



# THE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH • JANUARY 2026

## A new year, a new beginning at Cornerstone

**T**hank you so much for the opportunity to share my story and heart with the Cornerstone family. It's a blessing to begin connecting with everyone, and I hope these responses help our church get to know me a little better.

### **Grateful for the journey, excited for the future**

As I look back on the journey that has brought me to Cornerstone, my overwhelming response is not pride or confidence, but gratitude. I am deeply aware that I am undeserving of God's grace yet continually blessed by His faithfulness. Every step, every season, and every redirection has been guided by the Lord's hand, and I am truly thankful for His calling and for the privilege of serving His Church. It is only by God's grace that I am here, and it is with a humble and grateful heart that I step into this next chapter with the Cornerstone family.

### **Spiritual journey/testimony**

Before I share more about my heart for ministry and our future together as a church family, I think it's important for you to know my story; not because it's extraordinary, but because it highlights the extraordinary grace of God. Every pastor is first and foremost a testimony of what Christ can do, and mine is simply a reminder that God often begins His work in our lives long before we recognize it.

I did not grow up in a Christian home, but I am deeply thankful for the parents God gave me. They taught me the value of hard work, integrity, and dedication from an early age—lessons that shaped my character long before I understood the Gospel. After high school, I joined the United States Marine Corps, a decision that would significantly influence both my life and my faith journey.

While serving in the Marines, I met my wife, Lisa, who was also on active duty at the time. After several attempts to take her out, she finally agreed, and her invitation came with a condition: church. Wanting to spend time with her,



I went along. It didn't take long for me to know she was "the one," and I eventually asked her to marry me. Lisa lovingly but clearly told me that before she could even consider marriage, my relationship with Christ mattered deeply. Trying to win over Lisa, I went forward at the church we were attending at the time, spoke with the pastor, and prayed a prayer. Looking back, I realize now that I had not truly surrendered my heart to Christ. There wasn't genuine repentance yet, and my life continued to reflect someone living for himself. I had told Lisa I got saved, but I was a fraud.

Lisa and I were later married, and we were stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Lisa began faithfully attending church. I, on the other hand, continued to reserve Sundays for football and sleeping in. Week after week, Lisa graciously invited me to attend church with her, and most weeks I declined. Eventually, after enough Sundays alone, and perhaps after running out of good excuses, I finally went with her. I went that morning with a critical spirit, fully intending to pick apart the preaching and quietly judge the people. But God had other plans. Those seeds planted and watered were about to take root. During that service, the Holy Spirit convicted my heart, clearly showing me my sin and my need for a Savior. For the first time, I truly understood the Gospel; not just with my mind, but with my heart. That day, I placed my faith fully in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. God did what only He can do—He changed me

### **Picture this**

**Pastor Eddie has been affirmed and will officially start January 11. To help Eddie and Lisa get to know the Cornerstone Family, we'd like to create an informal directory for them. This directory will not be made publicly available. Please email your family photo with names and contact information to Sue Comp by Wednesday, January 7 ([office@cccduncannon.com](mailto:office@cccduncannon.com)).**

from the inside out. I was later scripturally baptized at the age of 20, marking the beginning of a genuine walk with Christ. Looking back now, I see God's patience, grace, and perfect timing in every step of the journey. My testimony is not about a perfect path; it is about a faithful Savior who pursued me even when I wasn't seeking Him.

It is with that same humility and gratitude that I now serve as pastor here at Cornerstone, deeply thankful for God's grace in my life and honored to walk this journey of faith together with you.

### On the lighter side

Let's move to some of the lighter—but still very important—answers to some questions. I am, without apology, an apple pie guy. That said ... a good marble cake with buttercream or cream cheese frosting is hard to beat. So, let's call it a gracious tie and move forward in unity. I proudly cheer for the Philadelphia Eagles (even in the difficult seasons; we call that spiritual growth). I should also confess that I'm an Alabama football fan, so getting to watch Jalen Hurts play every week makes being an Eagles fan far more fun.

