

Congregational Meeting



June 14, 2026 @ Sanctuary

Greetings

Hello Cornerstone Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we gather once again and step into another season of ministry together, I want to take a moment to personally thank you. Your faithful giving, heartfelt service, and deep commitment to the mission of Christ's church have been a powerful testimony to the grace of God at work in our midst. What a joy it is to serve alongside you in the Gospel!

I'm continually encouraged by the ways you show up—not only in worship on Sundays, but in countless acts of love throughout the week. From volunteers who serve quietly behind the scenes to those who lead in visible ways, your investment of time, energy, and prayer fuels the life and mission of Cornerstone Church. You are making an eternal difference.

As you read through this booklet, I hope you are reminded that God is always at work—not just in the big moments, but in the daily rhythms of ministry: lives being transformed, children learning to pray, meals shared in community, and the gospel proclaimed week in and week out. This booklet is a celebration of what the Lord has done and a vision of what He is yet to do.

Above all, we give thanks to the Lord. None of this is possible apart from Him. He is the One who builds His church, sustains us by His grace, and calls us into deeper life with Him. May we continue to be faithful stewards of all He has entrusted to us—for His glory, and for the joy of all people.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Chris



Congregational Meeting Agenda 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 12:15PM – Sanctuary

Moderator: Pastor Chris Winans

- I. Opening Prayer and Hymn – Pastor Chris Winans
- II. Declaration of Quorum (120) – Clerk of Session, Elder Mark Smith
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2026 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - Clerk of Session, Elder Mark Smith
- IV. Review of Independent Auditors' Report – Director of Finance, Mike Machala
- V. Review of 2025/2026 Estimated Actuals – Director of Finance, Mike Machala
- VI. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR BRIAN TWEEDIE AND CORNERSTONE EPC EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026** – Elder Mark Smith
- VII. **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF CALL FOR LEAD AND ASSOCIATE PASTORS** – Elder Mark Smith
- VIII. Review of Proposed 2026/2027 Budget of \$3,966,510 – Trustee Chairman, Chuck Kelbaugh & Director of Finance, Mike Machala
- IX. **MOTION: TO ADOPT THE 2026/2027 BUDGET WITH A TARGET FOR GIVING OF \$4,016,756 AND A TARGET FOR SPENDING OF \$3,966,510** – Trustee Chairman, Chuck Kelbaugh & Director of Finance, Mike Machala
- X. Question & Answer – Pastor Chris Winans
- XI. Closing Prayer/Adjournment

January 2026 Meeting Minutes

CORNERSTONE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9455 Hilton Road, Brighton, MI 48114

Congregational Meeting

January 18, 2026 – 12:15PM

Moderator – Pastor Chris Winans

- Trustees:** Chuck Kelbaugh (Trustee Chair), Phil Kofahl, John Krause, Scott Potrykus, Andy Rolfe, Mark Smet, Bob Kozal
Absent: Tom Titus, Sean Paulsen
- Elders:** Mark Smith (Clerk of Session), Dave Andrews, Paul Beaker, Dan Forster, Rachael Hubbard, Jim Proos, Christine Smet, Tom Lampert, Jeff Pheley
Absent: None
- Pastors & Staff:** Reverend Chris Winans, Pastor Paul Adcock, Pastor Darrell Bozeman, Pastor Matt Grimm, Pastor Art Hunt, Pastor Josh Nestor, Pastor Brian Tweedie, Director of Finance Mike Machala

Call to Order / Prayer & Hymn: Pastor Christopher Winans opened the meeting at 12:33 PM with a message sharing the importance of this meeting to the life and togetherness of the church and opened us in prayer thanking the Lord for his mercy and the gift of salvation. That we are a family of faith and thanking the Lord for this family, this body. May this discussion be led by the will of the Holy Spirit. Music director, Sarah Hunt led the congregation in singing the hymn, “The Church’s One Foundation”.

Declaration of Quorum Elder Mark Smith declared a quorum and made a motion for the APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2025 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING with one amendment to the minutes to correct attendance of the meeting of two of the church’s trustees from the June 8, 2025. Motion: Bill Garrett, Second: Al Houtman. Motion carried.

