



THE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 2025



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The search is on!

The Elder Board has assembled a team to locate Cornerstone's next Lead Pastor. The team is soliciting and identifying candidates from around the country. They will be reviewing résumés and conducting interviews to identify the person God has in store for us. As they get closer to finding that person, you may see some pastors guest preaching at church. When the time comes to recommend a candidate, they will get the church elders involved to get their blessing to move forward. With their approval, the search team will present the candidate at a congregational meeting so our partners can affirm the candidate as our Lead Pastor. We ask for your prayers in the coming weeks and months. The members of the search team are: Mark Emick, Keith Wilson, Arlena Miller, Cindy Dersham, Shannon Tanner, Allyson McCollum, Donny Comp, Tim Groff, Sarah Columbus, and Maryann Camacci.

If you have questions or comments please direct them to **Mark Emick** (717-582-6112 or markhemick@gmail.com) or **Keith Wilson** (717-275-6622 or keith08@ptd.net).

But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!

Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)



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If you have a young man interested in Cub Scouts, check this out. Signups are September 8 from 6–7pm and September 29 from 6–7pm at Otterbein UM Church, 327 Newport Road, Duncannon. We’re looking for boys K-4 to join our growing pack.

Can we “count” on you?

Cornerstone is currently rebooting its finance team and we are looking for volunteers. Under the guidance of the Treasurer, the Finance Team will collaborate with the staff and ministry leaders. Some of the responsibilities of this team will be to assist the staff and the ministry leaders in developing, managing, and executing the budget. The Treasurer communicates and works with the elders. If you have a background in finance and would like to volunteer for this team, please contact **Chris Haines** through the church office (office@cccduncannon.com).

JOIN THE TEAM!

FIRST STEP

If you’re new to Cornerstone or you’ve been coming for a while, we invite you to stop by **First Step**, located in the lobby on **Sunday, September 7**. You can meet some of our staff and elders. They’d love to meet you and give you some great information about our church.



At your service

Hey Cornerstone peeps! Do you own a business or would be willing to offer your services (paid or volunteer) to those in the church family? We have so many talented people here—insurance, real estate, tax preparation, music lessons, graphic design—the possibilities are endless! If you would like to be included and advertise your services, contact the **church office (717-834-4641 or office@cccduncannon.com)**.

*Money is a very excellent servant,
but a terrible master.*

P.T. Barnum

*The Holy Spirit is not a blessing
from God, He is God.*

Colin Urquhart

*A God who let us prove His existence
would be an idol.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer





Weston Roudebush

I want to share my testimony with you all and why I am getting baptized. I have grown up learning about Jesus at home and at church. I always knew He loved me, but I didn't really know what it meant to follow Him with my whole heart. One evening when I was lying in bed talking to mommy, I realized that I wanted a real relationship with Jesus—not just to know about Him, but to actually know Him. I understood that He died on the cross for my sins and rose again so that I can be saved and know I will go to be with Him in heaven someday. So I prayed with mommy that evening and asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and come into my heart. I told Him I want to follow Him and live for Him everyday. Now I know He lives in my heart and He is always with me. I'm still growing and learning, but I know for sure that giving my life to Jesus was the best decision I've ever made. I'm excited to be baptized to show that I belong to Jesus and I want to live my life for Him.



Jameson Roudebush

I am getting baptized and want to share my testimony with you all. I've grown up learning about Jesus, and I've always believed He loves me. But as I got older, I started to really understand what He did for me—how He died on the cross to take away my sins and came back to life so I could have a relationship with Him. One day after Bible class at school, I decided I wanted to follow Him with my whole heart and life. I prayed and asked Jesus to forgive me and to be the Lord of my life.

I'm getting baptized to show everyone that I belong to Jesus. Baptism doesn't save me, but it's a way for me to be obedient to Christ and to tell the world that I've been saved by grace through faith. I'm excited to live my life for Jesus and to keep learning and growing and trusting Him every day.

It's better to bite your tongue than to eat your words.

Frank Sonnenberg



Fred Foosse

Anyone who knows me understands that 10 months out of the year, the only place to find me is out on the mountain scouting, searching, seeking. This is everything I've based my life around, but not my faith.

My journey of salvation has been anything but "straight and narrow." I've lied. I've cheated. I've stolen. I've spent more Sunday mornings on a barstool than I have a church pew. For every problem, I had the solution myself. It wasn't until this life gave me problems that I had no control over, no quick fix, that I realized I wasn't actually in control of this life, and that I needed solutions that were beyond my control. So I let go, and I let God.

With God in my life now, I've found myself loving who God made me to be. I'm finding peace in a world full of chaos. God has given more control over my emotions.



Josh Stokes

I didn't have a dramatic moment that led me to God. I was raised in the church. My faith grew slowly through the years. When I got out of the military, I was in a long relationship that started turning bad. Without me realizing, my relationship with God was also becoming lax. It wasn't until I met my wife Becky, that I started seeing His works again. I was so accustomed to things being hard in my life that I thought that's just how it's supposed to be, and all of the sudden I had a love that came so easy. It was a familiar feeling of love that took me back to when I was a child growing up in the church. I realized that I was not forgotten and that Jesus had been with me through my life. I just wasn't paying attention. My faith started growing again slowly. God blessed me with two beautiful daughters, and things were going good, but something still felt like it was missing. It wasn't until my children got a little older when it hit me like a brick. I need to go all in! My daughters' faith was beaming from them, and they didn't care who knew it. So my kids became my teacher and now I'm here humbled with a heart that's full and ready.



