

Cornerstone United Methodist Church

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September 11 A Remembrance Service

Dear Church Family:

There are exceptional times in our history when there is an event that truly defines a people. September 11, 2001 was one of those times. With the anniversary of September 11 approaching, those around you may be asking the tough questions of life. As a follower of Jesus Christ, you know the One who has the answers. Even in the aftermath of such tragedy, God is giving us as believers an opportunity to reach out to those

who are desperately seeking truth in chaotic times.

Our church will be joining with thousands of Churches around the country who are holding Remembrance Services on Wednesday, September 11 to remember those who died and to hold out the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who live. This evening will be a unique opportunity to invite those who would not normally attend church to hear a clear message of hope that is only found in Jesus Christ.

Even though this outreach event is a month away, there are things that you can begin doing now to be a light for Jesus in your world. The three-fold strategy involves prayer, care, and share:

- **Prayer** – Begin by praying for your family members, neighbors, co-workers, and friends who do not know Jesus Christ in a personal way. If you don't know their names, pray for opportunities to learn their names and more information about them. Pray also for open doors to share Christ. Consider teaming up with one or more Christian friends, claiming God's promise to be there when two or more pray together in Christ's name. Pray about whom God would have you invite to this Remembrance Service and then look for open doors to make an invitation.

- **Care** – In addition to praying for those around you who do not know Christ, look for practical ways to show kindness to meet physical needs and to build relational bridges. The best way to attract people to Jesus is to be like Him - *showing love and concern*. As you consider your neighbors' needs, ask God to show you ways to reach out to them through warm-hearted, genuine acts of kindness. As you pray for the people God places on your heart to invite to the Remembrance Service, look for ways to demonstrate the love God through tangible service.

- **Share** – As you're praying and caring, look for natural opportunities to share your faith. When the opportunity arrives, be prepared to share a sensitive gospel witness, explaining the hope that you live in. God will give you chances to share that are natural and unique. As you embrace these opportunities and let your light shine in a sensitive way, you'll see how the love of Christ can transform the world around you! The Remembrance Service here at the church offers a wonder-

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Cornerstone Music Notes

ATTENTION CORNERSTONE YOUTH (grades 7 and up)

Music Camp 2002 is coming August 5-17. This is your chance to get up-to-date on Christian Contemporary Music. First, bring CD's with some of YOUR favorite songs to share over snacks. Then join with members of the Cornerstone Praise Team and learn some new songs from top contemporary Christian artists like Michael W. Smith, The Newsboys, and Rachel Lampa. The goal is to form a youth band to perform these songs for the Inklings Coffee House and possibly in church. **DON'T BE SHY!** Everyone who wants to can be involved in some way, either with rhythm instruments or background vocals. Or just come and hang out with friends around some good music. During the two weeks of the camp we will meet on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 PM.

Remember, registration is required. Volunteers for snack making are needed.

If you can only attend one of the two weeks, please let Dwight know which of the weeks you can attend all four nights.

If you have any questions, contact Dwight Harro at

Please leave a message if there is no one home. The Harros will be out of town from July 29 – August 3rd.



ful opportunity for your friends to come to know Jesus Christ. In addition to remembering those who died, we'll also point to the reason we have hope and peace – Jesus Christ.

Please plan now to bring your friends, family members, and neighbors to this solemn service of remembrance at Cornerstone UMC on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:00p.m. I believe that only in the context of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ can we make sense of the tragic evil perpetrated against our nation one year ago on 9/11. Our friends, neighbors, and family members need the opportunity to experience the same strength and comfort we have found through faith in Jesus Christ.

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own,
but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing,
put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee
or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee

or brought low for thee.

Let me be full,
let me be empty.

Let me have all things,
let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield
all things to thy
pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou are mine
and I am thine.

So be it,

And the covenant
which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen

And now, O God, fill me and empower
me with the Holy Spirit so that I may
live under your control and display the
likeness of Jesus Christ in my life.

