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WHAT'S
your
Story? 

January 2017

What's Your Story?

In sharing our stories in community

...we celebrate that God is at work.

...we can be authentic, knowing only God is perfect.

...we see how our individual stories are part of the bigger picture of God's redemptive story.

Join a small group this year and share your story with others.

For information about getting into contact with specific group leaders, please use the church's paper directory, call the church office (201-891-1651) or email Susan Spoelstra sspoelstra@cornerstonenj.org.

Community Groups

Sunday, 5:00pm Every Other Week

Joel & Sue Clark

Focus: “Big Questions: Clear Answers to Confusing Issues” by Bill Hybels. Where can we go to find clear answers to the confusing issues we face? Only God has the vantage point needed to help us and answer our toughest questions.

Location: Alternating between the homes of group members in Midland Park, Wyckoff, & Hawthorne

Sunday, 5:00pm Every Other Week

Keith & Sharon Hoeland Paul & Debi Braunius

Focus: “Live a Praying Life: Open Your Life to God’s Power and Provision” by Jennifer Kennedy Dean.

Location: Home of Keith & Sharon Hoeland, Ringwood

Sunday, 6:30pm 1st & 3rd

Tim & Kyong Parker - assisted by Andy & Jenn Tyler

Focus: A discussion group using Pastor Fred’s sermon series on the book of 2 Peter.

Location: Home of Brian & Deanne Campbell, Wyckoff

Sunday, 7:00pm 2nd & 4th

John & Karen Stanley

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Location: Home of Chip & Lisa Cummins, Wyckoff

Monday, 7:00pm Every Week

Steve & Rosemary Stahl

Focus: “Always True” by James MacDonald. This is a video/workbook series teaching us about five promises of God –

1. I will not fear; God is always with me
2. I will not doubt; God is always in control
3. I will not despair; God is always good
4. I will not falter; God is always watching
5. I will not fail; God is always victorious

Location: Home of Steve & Rosemary Stahl, Oakland

Monday, 7:45pm **Every Other Week**
Chris & Helen Vessey

Focus: Marriage is fun, marriage is exciting, but marriage also takes effort and perseverance. Join our small group for times of fun, excitement (and indeed effort!) as we look to help each other build Godly foundations for those of you in the early stages of marriage (0-5 years in!) so you can learn to experience marriage as God meant it to be!

Location: Home of Chris & Helen Vessey, Wyckoff

Tuesday, 7:00pm **Starts 1/31**
Ben & Salliann Ran assisted by Paul & Debi Braunius
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Focus: "Empowered to Connect Parent Training," by Dr. Karyn Purvis and colleagues. The Connect course is for post-placement adoptive/foster parent couples and singles and it meets over nine weeks. In addition to the in-class teaching and discussions, participants are asked to complete weekly assignments, including readings and hands-on activities with their children. Note: there is a registration fee for the course and the books.

Location: CCC, The Barn, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, 7:30pm **2nd & 4th**
Fred & Debbie Provencher John & Cathy Warnet
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Focus: Marriage, especially for those new to marriage.

Location: Home of John & Cathy Warnet, Wyckoff

Wednesday, 7:00pm **1st & 3rd**
Sam & Anna Abma

Focus: Topic to be announced.

This is a married couples' community group with a focus on growing healthy marriages in Jesus Christ.

Location: Home of Sam & Anna Abma, Wyckoff

Wednesday Night at Cornerstone

TEACHING 7:15 to 9:00pm MMC, Youth Center

Large group teaching led by Pastor Fred. Each week, he will walk participants through a summary of one book of the Bible, teaching how it fits in the overall theme of God's redemptive plan throughout Scripture. Following the teaching there will be a small-group focus.

There will also be POW (Prayer on Wednesdays) led by Don Waters to pray for our church community following the large group teaching.

Thursday, 7:00pm
Eddie & Jan Alexander

Every Week
Scott & Mary Degelman

Focus: We are doing a Bible study on the book of Galatians.