I run on coffee, prefer Coke over Pepsi, love summer and fall, and Christmas wins by a landslide. If it involves lights, music, and celebrating the birth of our Savior, I'm all in. I'm a beach guy, a Ford guy, and when it comes to sports, give me football and hockey. I love dogs, pizza, the color blue, and all genres of music, though CCM is obviously at the top of the list. My go-to movie series is *Mission: Impossible* (I admire the optimism of someone who keeps saving the world with about 30 seconds left). My favorite book is the Bible, and my favorite book of the Bible is James—direct, practical, and impossible to ignore.

I enjoy running, working out, reading, being outdoors, and spending time with my family. We have two dogs: Bella, a beautiful German Shepherd, and Graham, our female Stitch-alien look-alike mutt who fully believes she's in charge of the house. She is not; but we love her anyway. And if you're wondering about a dream vacation, it's Greece, one of the most beautiful places in the world. And the food? Forget about it. Walking where Paul walked, opening the Scriptures, and sharing a meal that reminds you to slow down and thank God; it's hard to beat.

My journey to ministry didn't begin in a pulpit; it began in the United States Marine Corps, where I served for more than two decades. That season shaped my discipline, leadership, and work ethic, but more importantly, God used it to teach me about service, sacrifice, and obedience. Over time, the Lord made it clear that while I loved serving my country, He was calling me to shepherd His people. The transition into pastoral ministry was not sudden, it was

prayerful, affirmed, and clearly led by God.

Along the way, I've witnessed God's faithfulness through mission trips to places like the Philippines and Poland, moments of joy and sorrow, closed doors that later proved to be protection, and seasons of waiting that strengthened my trust in Him. Many things I once saw as setbacks became blessings in hindsight. 2 Corinthians 12:9 "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses."

### Why Cornerstone?

What drew me to Cornerstone was a shared love for Jesus, a commitment to God's Word, and a genuine desire to keep growing together. I sensed humility, unity, Christ-centered passion, and faithfulness; and that is a church worth serving with your life.

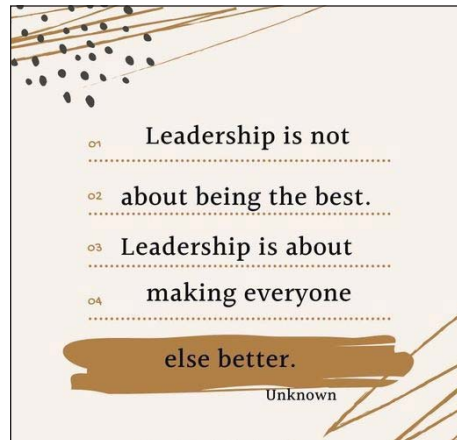
I'm excited about what God is already doing at Cornerstone, and my heart is simply to build on that strong foundation. As we move forward together,

I'd love for us to continue growing in discipleship, helping people not just attend church, but partner with the church and truly walk with Jesus day by day. I'm also passionate about strengthening community and connection, making sure no one feels invisible, and that we're caring well for one another. And finally, I believe God has more opportunities ahead for us to be outward-focused, loving our neighbors, serving our community, the ends of the earth, and sharing the hope of Christ beyond our walls.

### "God moments"

Having deployed multiple times with the Marine Corps, I came face to face with the brevity of life in a way I never had before. Those experiences deeply shaped me. In moments where tomorrow was never guaranteed, God stirred my heart with a growing urgency for the Gospel. I became consumed, not in a dramatic way, but in a steady, lifelong way—with sharing Christ, preaching the Word, and helping people grow in their knowledge of Scripture and in their walk with Jesus. Those seasons clarified what truly matters and continues to drive my passion for ministry today.

The Marine Corps taught me discipline, leadership, and service, but over time God made it clear that my calling was shifting. I realized that while I loved leading Marines, my deepest joy came from shepherding people spiritually—walking with them through life, pointing them to Christ, and opening God's Word together. The transition wasn't sudden or rushed; it was prayerful, affirmed by others, and clearly directed by the Lord. God didn't waste my time in the Marines; He used it to prepare me for ministry. Planting and watering ...




Benevolence is incredibly important to me because it reflects the heart of Jesus. It's the gospel in action; meeting real needs while pointing people to real hope. I believe the church should be a place where people feel loved, supported, and cared for, especially in hard seasons. When we help someone in need, we're not just helping—we're offering dignity, compassion, and the love of Christ.

