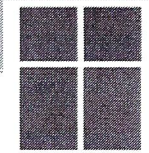


Cornerstone
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



October 23, 2016

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching
Stories Jesus Told: Part VII
"A Hard-Hearted Priest"
Luke 10: 25-37

IN FOCUS

Sharing God's Goodness

The holiday season is fast approaching, and with that comes many opportunities to serve. We invite you to check out the insert in today's Engage and reach out to our community where you are called.

Bear Witness Outreach Meeting

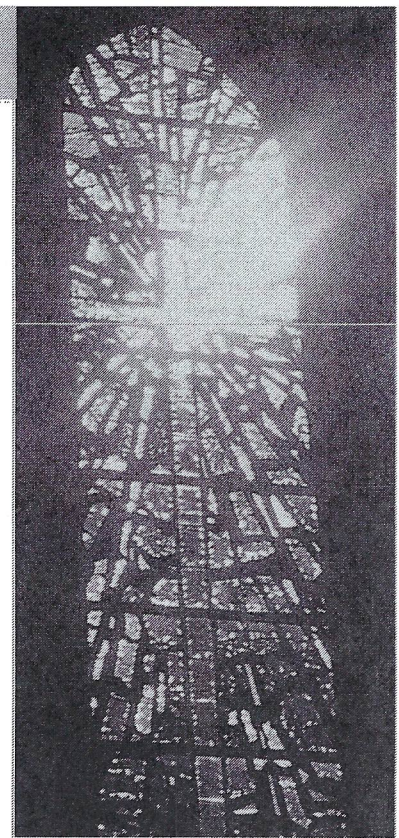
Join us Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the Celebration Center as we pray, learn and share ways to Bear Witness for Christ to our neighbors.

Christmas Season Worship Opportunities

Christmas Rehearsals are Beginning this Saturday, October 29 from 9AM-Noon! We'd love for you to be part of the Cornerstone Choir, Orchestra & Band for the Concerts and upcoming Christmas Season. We are sharing Christ and "The Story of His Amazing Love." You will be blessed to be part of this special season of worship.

Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathies to Pam Hill on the passing of her mother Leatha Putt. Please pray for God's comfort to surround her at this time.



EVENTS REGISTRATION:
The Dance Project
Operation Christmas Child

SAVE THE DATE
Forgotten Man Ministries
Banquet - Nov 3
Women's "Storytime"
Advent Event—Nov 17
Celebrate Jesus Service
November 20
Christmas Concerts
December 10 & 11
Christmas Eve Services
5, 7, & 9 pm
Christmas Day Services
8:30 & 10:00 am

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Sound Booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help.

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Stories Jesus Told: Part VII

"A Hard-Hearted Priest"

Luke 10: 25-37

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰In reply, Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷The expert in the law replied, "the one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON NOTES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Infant - Grade 4)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 13

Children and parents - we invite you to participate in this year's Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. You may pick up a box at your child's classroom or Events Registration today. Guidelines for suggested gift items will be distributed with each box. It is our prayer that many children around the world will be blessed by this project, as they are every year! For more information on this ministry and guidelines and suggestions for packing your box, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org and click on the Operation Christmas Child button.

STUDENT MINISTRY (GRADES 5-12)

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

Cornerstone students in 5th thru 8th grade will once again be memorizing God's word! A BIG thanks to all of you who have helped in the past by donating ice cream gift certificates as prizes! If you would like to help again this year simply purchase a \$5.00 gift certificate to a local Ice Cream store (Dairy Queen, Yum Yum Tree, McDonalds...), place it in a sealed envelope and label the envelope "Middle School Bible Memory Contest." Then simply drop it off at the Cornerstone Church Office. BIG THANKS!

ADULTS

Class/Community	Topic	Location/time
Growing Together in Christ	Living Securely in an Insecure World	CC Classroom/8:30
Hunt Through the Bible	The Pastoral Epistles: Learning How God's People Should Behave in Church	CC Classroom/10:00
Crossroads	God's Wisdom for Our Times: Proverbs	102/10:00
Merge	Evangelism	Room 113/10:00
Tapestry Community	You Are What You Love	Room 101/10:00
F.A.I.T.H.	"God Behaving Badly?" Study on Apologetics by D.T. Lamb	107/10:00
Legacy	"Philippians: To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain" Video Series by Matt Chandler	111/10:00
Side by Side	You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity	108/10:00
SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	New Testament Heroes	Room 109a/10:00
Rooted	Habits of Grace: Disciplines of the Christian Life	CC Classroom/11:30



Calling All Kids!