Paster Winans shared an overview of how the government structure works in the church. It is a Presbyterian form of government. The authority is held in a Presbyterian church by The Session, by Elders. The purpose of today’s meeting as a congregation is to elect a group of elders to the session of the Presbytery. To discern God’s will to Cornerstone. Also to approve a slate of deacons, Pastor Tweedie’s Army, as servants of the church. A slate of Trustees will be approved to oversee the stewardship of finances and provisions of the church. Lastly, to elect the nominating committee that prays and seeks guidance to consider future elder nominees for the next session.

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Nominating Committee: Elder Dan Forster, thanked the nominating committee that has met since Sept to pray, seek the Lord and meet. Thanking Linda Hull, Kyle Hunt, Mark Lindauer, Barb Lyon, Judy Potrykus, Jim Wooster, & Elder Jeff Pheley. Dan proceeded to review today's agenda of election categories and directions on filling out the ballot.

Elders: Clerk of Session, Mark Smith thanked the outgoing elders, David Andrews, Dan Forster, & Rachael Hubbard for their service to the church. Mark then transitioned the meeting to the hearing from the elder candidates. Each of the candidates shared a brief testimony and message to the church for consideration to be elected elder. *The question each candidate was asked to answer is "Over the past year, how have you seen God 'growing you' in your walk with Him? How would that equip you to serve as an Elder?"* In order, the congregation heard from: Greg Hubbard, Larry Mah, Jon Morgan, Dan Smokovitz & Pete Wood.

Election of Elders and Nominating Committee by Ballot: Elder Dan Forster gave instructions to the congregation for filling in the ballot to elect the oncoming Elders, nominating committee. The congregation voted and the ballots were collected by the current nominating committee for tabulation.

Extension of Call for Pastor Brian Tweedie: Pastor Chris Winans explained that there is a rule in our denomination that once a teaching elder reaches the age of 70, to extend their call, there must be a vote by the congregation to extend their call to remain in ministry on a yearly basis. The vote to extend the call begins by The Session, by the Congregation, then proceeds to the Presbytery for approval. Pastor Tweedie will turn 71 on May 4, 2026. So, we must vote to extend Pastor Tweedie's call through to his planned retirement. Pastor Winans shared with the congregation that Pastor Tweedie intends to retire at the end of May 2026.

The congregation shared their deep appreciation for Pastor Brian and Debbie Tweedie's faithfulness to the church through a standing ovation.

MOTION: APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF PASTOR TWEEDIE'S CALL AS A TEACHING ELDER. Motion: Jim Proos. Second: Bob Wheelock. Motion unanimously carried.

Slate of Deacons: Pastor Brian Tweedie then joined the meeting thanking the deacons nominating committee with 42 oncoming deacons which brings the total in number to 128. Pastor thanked the outgoing deacons for their faithfulness and then explained the purpose of the deacon team which serves the church community and the community around us. Pastor Brian shared a special thanks to Michelle Beaker, and Janet Oswalt for their exceptional support to the deacon ministry through a myriad ways including administration and meal preparation.

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MOTION: APPROVE THE SLATE OF DEACONS AS PRESENTED. Motion: Donna Alberta. Second: Debbie Wheelock. No discussion upon invitation. Motion Carried.

Slate of Trustees: Trustee Chuck Kelbaugh thanked the outgoing trustees, Bob Kozal, Mark Smet, & Tom Titus for their three years of service. The following are the oncoming trustees to be approved are: Holly Houtman, Mark Lindauer, and Steve Mahan.

MOTION: APPROVE THE SLATE OF TRUSTEES AS PRESENTED. Motion: Bob Wheelock. Second: Bill Garrett. No discussion upon invitation. Motion carried.

Ministry Highlights: Pastor Chris Winans introduced the congregation to a ministry highlight video which was shared while the ballots were being tallied. This was an opportunity for the congregation to hear about the plans of many of the church's ministries from the respective leaders.

Questions & Answers: Pastor Chris Winans opened Q&A time to the congregation.

1. A congregant offered a word of thanks to the church for bringing in the Board of Trustees which allows for people to be involved and using their gifts and strengths which makes the church stronger.

Election Results: Elder Mark Smith shared the results of the elections following the tallying of the ballots.