Becky Stokes

I am so excited for this day. I started going to church when I was young but only with friends because my parents have never been close with God. I used to think that only Catholic babies were baptized. I have always felt an emotional connection to God and I'm often emotional during prayer. Many bad things have happened around me in life but I made it through by God's grace. I deeply feel that God has been watching over me and guided me in the right direction. My daughters' love for God has guided me here. I want to be a better role model for my daughters and a better Christian. This baptism is a new start in life.



Camyrn Stokes

My life before Christ was pretty difficult. It all started in the beginning of middle school. I started feeling very insecure, not confident and always felt like people were talking behind my back. I would cry a lot, even though I didn't really have a reason, and I didn't know why I felt this way. I just didn't know what to do about it. Until last year. My sister started reading the Bible. I never knew why she started, she just started. She told me that I should do Bible study with her and her friends. I always denied it. For some reason, I felt resentful. But then my sister got me a Bible from our high school. They were giving them away.

I started reading and it made me feel connected and more safe. I started to love myself for who I was instead of who I wanted to be. Because in the Bible it says Jesus and the Lord will always protect me and love me, no matter what I do and what I look like because God created me the way I am for a reason. And this is why I will trust God forever. When I get baptized I will be showing the world that I am going to forever be with God and never leave His side.

If we are to remain a free and viable society, we need to spend less time looking at screens and more time looking into each other's eyes.
Glenn Glose



Roslyn Stokes

In late 2023 and early 2024, I was struggling with really bad anxiety. I felt overwhelmed by insecurity, about my grades, my sports performance, how I looked, and I let it all weigh me down. I bottled it up inside and tried to handle it on my own, but it only made things worse.

One random night, I don't even remember exactly when, I started praying. Hanging on a shelf in my room was The Lord's Prayer, printed on a paper from a Wednesday night Bible school craft from when my family and I lived in our old house. I hadn't really looked at it in a long time, but that night, I prayed those words and it brought me peace. So, I kept doing it. Night after night, it became a habit.

Around that time, I started seeing videos on TikTok, not just trends, but prayers and biblical teachings. One day I put together a prayer of my own and began praying it every night, asking God to help me grow closer to Him. I didn't think much of it at the time, but God heard me, and He took me seriously. During the school year, I was on my phone a lot, and the videos kept coming, especially from this older man named Clif Knechtle. He would visit college campuses and share the truth of God with people who didn't believe, answering their rough questions with love and truth. His boldness inspired me.

Not long after, I felt the urge to start making TikToks, not silly trends like before, but devotionals. I wanted to share what I was learning. I don't know if I ever would have had the courage to post if I hadn't seen another kid from my school doing the same. I won't mention names, but seeing someone around my age talk boldly about God, and with so much joy, gave me the courage I needed. For that, I'll always be thankful.

That's when things started changing. I was learning more about God's Word, and I wanted to help others learn too. The more I shared, the more I realized God was using me. People were listening, and it was making a difference. And even though I hadn't read the whole Bible yet, God still gave me the chance to speak to others and grow in my own faith while doing it. That is grace.

Before I truly knew God, I thought other people's opinions were what defined me. But now I'm learning to let go of that, and instead trust in what God says about me. Yes, I still get anxious sometimes, but I'm learning to leave it in His hands and trust that His will is better than mine.

I'm still growing, and I always will be. But today is a big step in that journey—my baptism, and I'm so thankful to take it. Not because I'm perfect, but because Jesus is. And I want to follow Him with my whole life.

He became what we are that He might make us what He is.
Athanasius of Alexandria



Judah Coombs

I've been thinking about and wanting to get baptized for a few years now. It started from me just going to church, listening to worship music, and going to Bible camps at Cornerstone. Through those experiences, I noticed that my faith in Jesus Christ wasn't as strong as it probably should have been and that I needed to pursue God more. So, I began to pray more and spend more time with God. I see God throughout my life every day. For example, I see God whenever I go to sleep as He always protects me. I see God in His creation like in beautiful sunsets. But the main way I see God at work in my life is through my sister's story. She was living in our family for almost three years as a foster child, but we adopted her about one year ago. I watched God protect her and provide comfort for her through our family. As I watched her overcome her many challenges, it strengthens my faith and inspires me to try and be more like God by being more patient and kind. Today, I'm ready to take the next step into my faith and follow God by being baptized. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." I believe that God worked through my little sister to show me how He rescues us. I've asked Jesus to be my Savior and want to follow Him wherever He leads my life. My favorite Christian music artist, Josiah Queen, has a lyric that says "I chose altars over stages." I want to live my life forever giving the glory to God instead of taking it for myself.



Kolbyn Wilbert

Five years ago, I started going to Cornerstone Christian Church in Duncannon. From then on I have grown my relationship with Jesus. From the start of my journey with God, to now, I have grown. Right now, today I want to be as close as I can to Jesus. That's why I would like to get baptized. Also, I want to get baptized to wash away all my sins and start a new life with Jesus who is already in it.



Jeremy Wilbert

My family didn't go to church growing up and God was not prevalent in our home. I was taught from a young age that self-reliance and willpower were the solutions to all of my problems. This was sufficient at times, but throughout my life there were many instances where self-will failed me. As an adult I chased society's version of success and won many times. No matter the new house, three cars, and the happy healthy family; I still felt empty inside. I was failing to maintain satisfactory relationships in all areas of my life and problems mounted that I had no answers for. Things were unmanageable and no amount of effort or willpower was the solution. I had to find another way by which to live my life.