**Come, Learn and Grow
in your Faith!**

From birth through grade 4
all children are welcome!

We seek to nurture and equip
children to know the heart of
God in order that they might
have a personal relationship with
Jesus Christ and serve Him.

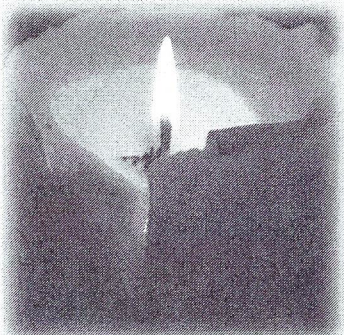
COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community is an essential
element of the Christian life.

Find a list of our Sunday
morning Communities to the
left, and join us on
Wednesdays at 5:15 pm for a
fellowship dinner, followed by a
variety of children, student and
adult classes.

RSVP for dinner through our
website or App.

FIND A FULL CLASS LIST
WITH DESCRIPTIONS ON
OUR WEBSITE:
CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM



ONGOING CARE AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

DIVORCECARE

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Register at cornerstoneforlife.com, or contact Janine Fruehan @ 248.701.8689.

GRIEFSHARE

Meets weekly on Mondays at 7 pm in the Parlor. For those grieving the loss of a loved one. More information can be found on our website: www.cornerstoneforlife.com

MOMS IN PRAYER

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 am in the Celebration Center Classroom. Visit momsinprayer.org to learn more about this vital prayer movement.

CARE AND PRAYER

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

Following each worship service there are Elders and Prayer Partners who will pray with you in the front of the Sanctuary. If you'd prefer, you may fill in a pink prayer card (in the church pew) and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office. It will be given to a pastor for prayer. If you choose to include your name and number, you will be contacted by Caring Ministries. Filling in a prayer card does not automatically add your request to the published prayer list, as some people prefer confidentiality. Addition to the Prayer List must be specifically requested. Feel alone? Request a Stephen Minister to walk with you through the hard or confusing times of life.

My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.

~1 John 5: 13-15 (The Message)

COMMUNITY

THE DANCE PROJECT - MASQUERADE DANCE OCTOBER 29

The Dance Project hosts its 8th annual Masquerade Dance THIS Saturday, October 29 from 8-11 pm. This is a semi-formal event with great, clean pop music and lively swing dance instruction (grade 7 - 12). Students come wearing modest, semi-formal dress and accompanying masks. The dance will take place from 8 - 11 pm at **Whitmore Lake High School**, 7430 Whitmore Lake Rd., Whitmore Lake. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for early registration. Our swing dance lesson for beginners will be given at 7:30 pm. Snacks & beverages will be provided. Admission is \$10 per person at the door. Dress code will be enforced. Proceeds benefit *The Dance Project*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group whose mission is "dedicated to changing the culture by promoting positive dancing" to area schools. Stop by our table in events registration TODAY to sign up for help with **prayer, chaperons, refreshments and decorations**. For more information, contact Jamie Nicholson: 248-210-9409, email danceprojectmi@gmail.com or visit www.TheDanceProject.info.

CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS!

Do you love volleyball? Are you familiar with being able to bump, set, spike? Join us on Saturdays in Hess Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is no charge to play, but each player is required to submit a completed and signed waiver. For more information, please contact Kim: ktraud@cornerstoneforlife.com.

WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM!

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Cornerstone Rehearsal and Concert Schedule - as best as each is able:

Saturday October 29 9 am-Noon; Saturday November 19 9am-Noon;
Tuesday Nov. 22 7pm; Wednesday November 30 7pm;
Saturday December 3 9am - Noon; Wednesday December 7 6:30pm.

Cornerstone Christmas Concerts: December 10 & 11 7pm Christmas Eve Services, December 24, 7 & 9pm

For more information or if you have questions, contact Dr. Rose Stevens at rstevens@cornerstoneforlife.com.

GIVE AND SERVE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVERS NEEDED

Do you have the gift of service and love working in the kitchen? Help is needed to prep and serve Wednesday night dinners. For more information, please contact Jessica Smokovitz at 810-610-2531 or jsmokovitz@cornerstoneforlife.com.

Welcome!

WELCOME CENTER

Are you an outgoing person? Do you love to help people? The Welcome Center is the place for you! Time commitment is 15 minutes before service, once a month. Please contact Connie Knauss at cknauss@cornerstoneforlife.com if you are interested in welcoming Sunday visitors and helping them find their way around.