Amen



FW Friends

Have you been looking for a chance to get your kids involved in fellowship with other kids learning about God's Word? FW Friends may be just what you are looking for! The FW stands for Faithweaver, and with good reason because that is just what it does: it weaves faith into meaningful and life-applying ways.

FW Friends is our children's midweek program that meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This program serves children from age three to grade five. Children are invited to the praise and worship time held at 6:30 and then at 7:00 FW Friends starts.

Each week the children participate in activities such as talking about their week since they last met, singing some great and upbeat kid's Christian music that is so effective in teaching scripture at the same time, and activities such as crafts, games, and snacks that teach that week's Bible story. At the end of each meeting, the children rejoin their Circle of Friends and journal about how that night's Bible teaching can be applied to their daily lives and how they can reach others for Christ.

If you are interested in involving your children in this ministry, or if you yourself are interested in touching the lives of our children for Christ, join us on Sunday, August 18th at 4:00 pm to find out more about FW Friends. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Irizarry at _____ for the preschool age program, or Debbie Hill at _____ for questions about the elementary school area of this program or if you feel led to volunteer in this ministry.

What a blessing this ministry has been to all involved since its beginning in February.

Sunday School is on the Move

Actually, some of our students are going to be on the move on August 18, moving on up to a new class and teacher, that is. On August 18th, our students will be moving to their new fall classrooms. If your child is age 3 or 4, please have them report to Mrs. Gordner's Sunday School classroom. If your child is in Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade, they will be meeting in Mrs. Kocher's classroom. If your child is in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades this coming school year, they will be with Mrs. Harro and those children in middle school (6th, 7th, or 8th) will meet with Mrs. Todd.

Remember, the grades listed above are the grades your children are rising to this school year. It all happens on August 18. If you have any questions, call Debbie Hill at _____

A Word from the Trustees of Cornerstone

The Board of Trustees met Thursday, July 25, at the church. The board decided to advertise and sell 40 of our extra chairs with no racks, at \$43.00 each. If the chairs are sold, the money will be put into the general fund.

We also discussed the need for storage space. Due to anticipated storage issues, we will be notifying the owners of items we do not need or are not using that are located in the storage closets, so that arrangements can be made for those items.

Everything is set up in the church

now so we will video everything in the church and in addition, do a written inventory for the insurance company.

A claim has been filed with Church Mutual Insurance Company for the bullet holes in the bottom of the church sign. We will try to repair the sign but if not, we will leave it as it is until there is additional damage. The money we receive from the insurance company for the sign will go into the general fund.

If possible, James Fox will be bringing in top soil for the front of the church.

submitted by Linda Kurtz

FAITH-SHARING TEAM UPDATE

by Douglas Dalton

Faith-Sharing Team has been working toward the goal of establishing programs which will help our congregation fulfill the Great Commission. Our efforts have been divided into four different components.

The first component is to teach members of our congregation how to share their faith effectively. To accomplish this I have been teaching a class entitled "Faith-Sharing". This class has met every Wednesday for the past six weeks. Please refer to the article entitled "Faith-Sharing Class Concludes" for more details.

The second component of our overall programming is to conduct a Lay Witness Mission weekend at our church. The initial materials have been obtained to start the planning. The Lay Witness Mission weekend would begin on a Friday evening and conclude on Sunday evening. We will invite lay witnesses from around the state to participate and teach us about God our Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This program will be based upon the United Methodist Lay Witness Mission Program.

Our third component will consist of passing out the Faith-Sharing New Testament Bible with Psalms to new members of our church and to those who are newly baptized. They will also be passed out to anyone who completes the Faith-Sharing class so that they may use them as an available tool when sharing their faith.