I came to Cornerstone about six years ago seeking a better foundation for my children. In addition to that, I began to find a firmer footing for myself. I found grace in a loving compassionate God who wants good for my life. I found immeasurable strength in Him where self had left me down so many times. I began to seek His will in my life and pray for the willingness to carry that out. "Thy will be done" over and over throughout my day. As I counted my blessings my problems dwindled. I began to see where God had been with me all over my life, softly guiding me, carrying me when I needed it.

This, for me, is about a clean start. A public declaration to keep my eyes on Jesus from this day forward in hopes to be with Him forever in the end. I've already received joy, serenity, and grace beyond belief. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for me and my family.



Kaelyn Wilbert

I started going to Cornerstone five years ago. I started going to church so that I could get closer to God. My life before I went to church was emotional because my dog died and my cat ran away and my parents split up. After I went to church my mom and stepdad got married! Then my dad and stepmom got married! The reason that I wanted to get baptized is to get closer to God and follow the path that God set for me.



Kaylyn Mann

I love the Lord, and I know He's changed me. Even when I've struggled with things like anger or feeling lost, He's always been there. I'm getting baptized because I want to trust and follow Him for the rest of my life. "



Hailie Johnson

When I was little I went to church with my grandparents every Sunday, then went to Sunday school after the first church service was over. As I was getting older, I slowly stopped going to church as much, to the point where I wasn't going at all. By then I felt like I lost my faith by not attending church anymore. Eventually after getting married I made the decision to look into getting baptized because that is something I have always wanted to do but never found the time for. Then I found out in November 2024 I was pregnant and started praying every night for a healthy baby and for myself to stay healthy during my whole pregnancy. Unfortunately, I had a difficult pregnancy with some health problems.

Then when I went to have my daughter, I had to have an emergency C-section which scared me to death. So while I was lying on the operating table I started to say one last prayer before I went under. As I was praying I could feel Jesus's presence and I felt a hand on my shoulder. I knew everything was going to be okay, and when I woke up I had a healthy baby girl. I still continued to have some health problems but Jesus watched over me and helped guide me through that very difficult time and that is why I am here today to get baptized. I am here to show not only to myself, my family, and friends but to Jesus that I am ready to live the Christian way of life and do better in my life not only for myself but for my family, friends, and especially my daughter, Oakley.



Walter "Bud" Noel

I was one of nine children who mom drug to church, not my favorite highlight of the week. I went through confirmation at 12 years old. I started drinking and getting high, and wasted 26 years of my life. On January 31, 1997 I went to bed and prayed not to wake up. God heard my prayers and answered them His way. I found myself in treatment 13 days later. I eventually become alive again and I've been helping others since by doing His work. I love life today and don't want to end it. I'm here today because I believe that this is the missing piece.



Owen Haines

My parents brought me to church as a baby, and I've grown up in a Christian home my whole life. I've been taught about Jesus and have been a believer since I was young. I know He's been with me my whole life.

This summer, I was involved in a construction accident, and I've had to face some physical challenges, but I know God has been with me through it all. He never left me. He literally saved my life, and He continues to heal me everyday since then. God is good!

I'm choosing to be baptized because I want to publicly thank God for saving my life and protecting me every day. I want to live my life for Him and continue following him. I know that I have eternal life through my belief in Jesus.

Don't study the Bible to be able to quote it; study it to obey it.



Monica Lowe

I've always believed in God. I grew up going to church with my grandmother until I was about 11 or 12, but as I got older, I drifted away, and God was no longer the center of my life.

In my early 20s, I started struggling with anxiety and depression. After I had my daughter, it got even worse. I tried medications, but nothing brought real peace.

Then God started pulling me back. I met my husband, his family, and we had our daughter. I built a close relationship with my mother-in-law—anyone who knows her understands why. When we lived with his parents for a while, I'd come upstairs in the mornings and hear K-LOVE playing. God's truth was slowly being planted in my heart again. Then my daughter joined the Awana program, and again, God's Word filled our home.

In late 2018, I began a new job and was overwhelmed with imposter syndrome. I restarted anxiety meds, but I didn't like the way they made me feel. Eventually, I began seeing a counselor, journaling, and in 2022, I asked my doctor to help me come off the medication completely.

At the end of November 2022, my grandmother passed. Then in January 2023, my aunt passed too. I wondered if I had made a mistake coming off the meds, but I turned to prayer and began listening to The Bible in a Year podcast. I didn't expect to understand it all—I just wanted to make God a priority. And the more I listened, the more grounded I felt.

In June 2023, my brother-in-law was put into a medically induced coma. His oxygen level was just 10% when he walked into urgent care. We thought we might lose him—but praise God, he pulled through. Even through the fear, I kept clinging to my time with God. I prayed every morning and every night. I learned through Scripture that so many others have gone through trials like mine. That's when Job became one of my favorite books. His story of faith through suffering gave me hope.

I finished the podcast and started it again in 2024. I still dealt with seasonal depression, but this time I had a stronger foundation.

There's a word that's carried me through everything: faith. My aunt always used to say, "Have faith." I've kept that word close for over a decade. It's on my computer, on a shirt, and even in artwork at home. It reminds me to trust God even when the path isn't clear.

At the end of 2024, a dear friend invited me to do Bible app devotionals with her. That was a major turning point. Diving deeper into Scripture and talking it over with others gave me new understanding and confidence in God's love. She also invited me to attend Cornerstone Church. I had been listening online, but

attending in person made all the difference. I even brought my husband—and he loved it too.

One day this past winter, during one of our regular check-ins, I told my friend, "This is the first winter I haven't had the winter blues." That's because the Bible became my calm, and church became my therapy. I always walk away from Sunday services feeling refreshed and full. I know my aunt and both grandmothers—who loved Jesus so much—are proud of the woman I've become.