Location: Home of Scott & Mary Degelman, West Milford

Thursday, 7:15pm
Bill & Janice Thomson

1st & 3rd

Focus: We will dig into God's Word to see what it teaches about living with confidence in a chaotic world.

John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Location: Home of Tom & Lynne Wolfe, North Haledon

Thursday, 8:00pm
Ken & Kristin Vander Pyl

1st & 3rd

Focus: Our initial study will be "Build Your Faith" by James MacDonald.

Location: Home of Ken & Kristin Vander Pyl, Wyckoff

Friday, 7:15pm
Susan Dadekian

1st & 3rd

Joan Stewart

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Location: CCC, The Barn, 1st Floor

Friday, 8:00pm

Every Week

Brad & Christine Livingston, assisted by Sean & Kaylen Malnati

Focus: We live a momentous days marked by a rapidly shifting moral landscape. What if the real issue is the glory of God? How are we to respond? David Platt's study "Counter Culture" calls the church to a contrite, com-passionate, and courageous response to the most controversial issues in our culture.

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Men's Small Groups

Wednesday, 6:00am

Every Week

Tom Zeug

Focus: A discussion group using Pastor Fred's sermon series on the book of 2 Peter.

Location: CCC, Office Wing, C-124

Wednesday, 7:00pm

Every Week

John Oostdyk

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Focus: We all have a longing to be significant, to make a contribution, to be a part of something noble and purposeful. But many people wrongly believe significance is unattainable. The only thing you need to achieve significance is to be intentional. And to do that, all you need to do is start. In "Intentional Living," John Maxwell will help you take that first step, and the ones that follow, on your personal path through a life that matters.

Location: Home of Robert Guarracino, Wyckoff

Wednesday, 7:00pm

Every Week

Mark Yost

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(This group is newly "birthed" from the group led by Pastor John Oostdyk).

Location: Home of James Cornelius, Midland Park

Thursday, 6:30am

Every Week

Tim Parker

Focus: "Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days" by Kay Arthur will help us to discover the main point of any passage of Scripture, discern God's purpose, and apply life-changing truths to everyday life.

Location: CCC, Office Wing, C-124

Thursday, 7:00pm **Every Week**
Joel Clark

Focus: We will be studying New Testament men of faith.
Location: The Barn, 2nd Floor

Thursday, 7:30pm **Every Week**
Rafael Santana
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Focus: Addictions Victorious (www.addvicinc.org)
Your primary goal for changing your ways must be to please God and glorify Him in all your thoughts, words and behaviors. If you are driven to look for help and you do not think your goal right now is to please God, then know that our journey together will ultimately bring you to the place where yours is a life that pleases and honors God.
Location: The Barn, 2nd Floor

Friday, 7:30am **1st & 3rd**
Gordon Stanley Ed Alexander

Focus: A discussion group using Pastor Fred's sermon series on the book of 2 Peter.
Location: Home of Gordon Stanley, Wyckoff

Saturday, 7:30 - 9:00am **Every Week**
Location: MMC, Youth Center

T.E.A.M. Saturday Teaching and Equipping Accountable Men

A Synergy of 6 Men's Groups --We are on a spiritual journey in the context of a community of men.

The Synergy starts at the coffee time we spend before our Bible Study which is in a large group. We are studying the book of Matthew led by various men on a volunteer basis. We offer a guide for lesson preparation for those that lead. Then we break into our small groups of four or more men per group; we call this the Accountability & Prayer time. This is an intimate period for praying with and for each other. This is patterned after the discipleship format of Jesus when he had a group of twelve and then an inner circle of three.

We always have an "open chair" so please consider checking us out and joining the T.E.A.M. - together we experience the Presence, the Power and the Purpose of Jesus in our lives.