## My influences

Several people stand out. First, my dad, who modeled hard work, integrity, and perseverance—lessons that shaped me long before I understood faith. Second, my wife, Lisa, whose faith, patience, and unwavering love have been one of God's greatest gifts in my life. And third, I would also add my daughters, who have influenced me in ways they probably don't even realize. Being their father has taught me a greater love, sacrifice, humility, patience, and dependence on the Lord. They've reminded me daily that leadership begins at home and that faith is most powerful when it is lived out consistently and authentically. Finally, Pastor Nut, my spiritual dad in words. He was incredibly patient and kind with me, especially during my early years of faith. The grace and love he poured into me and into our marriage profoundly changed me as a man, a husband, and a follower of Christ.



## Congratational meeting

 ur Winter Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25 following the second service.** At this meeting we will get some ministry updates, reaffirm some elders, and affirm some new elders for the new year. Partners can expect correspondence with updated and new bios in the upcoming weeks. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, but only partners can vote.

*Live authentically. Why would you continue to compromise something that's beautiful to create something that is fake?*

Steve Maraboli



## Merry Christmas and blessings and joy for the new year!

Lauren, Sue, Ody, Mark, Jim, Chris, Keith, and Andrew (not pictured)

## Ladle up!

Pam Hoover

**W**hat's better than a bowl of hot soup on a cold winter Sunday while watching the Super Bowl?



Cornerstone has the answer to your empty belly on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8. We've assembled some of our best cooks and they're creating tasty, hearty soups for you to take home after church services that Sunday.

For a donation, take home one, two, or more quarts of soup to enjoy while watching the game with family and friends as you cheer on your team. Cornerstone is blessed with many great cooks, and we'll have some great soups ready for game time.

I've already got some super soupmakers, but I welcome any additions! Anyone want to join the party? Jim and Cindy Dersham (corn soup); Sandy Sizer (cheesy broccoli); JoAnn Adkins (sausage tortellini); Josh Schrader (vegetable beef); Nikki Goldsmith (not sure yet); and me (ham and bean soup w/rivels); and for those of you who like something a little south of the border, Sue Comp (white chicken chili) and Katrina Boyer (taco soup). Olé!

Soups will be available between the first and second services, and after the second service as well. We have not set a specific price—this is donation only. But, be generous! All proceeds will be for some kitchen items and chairs.

*Little is much if God is in it.*



## BIRTHDAY PARTY IN A BOX

We provide a "party in a box" to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Bank to hand out to all families with children during their birth month.

Each box includes:

- Box of cake mix
- Can of icing
- Small dessert plates (pack of 8/10)
- Birthday candles
- Balloons
- Party noise makers or celebration items

Collecting January 4 - January 25, 2026



### Birthday Boxes

**Sunday, January 4–Sunday, January 25**

What is a Birthday Box? Well, glad you asked! A Birthday Box is a Birthday Party in a box. Every child should be able to celebrate their birthday with a cake, candles, and balloons—just to name a few items to make their day extra special. Once again, we are teaming up with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Bank in New Bloomfield to help families in the community make their child's birthday a bit more special.

Please pick up your pre-assembled box(es) in the lobby during the month of January. Inside the box you will find a list of items you should purchase to fill the box. Gender neutral items are always best. Return your filled box to the designated area in the lobby (just look for signs).

### Save a life!

Amanda Schrader

The Cornerstone Health Team is once again honored to partner with the American Red Cross in hosting a LIFE-SAVING blood drive on **Monday, January 26** from **12:30pm–5:30pm**. We encourage past donors to set your donation at Cornerstone and we WELCOME NEW DONORS with open arms. The Blood Drive Team and the Cornerstone Health Team will be there to support and guide you through every step. Contact **Amanda Schrader** (clk3\_amanda@yahoo.com or 570-567-4386) if you need help making an appointment or would like to volunteer to help the day of the drive. The more that sign up the more LIVES WE CAN SAVE. Jesus saved us and it is our turn to SAVE OTHERS in every way we can.

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, consider making a **Power Red donation**. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call **1-800-Red CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **CornerstoneChristian** to schedule an appointment.