I still stumble and fall. But now, when I feel the enemy trying to pull me away from God, I stop and pray. I pray not just for myself, but for my family and friends too.

I see God now in everything. In a sunrise, I thank Him for the light. In the rain, I thank Him for watering the garden and reminding me to rest. When I feel overwhelmed, I thank Him for helping me pause before I react.

I heard someone say recently, "When I say I'm going to pray for someone, I stop and do it right then." That really stuck with me—and I've started doing the same.

I'm getting baptized to declare that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. I want to walk in His light, knowing He's always been by my side—even when I couldn't see it.

John 1:7 – "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

Philippians 1:3 – "I thank my God every time I remember you."

1 Peter 5:7 – "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

Numbers 6:24-26 – "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

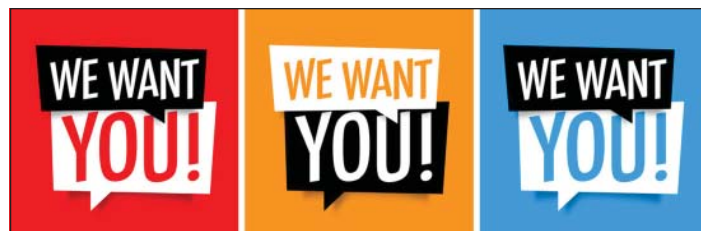


Jarrod Lowe

I grew up in a Christian household and always believed in God, but as a kid, church didn't mean much to me. Honestly, I thought the services were long and boring, and I'd only really pray when I wanted something. I knew that wasn't the kind of relationship God wanted from me, but I didn't know how to change it.

Over the years, I tried going to different churches, hoping something would click—but I never felt connected. That started to change when I found Cornerstone. From the first time I came, I felt something different. I finally found a place where I enjoy coming, where the message hits home, and where I've been able to grow in my faith.

Now, I talk to God every day—not just when I need something, but to thank Him for all the good He's done in my life. I still have a lot to learn, but I know that I want to walk with Jesus and live for Him. That's why I'm choosing to be baptized—to publicly declare that I belong to Him.



Volunteers needed

We are SO GRATEFUL for all of our volunteers here at Cornerstone! We're not exaggerating when we say "We couldn't do it without you!" We are looking to fill the following roles:

9am Kids Ministry teachers and helpers

We were so excited to re-open Camp Cornerstone at the 9am service, but we need a few more volunteers in the Pre-K/younger elementary classes to make sure they are adequately staffed to create a fun and safe environment for our kids. Want to help? Contact **Lauren True, Kids Ministry Director** (lauren@cccduncannon.com). A background check is required to volunteer with our kids ministry.



Praise band keyboardist

The Praise Band is looking for an additional keyboardist. If you enjoy playing keyboards and would like to share your talent to help the congregation sing their praises to God on Sunday mornings, contact **Keith Wilson** (keith08@ptd.net) and join the team!

Chair Team help needed

We are looking for four people to join our chair teams. This is a great way to start getting connected with the church. Please contact **Jim Dersham** (717-608-1697) if you have any questions and we'll get you on a team.



Lawn Rangers needed

Like to smell freshly mowed grass? We've got just the spot for you! Contact **Chris Haines** (Chaines113@ptd.net) and join one of our mowing teams!

Make a joyful noise

The worship team is also looking for a few more vocalists to help lead our musical praise to God on Sunday mornings. Just talk to **Keith Wilson**.



Howdy and welcome to Cornerstone!



A friendly face and warm smile are all you need to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. We're looking for a few people to join our 10:30 team. Contact **Jenn Newell** (jlnewell0911@comcast.net) and make everyone feel at home.



Helping hands needed

Roll up your sleeves—it's time to pitch in and do the annual "fall cleanup" at Cornerstone. Work starts at **8am on Saturday, September 6**. Volunteer an hour or two or more, and get lunch too! Some of the things to get done are:

- move items from storage areas in the church to the new building
- cut down several trees
- rake gullies in playground mulch
- clean up flower beds
- power wash gazebo and other items

We can use a lot of help all around—and it's a great way to work together and meet your Cornerstone family!

Jump on board!

Your Cornerstone Health Team NEEDS YOU! Are you a medical professional, have CPR/First Aid training, or have lay person medical skills of any kind? Then come join the Cornerstone Health Team! Volunteers provide support on Sunday mornings and special events hosted at the church to respond to any medical needs/emergencies that occur during those times. Help us meet the medical needs of our congregation. The more support we have, the safer and healthier we can keep Cornerstone. The health team would love to do more screening and outreach activities as well but we need YOUR HELP to make that possible! Contact **Amanda Schrader** (570-567-4386 or clk3_amanda@yahoo.com) or the church office (office@cccduncannon.com or 717-834-4641).



Thank you and be well!
Your Cornerstone Health Team

Wednesday weekly emails

We've noticed that some people are not receiving our emails. If you would like to sign up or if you haven't received any lately, please go to our website (www.cccduncannon.com/resources).

If you have any problems, please contact Sue (office@cccduncannon.com or 717-834-4641).





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Captivating women's retreat

Jessica Bentley Sassaman

I'd like to invite you to a transformative four-day retreat. It's based on the book *Captivating* by Stasi Eldredge, a book and retreat that's changed my life. It's going to be an intimate group of women and I'd love for you to be part of it too. Together we will watch sessions led by Stasi Eldredge, John Eldredge, and the Wild at Heart Women's team. We will have times of worship, quiet time with God, and down time with each other. You can learn more about it at <https://wildatheart.org/events/captivating-retreat>.