Nominating Committee: Tim Abla, Dave Andrews, Tammy Coffey, Ben Dykstra, Mark Kidder, Jim Van Bochove.

Elders: Greg Hubbard, John Morgan, Pete Wood

Closing Prayer/Adjournment: Pastor Winans moved for a **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 18, 2026 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** Motion: Rachele Brown. Second: Bob Wheelock. Motion carried.

Pastor Winans then closed us in prayer remember that the Lord promised that He will build his church. This is his church. Thanking the Lord of this presence with us and His blessing to continue as he leads His church forward and He prayed God's blessing on each person here and everyone at Cornerstone.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM



Auditor Letter

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2025, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



Auditor Letter

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka, P.C.

PFEFFER, HANNIFORD & PALKA
Certified Public Accountants



Big Picture



Connecting to God with 30 Baptisms and 2 Dedications!

Sunday Worship Average Attendance

- 914 people attend in person worship on Sunday mornings.
- 406 join us for online worship.
- 62 attend Sunday Encounter services.
- We've welcomed 115 new visiting families.

Membership

Cornerstone has 1,233 members and we've welcomed 55 new members.

Churchwide Financials

Overall Financial Results

	<u>21/22</u>	<u>22/23</u>	<u>23/24</u>	<u>24/25</u>	<u>25/26 Est.</u>
Income	\$3,659,391	\$3,548,390	\$3,728,658	\$4,371,375	\$4,030,000
Exp.	\$3,564,052	\$3,585,031	\$3,636,830	\$3,878,251	\$4,000,000
Diff. +/-	+\$95,339	-\$36,641	+\$91,828	+\$493,124	+\$30,000

Church Life Ministry

Visitor Assimilation, Hospitality Teams and Building Hospitality

At Cornerstone we believe that every new face represents a person loved by God, and our Visitor Assimilation Ministry is dedicated to turning those first-time guests into deeply connected members. To “assimilate” simply means to ensure that no one gets lost in the crowd. It is our intent to welcome and guide newcomers so that they feel truly at home here at Cornerstone. We continue to experience new visitor/attenders and experience approximately four new visitors each Sunday. All new(ish) visitors receive a welcome letteremail, and a personal phone call. As a follow up, those new to Cornerstone continue to receive text messages, video text messages and emails to welcome and assist them as they take NEXT STEPS in their Faith Journey and connect with God.

The Hospitality Team at Cornerstone consists of approximately 160 individuals that serve once a month on the Door Greeter Team, Coffee Ministry Team, Bakery Pick Up Team, and or the Sanctuary Host/Usher Team. Recruiting is currently going on as we continue to search for additional Cornerstone attenders to serve and exemplify GOSPEL COMMUNITY at Cornerstone for Sunday morning, Sunday Evening and Wednesday Night.

Communications

- Wrote, recorded, edited and produced 50 all original Announcement videos.
- Edited and Produced 12 Mission Highlight videos.
- Custom AI music created with the Eggstravaganza Highlight video, with over 1,000 views on Facebook.
- Strong Facebook and Instagram presence this year with 123,662 total views of all posts and videos, with 50.5% views from non-followers.
- 1,050 youtube channel subscribers.
- 6,082 downloads of our sermon podcasts.
- Designed, digitized and printed custom branded graphics for every Ministry and Event, with over 100,000 printed deliverables throughout the year (flyers, banners, signs, brochures, cards, mailers, etc.).
- Designed and printed Hello Cards every week with prayer request cards, staff prayed over each request every week with the highest number of requests at 94 in one week.
- Designed and delivered Friday email newsletter every week, now with 1,795 subscribers.
- Coordinated Discipleship Team to impliment online Spiritual Gifts assesement, with over 275 taking the assesement- special thanks to Phil Varnhagen for working with Mike Beck to make this happen!
- Coordinated with Worship Arts to create engaging visual backdrops every Sunday that enhances each of our Sermon Series.