# FIRST

# STEP

If you're new to Cornerstone or you've been coming for a while, we invite you to stop by the **First Step** table, located in the lobby, on **Sunday, January 4**. You can meet some of our staff and elders. They'd love to meet you and give you some great information about our church.

# NEXT

# STEP

### Take the next step

If you're ready to take the **next step** and get connected here at Cornerstone, plan to attend our Next Steps class happening on **Sunday, February 1** following the **second service**. At this class you'll learn more about who we are, the importance of connecting, and how you can get involved. Sign up at **cccduncannon.com/connect**. If you're ready to officially join the Cornerstone family, our next **partnership class** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17** following the second service. Sign up at **cccduncannon.com/connect**.





Santa's Workshop Update: We had 80+ children shopping and 45 volunteers on Saturday, December 6.

The children love shopping for everyone on their list. Having those gifts wrapped so there's a surprise on Christmas Day just makes this experience even more special. Not only did the children have fun shopping, they also had an opportunity to make Christmas crafts, play Christmas games, and take a picture with Santa! Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Santa's Workshop!





















## Jump on board!

**Y**our 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

## "Sneaking" around

**S**ilverSneakers Classic classes are 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.

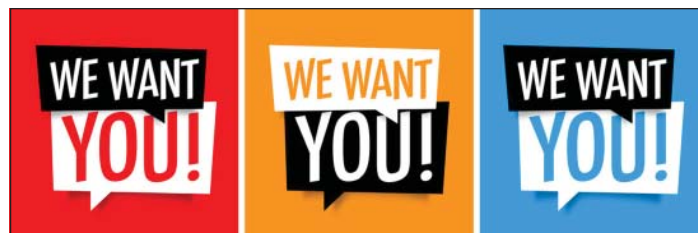
To start, arrive at your first class early (around 12:45pm or earlier) and bring your SilverSneakers number (or \$3 cash) with you. Wear stretchy, comfortable clothing and athletic sneakers. Bring a bottle of water or sports drink and your fabulous body!

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/](http://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.**

*Reputation is what others think about you. What is far more important is character, because that is what you think about yourself.*

Billie Jean King



## Volunteers needed

**W**e 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 in 2026

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.



## WE ARE HAVING A FUNDRAISER!

Starting Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will be selling Mariana's Subs and Pizzas for \$10. Profits help cover the costs of attending our winter camp. See a youth group member if you'd like to contribute!



**DELIVERY DATE**—Wednesday, January 28 at the church from 5:30–8:30pm

**HOAGIES**—Italian/All-American/Ham & Swiss/Sweet Lebanon Bologna/Ham Club/Roast Beef/Smoked Ham & Cheddar/Turkey/Traditional/Three Cheese

**12" PIZZAS**—Pepperoni/White/Cheese

## All aboard the Meal Train!

Do your talents blossom in the kitchen? Are you willing to provide some meals when Cornerstone's Meal Train pulls into the station? We know the Cornerstone family can make some great meals and they love to share. We have a great team on our Meal Train, making and delivering meals for those that have health issues, surgery, new babies, the death of a loved one, or other life situations. If this sounds like a good fit for you and you'd like to join the team OR if you could benefit from some meals, contact the **church office** (717-834-4641 or [office@cccduncannon.com](mailto:office@cccduncannon.com)).



## A new sister for Jace and Lorelai!

Congratulations to **Josh and Lacey** on the birth of **Jensen Baylor Williams** on December 7. Jensen weighed 9 lbs. 12 ozs, and was 22 inches long.

## Are you handy?

During the week, situations arise at the church that may need someone's "expert" attention, like fixing a cabinet in the kitchen, replacing a light bulb, or patching and painting a ding in a wall. If this is something you could help with, **Chris Haines** is looking for some able-bodies to contact him (**Chaines113@ptd.net** or **717-443-4815**) or the **church office** (717-834-4641 or [office@cccduncannon.com](mailto:office@cccduncannon.com)). Get your name on the list!



Ben was so happy to surprise me with another 50 assembled birthday boxes. Then I said, "But I forgot to tell you that these pieces of paper need to go into the boxes." We worked together to get that done quickly. Then he was pleased that the stack of boxes was taller than me! It's the little things ... apparently that's a literal thing for me. 😊



We welcome **Donovan and Lindsey Ricker** to the Cornerstone Family! They beame partners at Cornerstone after completing the partnership class on November 16.