Event details:

WHEN: Thursday night, October 9, starting at 7pm through Sunday, October 12, ending at 11am

WHERE: Canna Country Inn, Etters, Pa.

Please contact me (jessebsass@yahoo.com) if you have questions or if you'd be interested. Space is limited for this event, and Cornerstone women are invited first. (The retreat will be open to the public at the end of August.)

Forgiveness doesn't make the other person right, it makes you free.

Stormie Omartian

God, if my lips don't know what to ask for, please hear my heart.

"Sneaking" around

SilverSneakers Classic classes are being held at Cornerstone on **Mondays** and **Fridays** from **1–2pm** with instructor Jodi Kain. **For more information and to register for the classes, please call Jodi (717-574-6700).**

SilverSneakers Classic classes combine seated and standing exercises to increase muscular strength, range of motion, and activities for daily living.



To start, arrive at your first class early (around 12:45pm or earlier) and bring your SilverSneakers number (or \$3 cash) with you. Wear stretchy, comfortable clothing and athletic sneakers. Bring a bottle of water or sports drink and your fabulous body!

There is no cost to SilverSneakers members. Just provide your member ID number to the instructor prior to class. Not sure if you are a member? Visit SilverSneakers.com/ Check to see if your health plan includes SilverSneakers.

If you are not a SilverSneakers member, you may take classes for **\$3 per class, cash only.**



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Ordinary? No, extraordinary!

Join your friends from Cornerstone at the Extraordinary Women event for a weekend of worship, laughter, and fellowship. Speakers include Lysa TerKeurst, Demi-Leigh Tebow, Annie F. Downs, Elizabeth Woodson, Chonda Pierce, Julie Clinton, and Michael O'Brien, with Chris Tomlin in concert. Interested? Contact **Amanda Schrader** (clk3_amanda@yahoo.com or 570-567-4386). Group code is SchraderAHer25.

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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.

IN-PERSON OFFERINGS				
	ATTEND.	OFFERING	BENEV.	BLDG. FUND
July 27	271	\$4,535	\$211	—
August 3	283	\$6,992	\$200	\$300
August 10	318	\$3,212	\$780	\$240
August 17	371	\$5,765	—	—
August 24	298	\$5,532	\$150	\$100
ONLINE OFFERINGS				
	OFFERING	BENEV.	BLDG. FUND	
Month of July	\$15,256	\$713	\$373	



Communion

On **Sunday, August 31**, we'll take communion together to remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross. On Communion Sundays, we take a special offering for our benevolence fund, and 100 percent of this fund goes back to our neighbors right here in our community when financial difficulties arise. We have given away more than \$4,360 so far in 2025 to help our neighbors with rent, utilities, automotive repairs, and more. You can make a donation to our benevolence fund via the basket on the communion table, the offering boxes in the back of the room (notate for benevolence), or on the donate page of our website (cccduncannon.com/donate).



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.

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 stacking and also putting them in the chair shed.



If you'd like to become an official part of this chair stacking team, please contact the church office (office@cccduncannon.com or **717-834-4641**). If emailing, please note "Chair Stacking" in the subject line.

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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 Visit cccduncannon.com/donate for more information or to get started on our secure platform 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. You can also access your account anytime to track your giving.

MAIL You can also mail a check to 595 New Bloomfield Road, Duncannon, PA 17020.

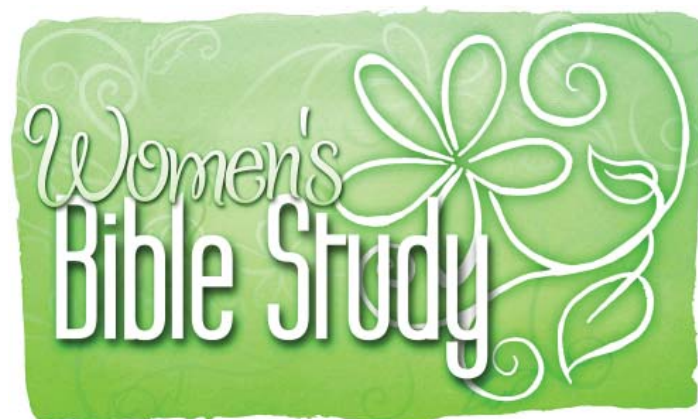
IN PERSON Place your offering in the black boxes located at the back of the multi-purpose room.

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

Consider how precious a soul must be, when both God and the devil are after it.

Charles Spurgeon

connect



The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study begins a new study on 1st and 2nd Thessalonians by David Jeremiah on **September 11**. Time is **10am-12noon**. Study guides are \$11.

If you're interested in this study, contact **Dolores Bennett** (717-991-1540 or bennetts1963@centurylink.com).

Ida Marie's

BREAKFAST GROUP

Join Ida Marie's Breakfast Group **September 17** at **Kingdom Grounds** near West Perry High School in Ellittsburg. The breakfast group meets at **9am** the third Wednesday of the month at local eateries. If you're interested in April's breakfast, call or text **Mark (717-582-6112)** or **Gloria Emick (717-582-6111)** or just show up! Let's get together and break bread!

Why this name for the group? **Ida Marie** was Mark's great grandmother, who was a wonderful cook/baker. She was a cook at the hotel in West Hickory, Pa. After that she baked pies for the local high school into her 90s. She was an inspiration to us all!