And our fourth component consists of our outreach ministry program "Inklings Coffeehouse". As many of you are aware, we have already had our first Coffeehouse session. The evening went very well as we had two new people, not connected to our church, attend. This first session allowed us to practice so that we could fine-tune the operation. The goal of the Coffeehouse is to provide a relaxing atmosphere where people can share company, play games, listen to music, drink coffee, etc. The primary purpose of the Coffeehouse is to bring people into

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USE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

When in sorrow, call John 14;
When men fail you, Psalm 27;
When you have sinned, Psalm 51;
When you worry, Matthew 6:19-34;
When you are in danger, Psalm 91;
When God seems far away, Psalm 139;
When your faith needs stirring, Hebrews 11;
When you are lonely and fearful, Psalm 23;
When you grow bitter and critical, I Corinthians 13;
When you feel down and out, Romans 8:31;
When you want peace and rest, Matthew 11:25-30;
When the world seems bigger than God, Psalm 90;
When you want Christian assurance, Romans 8:1-30;
When you leave home for labor or travel, Psalm 121;
When you want courage for a task, Joshua 1;
When you think of investments and returns, Mark 10;
If you are depressed, Psalm 27;
If your pocketbook is empty, Psalm 37;
If you are losing confidence in people, I Corinthians 13;
If people seem unkind, John 15;
If discouraged about your work, Psalm 126;
If self pride/greatness takes hold, Psalm 19;
If you want to be fruitful, John 15;
For understanding of Christianity, II Corinthians 5:15-19;
For a great invention/opportunity, Isaiah 55;
For how to get along with fellow men, Romans 12; and
For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17.

ALTERNATE NUMBERS:
For dealing with fear, call Psalm 147;
For security, Psalm 121:3;
For assurance, Mark 8:35; and
For reassurance, call Psalm 145:18.

PLEASE NOTE: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day! Feed your FAITH, and DOUBT will starve to death!



Cornerstone Small Groups

Monday Women's Bible Study	Joy Semrad
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Ben Sharpe
Promise Keepers Men's Group	Ken Dye
Friday Fellowship	Jeff & Debbie Hill
United Methodist Men	Steve Kublank
Senior High Youth	Brian & Christyn Hahn
Junior High Youth	Mike & Sue Todd

Faith-Sharing Class Concludes

by Douglas Dalton

The first Faith-Sharing class at Cornerstone has just concluded. This class was designed to help people understand their relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. It was also designed to help people understand their responsibility as Christians in fulfilling the great commission.

During the six weeks, we gained an understanding about what Faith-Sharing is and how to share that with other people. We have focused on understanding the necessity of deed and word, learning how to understand the need of other people and how the Gospel can fulfill that need, understanding the differences between the laity and clergy, and understanding the similarities between us as God's chosen people.

The idea of sharing faith with other people is not a new concept. In fact, it derives from our very being as Christians. Christ spoke to his disciples and said "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15) Since Christ was on this earth he instructed his disciples to go into the world and preach the Good News about him. Jesus also said that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved but whoever does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16). As Christians we have experienced the love of God through Jesus Christ. We recognize that all people have been touched by the Holy Spirit and as a result we see that God values every human life. All are precious to God. Because God's love has been expressed to us through Jesus, and our sins have been forgiven, the love of God is now expressed in us as well. Because we as Christians are full of God's love it is impossible for us not to share the Good News with others. We want to make sure that none will be condemned. The power of the Holy Spirit resides within us, energizing us, and giving us the opportunity to share the faith and love of God.

This class was designed to help people within our own church recognize the value of their own stories, that they may in turn share their stories and faith with others. This first class was a wonderful success as evidenced by the experiences we shared on the last night of class. On this night we discussed the power of the Holy Spirit in energizing us for our roles as faith sharers within and outside of our Christian community. Upon the conclusion of class each participant received a very special blessing and prayer, with the laying on of hands, asking that the Holy Spirit be with each of us so that we may proclaim the Good News and share our faith with others. It is hoped that the Faith-Sharing Team will be able to offer this class several times a year so that all within our community will understand and be comfortable with their roles as faith sharers.