# celebrate • connect • reach



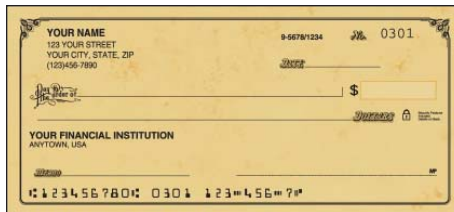
## Chair stacking party

**D**on'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.

Our chair teams can also use a few new members. If you'd like to join a chair team, please talk to Jim Dersham, Tom Comp, Steve Strawser, or Thomas Miller, or contact the church office ([office@cccduncannon.com](mailto:office@cccduncannon.com) or 717-834-4641) if you have any questions and we'll get you on a team. If emailing, please note "Chair Stacking" in the subject line.

## Checks

**P**lease make checks written to the church payable to Cornerstone or Cornerstone Christian Church. Due to banking regulations, we cannot accept checks made payable to CCC. If you have any questions, contact the church office (717-834-4641).



*If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose.*

Bishop T.D. Jakes

*Surround yourself with people who make you a better person.*

## 3 ways to give

  
in person

  
by mail

  
online

**W**e 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](http://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!



## Deaf signing

**J**essica 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.

*God's silence is in no way indicative of His activity or involvement in our lives. He may be silent, but He is not still.*

Charles Swindoll



# Celebrate • Connect • Reach



## Thursday women's Bible study

Join us as we study the book of John by Melissa Spoelstra, beginning Thursday, January 15 from 10am to 12noon. This is a DVD study and the cost of the study guide is \$20.

### Peace is a person

Life. It usually moves at a break-neck pace. Days are filled with noise, screens, and schedules. Worry and fear are constant companions. It leaves you looking for a place to be still, but that nesting spot always seems to be an elusive destination. Jesus offers a different kind of life. He offers peace. He is peace. In this seven-session study on the Gospel of John, Melissa Spoelstra will encourage you to slow down and linger with the Living Word. As you turn the pages of John's Gospel, you'll be challenged to take on the posture of a learner—understanding that the peace Jesus offers is not an ease of circumstances but a stillness of the soul. As a result, you'll grow in intimacy with Him and learn to work, serve, and rest in His peace.

If you're interested, please contact **Dolores Bennett** ([ben-netts1963@centurylink.net](mailto:ben-netts1963@centurylink.net) or 717-991-1540).

*The naked truth is always better than the best-dressed lie.*

Ann Landers

*Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible.*

Corrie ten Boom

## Ida Marie's

### BREAKFAST GROUP

Join Ida Marie's Breakfast Group **DJanuary 21** at the **Ranch House** on Routes 11/15 north of Duncan-non. The breakfast group meets at **9am** the third Wednesday of the month at local eateries. If you're interested in January'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!

## Ladies' Connect Group launching January 2026!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Ladies' Connect Group, beginning in January 2026! This group is designed to be a welcoming space where women can build meaningful friendships, grow spiritually, and encourage one another.

We will meet twice per month on a weekday evening (final day to be determined). Each gathering will be a warm and uplifting time to:

- develop genuine friendships
- pray together
- dive into God's Word
- support and inspire one another.



Children are welcome!

Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, we would love for you to join us as we grow in community and faith together. Please email **MaryLynn Hawk** ([HawkMaryLynn@gmail.com](mailto:HawkMaryLynn@gmail.com)) to indicate your interest and specify which weeknight would be best for you.

*You've got to give something back. You can't just sit there.*

Prince Harry

*Never let a bad day make you feel like you have a bad life.*



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Sarah Columbus

With the start of 2026, we'll be restarting our Food Bank Sundays! The last Sunday of the month we ask you to bring in non-perishable food items for donation to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank. January donations will be due **Sunday, January 25.**

## A meal all ready to prepare

While any non-perishable food donations are acceptable, we are going to be adding a new element to our monthly collections by creating a **"Meal of the Month."** According to David Council, Executive Director of Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, "I hear people say that they are not sure what to do with certain items or how to prepare the items." So we thought Cornerstone could help meet that need. We're going to be offering a meal idea to food bank clients by asking you to take a provided bag each month, fill the bag with the items on the label, and return it to church on the last Sunday of the month. When you return the bag at the end of the month, we'll put a recipe card inside so food bank go-ers can have all the items in one convenient location that they can grab, take home, and create a meal! If you prefer to just buy the items and return them to church, that's fine, too. At the end of the month volunteers will assemble bags from the products you bring back.