*Things are never quite as scary
when you've got a best friend.*
Bill Watterson

*Expect great things from God,
attempt great things for God.*
William Carey

*The mind justifies what the heart
has chosen.*

FALL FESTIVAL

BINGO/GAMES/CRAFTS

Perry Mennonite Reception Center

350 Green Park Road Ellittsburg, PA 17024

Bingo
(20 games)
starts at
9:30 am

**Basket
Prizes**

**Arts &
Crafts**



Lunch
Stuffed
Chicken

Mashed
Potatoes
Vegetable
Roll

**Fall
Dessert**

Guest Speaker: Romance Scams

OCTOBER 9TH 2025 DOORS OPEN AT 9:00AM

Tickets are \$10.00

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD DAY OF EVENT

TICKET SALES : August 26 - September 30, 2025

Who can attend: Perry County Older Adults (60+)



Thank You for being our Sponsor

Fun times in the fall

The Perry County Area Agency on Aging is holding a Fall Festival at the Perry Mennonite Recreation Center in Ellittsburg on October 9 for older Perry County adults (60+ years of age). A hot lunch is included in the \$10 ticket price.

Sadler Health will also be in attendance with its mobile clinic to do flu, RSV, and Covid vaccines (you must make an appointment through Sadler to partake in this). Tickets will be on sale at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging in New Bloomfield until September 30. To purchase tickets, call the PCAA office (717-582-5128) or stop at the Newport Senior Center.



**FALL ARRIVES
SEPTEMBER 22**



Lending a helping hand to our neighbors

On the **last Sunday of each month**, we collect items for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Bank. Non-perishable food items can be placed in the appropriate bin in the lobby. A list of needed items can be found on the Food Bank's website at nhnfoodbank.com, or select items from the list below. Always needed items include:

Shelf stable or canned (any flavor or brand) • soup • veggies • fruits • meats (spam, tuna, ham etc.) • cereals • Pop Tarts • instant oatmeal • granola bars • juice • pasta

Needed items grants don't cover • jellies (any flavor) • pancake syrup • cake mixes/brownies and frostings • sugars (granulated, brown, 10x powdered)

Misc items not covered by grant funds but are requested all of the time (can be done with a food drive or separately as their own kind of drive) • PAPER PRODUCTS (plates, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels) • HOME CLEANING SUPPLIES (Pine Sol, etc., dish soap, window cleaner, spray cleaner, bathroom cleaner) • LAUNDRY SUPPLIES (laundry soap, dryer sheets, stain remover) • PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, bar soap, bath gel, feminine products)



Consider donating your empty egg cartons to the NHN Food Bank! They use them every day in their store and are always in need! Drop them off in the church kitchen. Plastic grocery bags are no longer needed.

Save your bags

If you get paper bags with handles from grocery delivery (like Giant or similar), we'd love to take them off your hands! We use these bags for our Thanksgiving Outreach, Santa's Workshop, and more. Bags can be dropped off at the church office anytime.

We are also collecting new or used (no holes and handles attached) XL reusable shopping/tote bags. These are incredibly beneficial when delivering larger orders for our Thanksgiving Meal and we pack our Adopt-a-Family gifts in these bags. Average size is 20" x 8" x 18."



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.

The sweetest of all sounds is praise.
Xenophon

RETIRED UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT *See Wife* FOR DETAILS

On August 26, after 30 years of public service, **Chris Haines** retired from the Susquehanna Township Police Department. Chris will be busy catching up on Lauren's Honey Do list, mowing lawns, and being pestered by friends. Congratulations, Chris!



We're open

**Monday through
Friday 9am-1pm**

You can reach us outside of normal business hours via

email (office@cccduncannon.com), by

leaving a message (717-834-4641) or by

sending us a direct message through our Facebook page and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.



**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

My strength did not come from lifting weights. My strength came from lifting myself up when I was knocked down.

Bob Moore

We Need You

When we chat on Sunday mornings, what do you do for a living doesn't always come up. But, your experience may be a piece of the puzzle that we've been missing! Whatever your experience, we'd love to hear from you (either in an official or an unofficial capacity). Some examples are listed below, but this is not a complete list. If you think we can put your skills to use, please contact the **church office (717-834-4641 or office@cccduncannon.com)**.

- large equipment operation experience
- landscape interest/experience
- attorney
- architect
- excavation
- roofing
- development/planner
- grant writing
- surveyor
- civil engineer
- tree service
- electrician
- communications and IT
- and more!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Help Us Stock the Holiday Gift Market! 🎁

We're collecting gently used or new items for our Holiday Gift Market — a festive and affordable shopping experience for local children and families.

🎁 What We Need:

- ✨ Small toys & games
- ✨ Books (all ages)
- ✨ Jewelry & accessories
- ✨ Holiday decorations
- ✨ Home décor & kitchen items
- ✨ Scarves, mugs, puzzles, candles & more!

🎁 Gift bags, tags, and wrapping paper are also welcome!

🙏 Your donations will help us make the holidays brighter and more affordable for lower-income families in our community.

📍 Drop off donations at:

Marysville-Rye Library

198 Overcrest Rd., Marysville, PA

📅 Now through November 22

💖 Thank you for helping spread joy this holiday season!

📞 Questions? Call us at 717-957-2851

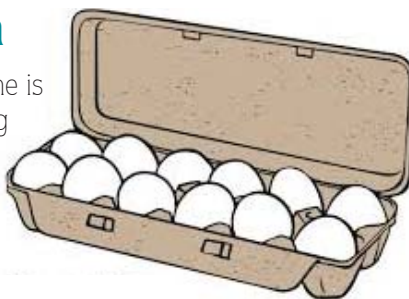
STUDENT MINISTRIES • KIDS/YOUTH



King Solomon is best known for his wisdom and for building God's temple. Thankfully, he passed on his wisdom so others could have a strong foundation for building up their faith. In this four-week series, kids will hear from Solomon and the wisdom he shared about the kind of life God wants to help us build. They'll see that God gives them directions to follow, listens to their requests, is worthy of their worship, gives them true wisdom, and helps them do big things!

