed next time.

Nov 6	Wanda Mullen	Nov 18	Carter Morris
Nov 7	Amy Sherwood	Nov 20	Lydia Elliott
Nov 8	Corey Hall	Nov 23	Karen Neufeld
Nov 11	Sue Belmont, Brody Miskimen	Nov 25	Casey Stepp, Pete Camacci, Bran- don Bernheisel
Nov 13	Asher McNaugh- ton, Marsha Forrer	Nov 29	Maureen Cleaver
		Nov 30	Jackie Verbos



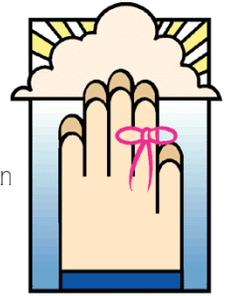
Take a hike

Join the Duncannon Outdoor Club (DOC) on Saturday, November 20 for an average-paced 5.5-mile hike on moderate to strenuous terrain at Colonel Denning State Park. We will hike out and back from Flat Rock where there is a fantastic view. The theme for discussion is "Where Animals Go in Winter."

Please wear orange. To register for the hike, contact Deb Takach (717-395-2462 or dtakach@duncannonatc.org).

Remember to pray for ...

- our Elders and staff
- our country
- our church
- Sherwood Family
- our veterans
- our men and women currently serving in the armed forces
- Frank Hall—health
- Janet Tanner—health
- Patti and Jeff Salisbury—health
- Marty Troutman—health
- Melanie Boyer's mom, Carol Lauver—health
- Nancy Lucia's father—health
- Kylo Comp (born 10/14/21) and family



The envelope, please

We have offering envelopes available at the Welcome Center or from the church office. Using these envelopes is a great help to our counting team to ensure your offering is tracked properly for tax purposes. We appreciate your gifts each week!



I do, I did!

Nov 16	30th Dwain and Maureen Cleaver
Nov 18	19th Christian and Marcie Sabolsky; 32nd Chuck and Beth Fry
Nov 25	25th Russ and Beth Snyder
Nov 27	45th Nina and James Collins
Nov 30	Mike and Tammy Bretz

Cornerstone Christian Church, an Evangelical Free Church

Dave Sherwood, lead pastor • Matt Odenwelder, Youth pastor • Keith Wilson, Worship pastor
 Elders • Mike Boyer, Corey Hall, AJ Jumper, Vince McCollum, Andrew Morgan, Joe Sassaman
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Church office hours: Monday through Friday 9am–1pm • Other hours by appointment

Come connect with us! • Route 274 two miles west of Duncannon

Celebration/Camp Cornerstone—9am and 10:30am • Youth Sunday school—10:30am

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