This month's **"Meal of the Month"** is Chicken Cobbler. Please target the following items when shopping this month:

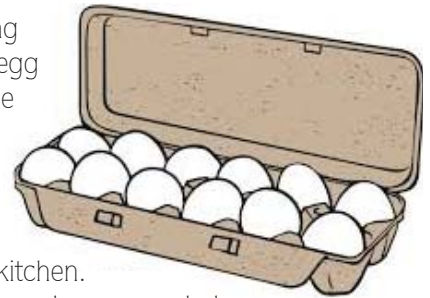
### CHICKEN COBBLER

- Garlic and Herb Biscuit Mix or Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuit Mix
- canned chicken
- canned peas and carrots
- canned diced potatoes
- evaporated milk
- cream of chicken soup

**Remember, you're always welcome to donate any non-perishable food item with a good expiration date. Thank you for helping us with this Reach project each month!**



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.



## 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](http://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)

*God forgets the past. Imitate him.*  
Max Lucado



## STUDENT MINISTRIES • KIDS/YOUTH



People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, no one loved it as much as John the Baptist. In this four-week series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and His ministry. John's story will help kids to say their camp motto, "I believe God gives me purpose. I believe God can speak to me. I believe God is powerful. I believe God's words are true."



Rep. Perry Stambaugh welcomed Roslyn and Camryn Stokes to the Capitol recently to serve as guest pages for a day. The positions, arranged by his office, allow students to observe Pennsylvania's legislative process firsthand, including attending session from the House floor. Daughters of Josh and Becky Stokes of Carroll Township and granddaughters of John and former state House staffer Barbara Stokes of Couchtown, Roslyn and Camryn attend West Perry High School where they are members of the girls wrestling team.

*If you want to change the world,  
start off by making your bed.*  
William H. McRaven

*I do not seek to understand so that  
I may believe, but I believe so that  
I may understand.*  
Anselm of Canterbury



Aroma-All-Sports Camp is running a Christmas Special for this summer's camp (\$125). That pricing ends January 1. Then there's an Early Bird Special from January 2 through April 1 for \$135. Contact **Lauren True** ([lauren@cccduncannon.com](mailto:lauren@cccduncannon.com)) for more information.



We congratulate Kiersten Sobolsky on her graduation from the UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing in Harrisburg!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, February 7**

Church-wide Family Roller Skating • 4-6pm  
Olympic Roller Skating Center in Enola



## STUDENT MINISTRIES • KIDS/YOUTH





# CORNERSTONE BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## Get the word out

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](mailto:office@cccduncannon.com))**.

## New Look Plumbing, LLC

We are a family-owned plumbing company with more than 20 years of service experience. We pride ourselves on quality work at a fair price, servicing Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, and Juniata Counties.

Our plumbing services include, but are not limited to:

- water heater installation
- toilet installs and repairs
- bathroom remodels
- sump pumps
- well pumps and well tanks
- UV light installs
- whole house filters
- water softeners
- garbage disposals
- kitchen sink/faucet installs and repairs



We offer free estimates!

**Corey and Amanda Hall**

**717-275-2853**

[info@newlookplumbingservices.com](mailto:info@newlookplumbingservices.com)

Facebook @nlplumber

*How can we understand forgiveness if we haven't recognized the depth of our sin?*

John Henry Newman

*God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.*

St. Augustine of Hippo

*It's not hard to ask God to take care of something. The hard part is letting go and letting Him.*

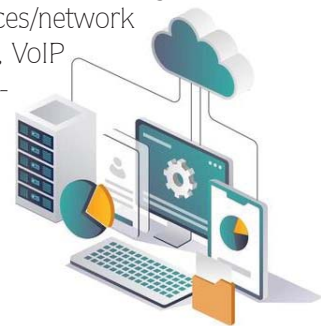
## Need a pet-sitter?