By the dozen

Camp Cornerstone is collecting egg cartons for the next Bunny Trial. We are only accepting the dozen size ones.



SAVE THE DATE

On **Saturday, October 18** Cornerstone will host a **Fall Fest** for the whole church. We will have many fall-themed activities from 4pm–7pm. More details coming soon!

The world is changed by your example, NOT your opinion.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.

To be much like Christ, be much with Christ.

Sometimes you win and sometimes you learn.

VETConnect PROGRAM



Veterans help available

Pennsylvania boasts more than 700,000 veterans, the fourth largest contingent in the country. To help address challenges of homelessness, employment, mental health, addiction, and much more among the veteran community, the Pennsylvania VETConnect program was launched in 2019.

PA VETConnect works to determine the needs of veterans and their beneficiaries, find resources that meet those needs, and hook up veterans with those resources, regardless of the township, county, or region where they reside.

If you or someone you know requires assistance, or would like more information about PA VETConnect or other Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs programs and services, visit www.dmva.pa.gov.



Congratulations to **Keaton and Emily Steis**, who welcomed their first child into the family on July 16—**Eliza Marie**.

ODDS AND ENDS

DUNCANNON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

16 Shermanta Drive – Duncannon, PA 17020 – www.dems29.com
(717) 834-5904 – Fax (717) 834-9346

2025 Sunday Dinner Schedule

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Meatloaf, Candied Carrots, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

BBQ Chicken, Corn, Mashed Potatoes

-NO DINNERS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER-

Dinners Include Rolls, Punch, Water, Coffee, & Delicious Desserts!

****Menu subject to change, based on availability of ingredients****

11:00AM - 1:30PM

(Or Until Sold Out)

Adults (13 & Older): \$15.00

Children 5-12 Years Old: \$10.00

Children 4 & Under: Free

0 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.



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| Sept 2 | Will Binger |
| Sept 5 | Brittan Hall, Josh Schrader |
| Sept 7 | Vince McCollum |
| Sept 8 | Naomie May |
| Sept 9 | Jaren Warner |
| Sept 10 | Gretchen Bicking, Cathy Peck, Jen Jumper, Kathy Heckard |
| Sept 11 | Jennifer Newell |
| Sept 12 | Aaron Jumper, Chris Sanderson |
| Sept 14 | Megan Safko, Wyatt Young |
| Sept 18 | Natasha Miskimen |
| Sept 19 | Mark Emick |
| Sept 22 | Marcia Wilson |
| Sept 23 | Ellie Kocher, Ethan Testa |
| Sept 24 | Mary Adams, Beth Basile |
| Sept 25 | Cindy Dersham, Lisa Wilson, Kim Dressler, Lauren True, Leah Barnhart |
| Sept 27 | Katrina Boyer |
| Sept 28 | Maggie Wonsick |
| Sept 29 | Meghan Comp |



TATTERED EDGES
WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN IN HEALING

#breakthesilence
#wannatalkaboutit

6:30 PM

2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS

19 NORTH MARKET STREET
DUNCANNON
{HOME OF DRY BONE SOLDIERS}

We are a group of women wanting to support other women in their journey of healing.

Are you searching for the thread to mend your broken heart?



I do, I did!

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| Sept 2 | 19th Joe and Lisa Dowdrick |
| Sept 4 | 21st Derick and Lauren True |
| Sept 5 | 22nd Scott and Karen Hitesman |
| Sept 6 | 45th Eric and Gretchen Bicking, 11th Mike and Kendra Testa |
| Sept 11 | 15th Jesse and Katrina Boyer |
| Sept 13 | 23rd Rich and Jen Rector |
| Sept 16 | 2nd Donny and Meghan Comp |
| Sept 19 | 27th Ken and Gail Frohnert |
| Sept 22 | 18th Kenny and Hope Coombs |
| Sept 23 | 37th Tom and Susan Belmont; 47th Randy and Wendy Campbell |

Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.

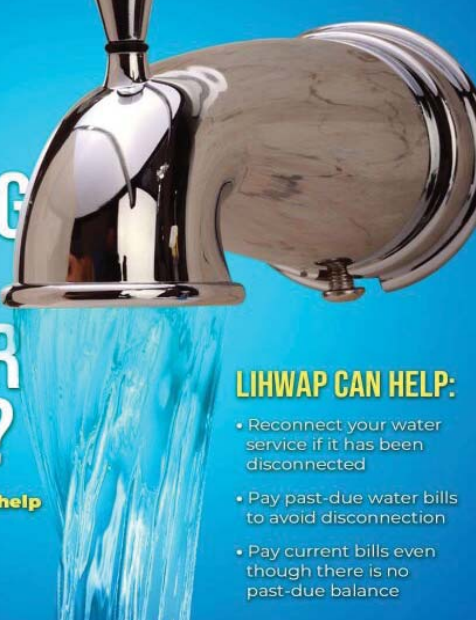
Fred Rodgers

We never grow closer to God when we just live life. It takes deliberate pursuit and attentiveness.

Francis Chan

ODDS AND ENDS


NEED HELP PAYING YOUR WATER BILLS?



LIHWAP CAN HELP:

- Reconnect your water service if it has been disconnected
- Pay past-due water bills to avoid disconnection
- Pay current bills even though there is no past-due balance

dhs.pa.gov/waterhelp



The Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now accepting applications. If you have past-due water bills, have lost water service, or are under threat of losing service, apply today at dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp.