Small Group Shepherds

Terry Hibler, Lead Shepherd

Kaled Alektiar
Ed Galenkamp
Robert Haverty
Bob Hoogerheyde

Jim Moore
Keith Vandervelt
Sau Yee
Carl Yunker

Women's Small Groups

Tuesday Morning Small Groups for Women 2 Corinthians

9:15-9:30am in the MMC Kitchen: Coffee & bagels

9:30-9:45am in the MMC Youth Center: Opening songs & devotional thought

9:45-11:15am in various locations - Small Group meeting

There is an online registration for these groups, at www.cornerstonenj.org.

Discipleland - - Starting at 9:15am, While the women are in their 2 Corinthians groups, little ones— infants through kindergarten age— are invited to attend a special program designed specifically for them. Babies and toddlers will be in the nursery, while the “older” children will be in the newly renovated Teal Room. At Discipleland, the children enjoy Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and playtime. This program is led by Children’s Ministries Associate Director Rachel Horn.

Additional Women's Small Groups

Monday, 7:00pm **1st & 3rd**
Mickey Elliott

Focus: We will meet together for Bible study, sharing and a time of prayer.

Location: Home of Mickey Elliott, Hawthorne

Monday, 7:00pm **2nd & 4th** **Starts 1/23**
Maureen Braen Sandra Leber

Focus: Propel Conversation Series Two: Passion. It is set up in a dynamic, six session DVD format. Designed for women to use in group settings as a catalyst for great conversations, the Propel team shares their wisdom and experience with how to lead ourselves and others in our day-to-day lives. In Passion you will discover: How to live a passionate life; How to identify passion in yourself and others; How to navigate passion under siege; How to live with integrated passion; How to lead with passion. Propel offers scripture-focused content from Christine Caine, with conversations from inspiring contributors Lisa Harper, Bianca Juarez Olthoff, Alli Worthington, and Mercy Lokulutu.

Location: CCC, The Barn, 1st Floor

Six Week Group Date/Time TBD

Roni Dorsey

Focus: Roni Dorsey will teach this class with material she has written and developed from personal study: "Discerning God's Word: An In-Depth Study of Scripture Through the Eyes of Women in the Bible." This winter, Roni will be teaching the second half of the book, but it is fine to come even if you have not attended the first part. There is a workbook and homework material for each week.

Location: The Barn, 1st Floor, Room 1

Wednesday, 7:00pm

1st & 3rd

Annelie Foster

Focus: "Genesis: The Covenant Comes to Life" by John Walton & Janet Nygren. Genesis is the beginning of God's story. The study offers a better understanding and relevant application of the book of Genesis to our daily lives.

Location: Home of Annelie Foster, Westwood

Thursday, 9:00am

Every Week

Georgia Stewart

Focus: Beth Moore DVD study, "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman." Ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering? Then this Bible study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it is tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

Location: Home of Georgia Stewart, Hewitt

Young Adults

Young adults are invited to "ignition" on Sundays in The Barn at 7:30pm. The evening includes a social snack time, acoustic based worship music, and discussion groups tailored for young adults.

Membership Class

Mondays, 7:15-9:00pm

March 6, 13, 20, 27

If you are sensing God's call to be a part of the community of believers at Cornerstone Christian Church, or would like to learn more about the church and its vision, join our pastors and elders in The Barn for Membership Class. Register online or at the MMC Information Center.

Support Groups

Thursday, 7:30pm Every Week

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Location: The Barn, 2nd Floor

Day/Time TBD Every Week

Lisa Latrenta
contact Pastor Rich Higby for more information rhigby@cornerstonenj.org

Focus: Celebrate Recovery for women (www.celebraterecovery.com) Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory. 25 years ago, Saddleback Church launched Celebrate Recovery. It was designed as a program to help those struggling by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

Location: The Barn, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, 7:00-9:00pm 2nd & 4th

Pastor Rich Higby (and various shepherds)
rhigby@cornerstonenj.org

Focus: GriefShare support group for men and women (www.griefshare.org). It hurts to lose a loved one, but you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Find help at GriefShare. GriefShare is led by a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Feel free to jump in at any time. The accompanying workbook is \$15.

Location: The Barn, 1st Floor