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST - LOVE INC

Is God calling you to the Love INC Ministry?

Are you looking for a 1 day a week commitment in assisting families during their time of distress? Do you like to Pray with people and offer Hope? The office of Love In the Name of Christ, Love INC, is in need of volunteers to answer the phones from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Monday-Thursday or 10:00 AM-12:30 PM on Fridays. You may choose your day and time to volunteer. Love INC provides a complete orientation and training. For more information phone 517- 552-3816.

CELEBRATE JESUS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join us November 20 for a special Thanksgiving Service filled with praise, testimony and celebration of the Gospel. We pray for God's continued work as He draws new believers to himself through the work of the Holy Spirit.



"Bear" Witness Project

*For the needy will not always
be forgotten, Nor the hope of
the afflicted perish forever.
-Psalm 9:18*

FORGOTTEN MAN MINISTRIES ANNUAL BANQUET - NOV 3

See the insert in today's Engage
for details

*Our mission is bringing the
healing powers of the Great
Physician to those incarcerated
in Michigan county jails.*

TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS

Sr. Pastor Dr. Richard Alberta
Budget & Finance
 David Andrews, Steve Mahan
Clerk of Session Mark Smith
Buildings & Grounds
 Eric Dunatchik
Caring Ministries
 Rev. Brian Tweedie, Ken Foster
Children's Ministries
 Jon Morgan
Cornerstone School
 Dr. Arthur Hunt, Steve Johnson
Discipleship
 Rev. Chris Winans, Dan Forster, Bob Wheelock
Men's Ministries
 Wally Schram
Missions Rev. Scott Larson, Rob Russell, Mike Rumbarger, Jay Chamberlin
Student Ministries
 Bob Kozal
Young Adult Ministries
 Rev. Chris Winans
Women in Ministry
 Laura Muhleck
Worship - Mike Beck

Senior Pastor Search/ Transition Committee Chair
 Ford Cotton

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

Day	Time	Event	Room
Sunday	8:30, 10, 11:30	Worship Services	Sanctuary
		Adult Education	Various
	9:30 am	Children's Classes/Care	Various
		Library Open	Library
	10:00	SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	109A
	4:00-7:00pm	Men's Drop-In Basketball	Hess Hall
Monday	6:30 pm	Trail Life	Student Center Parlor
	7:00 pm	Fall GriefShare	
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Steps to Serenity DivorceCare	Parlor Chapel
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Bread of Life	Celebration Center Classroom
	5:15 pm 6:45 pm	Community Life dinner	Celebration Center
		Kingdom Seekers/Student Ministries/Adult Classes	Various
Thursday	12:45	Primetimers	Celebration Center
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Parlor
	4:30-8:30pm	Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Hess Hall

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God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	10/2	10/9	10/16
Worship:	1259	1126	1133
Offerings:	\$78,144	\$84,246	\$57,948
Year to Date Actual:	\$927,631	\$1,011,877	\$1,069,825
Year to Date Target:	\$996,156	\$1,067,310	\$1,138,464
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:
Total Indebtedness (as of Sept): \$2,056,915*
Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$932,471
Total 5:7 Project Cost: \$2,740,000
 *Includes prior mortgage debt

Cornerstone Shares God's Grace and Goodness

In Our Community and Around the World...

There are many opportunities for you and your family to serve others at Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. So many different needs and projects; **select which ones you would like to be a part of!**

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| 1. Operation Christmas Child | 4. Christmas Dinner & Concert |
| 2. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner | 5. Military Avenue—(Food boxes & Party) |
| 3. Toys for Kids—(Salvation Army & Military Ave.) | 6. Casa Bernabe in Guatemala—(jeans, games, hygiene items) |

Operation Christmas Child

1 Fill one of the free preprinted boxes for a boy or a girl with school supplies, toys, toothbrushes, t-shirts, balls and a personal note. Samaritan's Purse will deliver these boxes to children around the globe to share the love of Jesus with them. Your gift will be a precious treasure and can make an eternal difference in a child's life. Brochures are located around the church with the specific instructions and appropriate labels. Include a check for \$7 for each box you prepare to cover shipping expenses.



Boxes are due back to Cornerstone on Sunday, November 13!

Boxes and brochures are available starting today on a table in the Celebration Center.