Compassion Ministries



Community Outreach

- AWOL (All Worthy of Love) prepared & distributed over 100 lunches monthly to women targeted by sex traffickers & hoping to build relationships.
- 110 volunteers prepared and served 1000 homemade Thanksgiving meals that go to community members with prayer and delivered 200 meals to our friends at Flint City Church.
- 900 Sunday suppers were served through the Fish and Loaves Ministry.
- 275-300 congregation and community members enjoyed delicious meals and community at Cornerstone on Wednesday nights.
- 175 households were served by our furniture ministry.
- Over 600 shoeboxes were given by the congregation and CCS school families to Operation Christmas Child.
- 125 volunteers served over 835 people in need at Community Connect by preparing and serving over 1000 free lunches, donating personal care items, packing and distributing 700 care bags.

Our Partnership with Flint City Church

- Over 70 volunteers helped distribute 200 boxes of food for their monthly food pantry.
- Volunteer teams prepared and served hundreds of meals for 2 summer BBQ outreaches and a Fall Fest outreach to the Flint community.

Our Partnership with Military Avenue EPC in Detroit

- 20-25 children tutored each Monday by Cornerstone and other church volunteers.
- 50+ volunteers helped run a week long Vacation Bible School in July.
- 250 food boxes and 100 family gift bags were provided by the Cornerstone Congregation at Christmas. Cornerstone planned and put on a Christmas party for Military Avenue children and helped with the distribution of food boxes.
- Cornerstone members brought in hundreds of food items to help stock the food pantry.

Caring Ministries

- 29 Stephen Ministers served dozens of our Cornerstone congregation members.
- 134 Deacons reached out throughout the year to help serve and care.
- GriefShare, DivorceCare, Celebrate Recovery, Widows, Widowers & Care Giver support groups reached out to hurting and grieving people from within and outside our church.
- Over 100 deacon meals were distributed to the hurting & sick in & outside our congregation.

Cornerstone Christian School

We are blessed to partner with the congregation in the mission of Christian education, and we have much to celebrate from this school year. Here are a few:

- **Theme Verse:** The 2025/2026 school year theme was Galatians 5:22-23, 25. Students memorized these verses, and each month one of the fruits of the Spirit was emphasized through chapels and morning announcements. This is one of the many ways we integrate God's Word into our school day.
- **Positive Results from Literacy Program:** A new literacy program implemented this year has yielded positive results. Elementary teachers have observed growth in phonics, spelling, and sentence writing. Next year, we will expand the program and add a new reading comprehension curriculum. Building on this success, we will also expand tracking of our math program.
- **Successful NWEA Assessment:** Our spring NWEA national assessment results placed all assessed grades in the high achievement/high growth profile – a wonderful reflection of the dedication of our students and teachers.
- **7th & 8th Grade Mission Week:** Our 7th and 8th-grade leadership class completed Mission Week, participating in local mission projects that gave students the opportunity to serve others, grow as leaders, and witness firsthand the difference they can make in God's Kingdom within their community.

Discipleship for Adults

Adult Classes

Our Adult Discipleship ministry continues to invest in Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes that seek to help us grow in our core Biblical values of Biblical Depth and Gospel Community through a combination of teaching and group discussions. The Crossroads ABF continues to be strong in bible teaching and fellowship. Our Family Lab class (Sundays 9AM) has emphasized practical theology in the areas of marriage and parenting. The Pastor's Class (Sundays at 10:45AM) has emphasized Biblical theology studying Micah, and Thessalonians. We wrapped up the semester joining Crossroads in studying the S.H.A.P.E curriculum. In the coming year we look forward to implementing a Christian Growth institute for deeper study in Christian doctrine, spiritual disciplines, and biblical understanding.

Small Groups

Our fall 2025 campaign focused on our commitment to the spiritual discipline of rest and devotion through the book "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry." During that campaign we added 7 new groups, but as the year has progressed we have settled back to about 45 regular groups. It is our vision to increase ongoing participation so that by the end of the year we have closer to 70 regular groups. Please pray for that goal which includes adding 20-25 new hosts! Also, as elder Mike Beck joins our staff in the area of Caring Ministries we want to thank him for his years of leadership over the SG Servant Team and also welcome Terry Johnecheck as our new Team Leader.