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a nonthreatening Christian atmosphere so that they may be exposed to Jesus Christ. In addition, it is to be a place where members of our own congregation can gather together and share in each other's company. Not only are we going to be available to the outside community but we are also going to be available to our own within our church. From our first Coffeehouse session we have learned that we will need to provide an atmosphere in which people can relax, and provide music as a background to anything that we do in the Coffeehouse. We are praying for some dedicated people that will take this on as their own ministry as it is a very important outreach of our church.

To accomplish all we have planned this year, we are in the process of raising money through a series of fundraisers to purchase the necessary items needed to run the Coffeehouse (a computer for a jukebox system, decorations, lights, etc.), to purchase 300 Faith-Sharing Bibles, and to purchase a minimum of 10 faith-sharing books for our class library.

Saturday, June 29, 2002, the first of our fundraisers was conducted at the Sonic Restaurant on Cliffdale Road. We conducted a successful carwash, raising \$154.00 towards our budget. Thank you to our team of volunteers.

But this is only the first of our fundraiser activities, as much more money is needed. I anticipated several more carwashes over the next two months but because of the drought this has been canceled. We are currently exploring other options for fund-raising.

As always, we are God's people trying to do God's work in this great creation of His. All of the above programs can only be accomplished if we continue to receive your support through volunteering. For those who cannot volunteer, love offerings are greatly appreciated. As you can see, we have an ambitious program planned for our church through our outreach ministry, and our faith sharing activities through our classes, sharing

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	2 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	3
4 Cornerstone Pizza Sunday @ Two Brothers!	5 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	6	7 Noon Prayer Group Bible Study 7:00	8 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	9 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	10
Cornerstone Music Camp 2002						
11 Meet the Church Pot Luck Dinner 12:30pm Council Mtg	12 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	13	14 Noon Prayer Group Bible Study 7:00	15 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	16 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	17
Cornerstone Music Camp 2002						
18 Sunday School students move up. FW Friends info meeting	19 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	20	21 Noon Prayer Group Bible Study 7:00	22 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	23 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	24
25	26 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	27	28 Noon Prayer Group Bible Study 7:00	29 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	30 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	31
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8 Church Council Meeting 7:00	9 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	10	11 Noon Prayer Group Remembrance Service 7:00	12 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	13 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	14

Notes: Come meet the other half of the church on August 11 at 12:30 (following the second service). With two services, you only see half the folks each week. Come out and see the other half!

There's always something happening at Cornerstone!

Cornerstone United Methodist Church Web Site Report

by Douglas Dalton, Webmaster

Cornerstone United Methodist Church has a web site located at the following address: <http://www.orthovox.org/cornerstone/cumc.html> . Over the past year there have been many upgrades to the web site. As a result of these upgrades you can e-mail the church to request prayer, listen to the sermons online, review the sermon notes for any particular Sunday for the last two years, and much more.

As of today, the main page on our web site has received 43,108 hits. The sermon page has received 34,920 hits. The RealAudio sermon page has been in operation since September 5, 2001. In that time it has received 353 downloads. Our web site has received hits from all over the world. It is useful to many people as it offers many different Web tools and concentrates its focus on Christian thought and lifestyle.

So please feel free to visit our web site anytime and sign the guestbook. If you would like to see a feature added, e-mail me at the Webmaster address on the main page and let me know what it is you are interested in. If it can be added, I will work on it. Or if you just want to leave a thought or a suggestion, e-mail me as well. Take advantage of this free tool offered to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

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New Testaments, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our family, friends, and community.

We humbly request your prayers for our success in all of these endeavors. It is our hope and prayer that each of these programs will lead to a greater relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Keep our team in your prayers as we implement these programs and raise the funds necessary to bring them to fruition. The Holy Bible teaches us that where two or more are gathered in His name, and make a request, God will hear that request. With your prayers He will hear our request.