Thanksgiving Dinner at GEPC

2 **Thursday, November 24** is *Cornerstone's 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*. Through Love INC, Fish and Loaves and The Salvation Army, we invite members of our community to share a traditional "homemade" Thanksgiving Feast. Cornerstone families and others come together and we thank God for His provision to us. Last year nearly 500 gathered in Hess Hall! If you would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities. All of our volunteers are encouraged to join us for dinner, because this is not a "soup kitchen" type dinner!



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Help is needed on November 20 to cook turkeys for the meal.

Go to www.cornerstoneforlife.com to make reservations and to volunteer.

Salvation Army Angel Tree & Military Ave. Gifts

3 Lots of toys are needed for kids in need on Christmas. Cornerstone will be supporting our local Salvation Army with gifts for children in need. This year Caring Ministries is joining with our Missions department to ensure that there are enough toys for the children attending the annual Military Avenue Christmas party, as well. Starting on November 20, the trees will be in the lobby and you can choose a tag for either or both groups. Just choose a tag, buy the gift, tape the tag to the gift and return to church.



Watch for the details for this project in the Engage in the coming weeks.

Christmas Dinner and Concert

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On Saturday, December 10, Cornerstone will host a very special dinner and Christmas concert for the same friends we invited to Thanksgiving. Following a “homemade” dinner in a beautifully-decorated Hess Hall, guests will come to the sanctuary for inspiring Christmas music and a message reminding all of us that Christmas is because of Jesus!

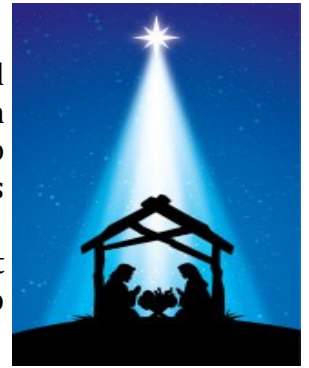
We’re a very blessed congregation with an abundance of gifts including great cooks and very talented musicians & choir. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God and His blessings with our neighbors.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

December 10: Dinner at 5:00 pm, Concert at 7:00 pm

December 11: Concert Only at 7:00 pm

Watch the Engage—Details on how to make a reservation and to volunteer will be available soon.



Military Avenue EPC ~ *Cornerstone's Sister Church Located in the Inner City of Detroit*

Provide a Meal for a Family in Need

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FILL A BOX WITH FOOD and Cornerstone will provide the turkey. The approximate cost to fill a box is \$50. Boxes and the shopping list will be available on Sunday, November 27 and should be returned on Sunday, December 11.

December 17 ~ Food Distribution & Children's Party

Meet in the Cornerstone parking lot at 7:30 am to car-pool to Military Avenue. Join the “Turkey Brigade” or help with food boxes. Have some fun with the children; games and crafts and then Christmas presents are passed out! Many hands are needed to make this event a success.



Military Avenue Church

Sign Up for Military Avenue will be on Sundays, November 20 and December 4 and 11 at Events Registration in the Celebration Center
Questions?

Call Krista Menlen 810.623.1456 Email kmenlen@cornerstoneforlife.com

Casa Bernabé Orphanage in Guatemala

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This November we will begin collecting jeans & games for the children at Casa Bernabé, along with personal hygiene items for a medical triage clinic. Watch the Engage for further details regarding the dates of the collection, sizes needed, etc.

The items will be delivered in person to the children during the Christmas break.



Friends of Children
EVERYWHERE

For information about Thanksgiving, Christmas Dinner & Concert, Salvation Army & Military Ave Christmas Gifts, and Operation Christmas Child:

Contact Karen Leaf at 810-494-4013 or kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com

***Watch for complete details of these projects/events
in future editions of the Engage***



Forgotten Man Ministries

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

ABOUT US

We empower chaplains and volunteers to share hope and salvation with the “forgotten” men and women incarcerated in Michigan’s county jails.

Forgotten Man Ministries believes in the redemption, rehabilitation and restoration of inmates through Jesus Christ.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

“A Heart Of Wisdom”

Fundraising Banquet

Event Details

THURSDAY, NOV. 3

6:00 pm Fellowship

6:30 pm Dinner

CRYSTAL GARDENS

5768 E. Grand River Ave.

Howell, MI 48843

CONTACTS

Chaplain Allan Reiman or

Reservation Coordinator,

Debbie Evens at

livingstoncounty@forgottenman.org

517.548.3645

A HEART OF WISDOM

“Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

- Psalm 90:12

**REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED**

Please reserve your seat online

at www.forgottenman.org

or contact your table host

(No children please)

RSVP by **October 24**



www.forgottenman.org

LIVINGSTON COUNTY JAIL