Family Ministry



Family Lab has been key in discipling families through biblical teaching on important family and cultural topics, while also building meaningful relationships through guided small-group discussion. We hosted five teaching series for families this year including:

- Cultural Hot Topics
- Building Emotionally & Spiritually Healthy Families
- Cultivating Contentment at Home
- Building a Stronger Marriage
- Navigating Conflict & Building Resilience with Faith

Family Engagement increased this year with a focus on gospel-centered & relationally driven events. Family Ministry hosted five key events this year:

- At the Preschool Bible Milestone, we partnered with parents & Kids Ministry to place God's Word into the hands of their little ones and establish Bible-reading rhythms at home.
- Best Christmas Ever, in partnership with CCS, welcomed over 900 guests to a gospel centered production followed by a family Christmas party- complete with an indoor snowball fight and camel- creating an unforgettable, Christ-focused experience for our community.
- We hosted NFL chaplains & Marriage coaches at our Marriage Game Plan Date Night. We saw God use this evening & it's teaching to bring growth amongst couples in our congregation.
- Easter Eggstravaganza brought lots of excitement & was highly attended by the community, proving to be an incredible outreach with our Easter Story Walk, welcoming about 1,000 community guests and bringing the gospel to life in a powerful way.
- Family Camp is back with 96 guests already registered and ready to jump into our H2O! Theme focusing on Jesus & Water, family, faith & fun.

Kids Ministry



Biblical Depth

- Introduced live music worship on Sunday mornings
- 3 Kids Ministry team members attended the Child Discipleship Forum in Nashville
- 10 Kids participated in the 2nd Grade Bible Faith Milestone
- 18 Kids participated in the PreK Bible Faith Milestone

Gospel Community

- 60 Kids attended Kids Church each Sunday
- 70 Kids attended Kingdom Seekers each Wednesday
- Launched a special needs program for kids called Bridge Builders

Joyful Generosity

- Donated MANY pairs of socks and sticks of lip balm for Casa Bernabe
- Collected canned food for Military Avenue Church in Detroit
- Gathered weekly offerings on Sundays

Kingdom Mission

- Missionaries shared their stories with the kids in October
- 120 Kids came to the Christmas Eve Services
- 200 Kids came to the Easter Morning Services
- 250 Kids heard the Gospel at Vacation Bible School 2025

Men's Ministries



The theme of Men's Ministry this year is Consecrated and was the focus of Man Cave and the Men's retreat. The Men's retreat had about 100 participants as Pastor Ernesto Alaniz led us in the Scriptures to consider our commitment to Christ and growing in His likeness.

The men's ministry continues to prioritize discipleship and accountability through our 10 Men's Small Groups and in our weekly Saturday morning meeting, Kingdom Warriors. Kingdom Warriors begins with a focus on the exposition of the Bible and then breaks into small groups to process and debrief one another's spiritual growth. Pastor Paul Adcock recently led the KW group through Christianity Explored emphasizing evangelistic outreach.

Missions



Missions Weekend 2025 focused on "Living Among the Lost." We heard stories from the field on Saturday from Sal Nassar in Jordan, Brian & Megan Meyers in Mozambique, and Jackie Stanley in North Africa. Sunday we were challenged by guest speaker Brad Stanley to not only live among the lost, but to also allow the lost to live among us.

In December we sent a team of 33 people to serve at Casa Bernabe Children's Home in Guatemala. This annual mission trip has been a highlight at Cornerstone for many years, deeply impacting all who participate.

Last month John & Margaux Krause took a team of 13 people, including four families, to Center Lake Bible Camp to participate in a Mini Mission Trip. This trip provided a serving opportunity for ages 5 to 100 as our team helped prepare the grounds for the spring and summer camp season. We hope to send 20-30 people on this trip next year.

In August there will be a team heading to serve with Christian Appalachian Project in Eastern Kentucky. We are excited to bring back another Family Mission Trip Opportunity for Cornerstone.

Missions continues to be a core value at Cornerstone. Along with sending short term mission teams, we also support around 100 missionaries, agencies and projects around the globe. Please Save the Date for our 2026 Missions Weekend happening November 14-15.

Thank you Cornerstone for your joyful generosity in supporting missions!

Senior Ministries

There are two fellowship and Bible teaching gatherings weekly at Cornerstone for our seniors. These make great outreach opportunities, so all are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to participate!

Off Our Rockers:

This is a class for those 60+ years young, meeting in The Lantern each Monday at 11AM. Currently we are working through the Gospel of Matthew. Class will pause for July & August, resuming in mid-September. The new study for fall 2026 will be announced in late August. Class is led by Donna Alberta.