Take a hike

Come to a moderate-to-strenuous, average-paced hike at **Ricketts Glenn State Park** on **Saturday, September 6**. We will witness more than 20 falls as we hike up the East Falls Trail, go across Highland Trail and down the West Falls Trails, and back to the bottom of the mountain. The theme of the hike is "Tannic Acid in Nature." Meet at Clarks Ferry Park and Ride at 8am. (Deb will be driving a white Highlander.) Please reimburse drivers 10 cents per mile (total mileage is 180 miles). Pack a lunch. Contact **Deb Takach** (717-395-2462 or dtakach@duncannonatc.org) to register.



LOADS OF LOVE

a free laundry service for those in the community who do not have access to a washer/dryer

First Tuesday of each month (see dates below)
Third Thursday of each month (see dates below)

6:30 - 8:30pm

Trail Laundry

25 S. Market St. Duncannon, PA 17020

Volunteers will assist you in completing your laundry while you wait. It is our desire to connect our community and build bridges of hope.

Loads of Love is sponsored by Duncannon Council of Churches and generously supported by the owners of Trail Laundry.

2025 DATES:

Jan 7 & 16; Feb 4 & 20; Mar 4 & 20; Apr 1 & 17; May 6 & 22; June 3 & 19;
July 1 & 17; Aug 5 & 21; Sept 2 & 18; Oct 7 & 16; Nov 4 & 20; Dec 2 & 18

BONUS NIGHTS: Mondays Jan 27, April 28, July 28, Sept 29, Oct 27

Questions? Need a different time? Contact Sandy at 717-275-3453

Satellite at Shine

State Representative Perry Stambaugh (86th district) has a satellite office at Shine Coffee Company in Liverpool. Office hours are 9am–1pm on the third Wednesday of every month. Shine is located at 204 North Front Street in Liverpool. The New Bloomfield and Mifflintown offices are open Monday through Friday, 9am–4pm.

You can get a full range of services at all locations such as:

- car registration, special tags, titles, and license applications
- PACE/PACENET applications
- birth certificate applications
- property tax/rent rebate applications
- handicap license plates and placards
- fishing and hunting information
- report issues with state road conditions
- free road maps
- Pennsylvania income tax forms
- tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- and much more!

Worship helpers

September 7

Greeters (9am) Guest Services—Kathy Ballew | Door—Christina Klucker
 (10:30am) Guest Services—Katrina Boyer | Door—Jim Broughton
 Ushers (9am) Jim Dersham
 (10:30am) Greg Comp
 Hospitality Beth Basile/Pam Hoover
 Set-Up Crew Tom Comp's team

September 14

Greeters (9am) Guest Services—Jenn Newell | Door—Brian Newell
 (10:30am) Guest Services—Margie Safko | Door—Doug Young
 Ushers (9am) Dave Tanner
 (10:30am) Ken Black
 Hospitality Terrasha Maurer/Wanda Mullen
 Set-Up Crew Jim Dersham's team

September 21

Greeters (9am) Guest Services—Jen Rector | Door—Rich Rector
 (10:30am) Guest Services—Pam Hoover | Door—Margie Safko
 Ushers (9am) Rodney Reed
 (10:30am) Greg Comp
 Hospitality Sandy Sizer/Deb Reed
 Set-Up Crew Thomas & Arlena Miller's team

September 28

Greeters (9am) Guest Services—Cheryl Raudenbush | Door—Christina Klucker
 (10:30am) Guest Services—Maureen Cleaver | Door—Sue Comp
 Ushers (9am) Harvey Mullen
 (10:30am) Ken Black
 Hospitality Penny Knepp/Marcia Wilson
 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!

Everything has a SEASON. Like a year, life is a beautiful journey.

In our youth, we birth, bud and blossom in a spring-time pregnant with possibility and potential. We look FORWARD.

As young adults we enjoy green grass careers, heat wave experiences and thunder shower crises that give pause but, generally, push us to find root and experience fruit. We look OUTWARD.

And then in the autumn of middle age, we turn toward colorful authenticity. We sense our mortality and begin to remember and revere our history...the good and bad. We look BACKWARD.

Finally, we end life with snow tops, gray days and chilly changes. In the frost and darkness we live with our legacy...or loathe it. We look INWARD.

Each season is gorgeous and grand.

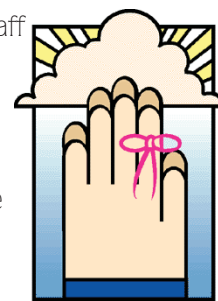
Savor every second. Mark every moment. Brand every breath.

Rick Chromey

Remember to pray for ...

- our Elders and staff
- our country
- our church
- Sherwood Family
- our veterans
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Dave and Carol Wilfong
- our men and women currently serving in the armed forces
- Pastor Search Team
- Tom Belmont
- Owen Haines

If you have a concern that you would like our Elders and staff to pray for, please reach out to the church office (717-824-4641 or office@cccduncannon.com). We also have a private secure prayer request form at www.cccduncannon.com under the resources tab. This form is sent directly to the church email.



Follow along, take notes, or review the sermon on the YOUVERSION app. Download the free BIBLE app from your phone, click on MORE, then EVENTS. Search our zip code 17020 and find Cornerstone's sermon notes.

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 track your offering for tax purposes. We appreciate your gifts each week!

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 Matt Odenwelder, Youth pastor • Keith Wilson, Worship pastor
 Elders • Jim Dersham—vice chair, Mark Emick, Chris Haines—chair,
 Andy Harrison, Andrew Morgan—secretary

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Come connect with us! • Celebration/Camp Cornerstone—9am and 10:30am • Youth Sunday school—10:30am

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