Primetimers:

Meets Thursdays in The Lantern from 12:30PM – 2:30PM. Meeting all year, this class is led by Pastor Art Hunt. Join us for a potluck lunch at 12:30PM, prayer and Bible study at 1:30PM.

Special Events For Seniors:

Twice annually seniors are invited to gather for extended times of fellowship over a meal, a devotional lesson, and special themed activities promoting fun and laughter. The goal of these events is to enrich Body life connection and to encourage senior saints in the process of aging with grace. Events Director is Donna Alberta.

Student Ministry



- Winter Retreat exceeded capacity, leading to plans for launching our own Winter Camp experience.
- High School small groups continued to grow, launched additional Wednesday night groups.
- Celebrated 16 student baptisms and continued seeing students take ownership of their faith.
- 11 students participated in the J12 discipleship program.
- Expanded opportunities for students to serve and lead within Student Ministry.
- Completed our Summer Student Ministry Internship Program.
- Continued our Pennsylvania partnership and Summer 2026 mission trip opportunities.
- Added 2 new youth leaders to support continued ministry growth.

Womens Ministries



Discipleship, faithfulness and our core value of Biblical Depth have been a strong focus this past year. Wednesday night Bible studies experienced strong growth with many visiting women, as we walked through five studies on Wednesday nights:

- Peace is a Person: The Gospel of John
- Prayer & The Psalms
- Making Sense of Zephaniah
- Jesus & Women: In the First Century & Now
- Walking By Faith with Galatians

Throughout the year we hosted four beautiful events for women aimed to draw them closer to Christ & into deeper connection with our incredible Gospel Community at Cornerstone:

- Our Summer Worship Nights were a huge hit that led to increased fall engagement.
- Fall In was an offsite fellowship and time of biblical encouragement that set a welcoming tone for the upcoming year of connection among women.
- The women's Christmas event, A Thrill of Hope, was our biggest women's outreach of the year and was a beautiful, thoughtful, Christ-centered evening of worship and celebration.
- Overcome, our Spring Retreat was attended by over 100 women and included a full schedule of teaching sessions, breakout groups, and prayer-filled opportunities for deep spiritual growth. The testimony of God's work during this weekend away has been exciting to hear!
- We also saw beautiful connection through our returning Mother's Day Bloom Bar as we celebrated the gift of Motherhood!

Worship Arts

This year has seen the development of what we are calling *Worship Resources*. This is an initiative to provide you with a variety of ways to engage in a sermon series alongside your study of scripture. Modeled after the 6th century practice of *Visio divina* which translates to “divine seeing” we began using artwork in the Sanctuary to help worshipers reflect and respond to God in ways other than listening and singing. It is our prayerful hope that these images would help you to imaginatively enter into the story of God and to open the eyes of your heart in greater measure. Along with the addition of artwork, we provide Spotify and YouTube playlists and have designed a devotional space in room SC2. Together, these are available to encourage and provide more opportunities to continue reflection and worship throughout the week.

Choir

Served in 48 services

Avg. 50 people serving per Sunday

Worship Team

Growing Team

Served in 162 services

New Initiative for student integration
on 5th Sunday's

Instrumental Music

Served 7 Sundays

Christmas Eve - Celebration Center caroling

Sing with One Voice - KidMin worship night

Outreach

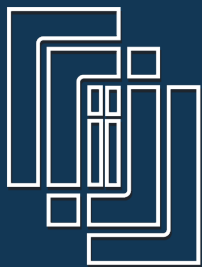
Golgotha - Collaborative Event with Tov Arts Collective

Hosted Livingston County Women's Chorus Spring Concert



Young Adults

- Summer '26 program about to kick off – with 22 young adults at our first gathering.
- YA hangout with breakfast, fellowship and teaching at 9AM from May 31 – August 23.
- Since last summer, bi-weekly fellowship lunches to foster community.
- Fall event at Three Cedars farms.
- 30+ young adults at our Christmas Ugly Sweater party!
- Increasing ownership of group by young adults and greater partnership with Cornerstone small groups.
- 6 young adults attended our retreat with Trinity EPC church at Michindoh Conference Center.



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