Lacie Boyer, a 21-year-old college student in Duncannon, is offering her services as a pet-sitter. She loves animals of all kinds and has experience with pet-sitting dogs, cats, and other small critters, as well as some farm animals like goats, ducks, and chickens. If you are interested in a service, text or call **Lacie (717-409-4310)** for prices and references.



## R.E. Shumaker, LLC

Business owners—we specialize in networking (wired and wireless), network cabling services/network setups for office spaces, cabling, VoIP telephone systems, security camera systems, communications, and certain IT solutions (mainly involving networking and communications—not IT support or help desk).



**Ryan and Heather Shumaker**

**717 275-3090**

[ryanshumaker@gmail.com](mailto:ryanshumaker@gmail.com)

[www.reshumaker.com](http://www.reshumaker.com)

*Faith is realizing that I am useful to God not in spite of my scars but because of them.*

Pamela Reeve

*You are valuable because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are.*

Max Lucado



## ODDS AND ENDS



#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?

### 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](http://www.dmva.pa.gov).



### We're open

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

You can reach us outside of normal business hours via

email ([office@cccdunduncannon.com](mailto:office@cccdunduncannon.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.



### 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.



Jan 2	Nathan Schrader, Terrasha McCartney
Jan 3	Abigail Bange
Jan 4	Pam Hoover, Heather Bange
Jan 6	Reagan True, Andy Harrison
Jan 9	Karen Hitesman
Jan 10	Janine Coble
Jan 14	Miriam Elliott
Jan 16	Ken Black
Jan 20	Zane Safko
Jan 24	Grant True
Jan 25	Wendy Campbell
Jan 29	Ella Jumper
Jan 30	Caleb Coombs



### I do, I did!

Jan 2	17th Jeremy and Valen Buck
Jan 17	37th Roger and Lisa Hockenberry
Jan 26	24th Keith and Marcia Wilson

*I choose to make the rest of my life the best of my life.*

Louise Hay

*You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.*

Jon Kabat-Zinn

*The greatest choice any man makes is to let God choose for him.*

Vance Havner



## ODDS AND ENDS

### Satellite at Shine

**S**tate 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. The New Bloomfield and Mifflintown offices are open Monday through Friday, 9am–4pm.

The Perry County legislative office, Juniata County legislative office, and auxiliary office locations serve as your local connection to state government. Staffed by seasoned professionals, they are available to assist you with an array of state programs and services, including:

- car registrations, special tags, titles, and license applications
- PACE/PACENET applications
- birth and death certificates (photo ID required)
- property tax/rent rebate applications
- handicap license plates and placards
- fishing and hunting information
- concerns with state road conditions
- PA road maps and driver's manuals
- Pennsylvania income tax forms
- questions about state issues and legislation
- utility complaints and service issues
- matters relating to state agencies
- tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- and much more!

Office locations and phone numbers are:

PERRY COUNTY:

417 West Main Street (Rice Building), PO Box 9, New Bloomfield, PA 17068 | 717-582-8119 Toll Free: 1-800-959-8119 | Open: Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm (except holidays)

JUNIATA COUNTY: 28 Industrial Circle, Mifflintown, PA | 717-436-6001 | Open: Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm (except holidays)

SHINE COFFEE COMPANY: 204 North Front Street, Liverpool, PA 17045 | Open the third Wednesday of every other month (9am–1pm)

### The envelope, please

**W**e 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!



**W**hen 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@cccduccannon.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!



### 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



## Worship helpers

### January 4

Greeters	(9am)	Door—Rich Rector   Guest Services—Jen Rector
	(10:30am)	Door—Katrina Boyer   Guest Services—Kathy Ballew
Ushers	(9am)	Jim Dersham
	(10:30am)	Comp Family
Hospitality		Beth Basile/Pam Hoover
Set-Up Crew		Tom Comp's team

### January 11

Greeters	(9am)	Door—Christina Klucker   Guest Services—Cheryl RaudenBush
	(10:30am)	Door—Doug Young   Guest Services—Pam Hoover
Ushers	(9am)	Dave Tanner
	(10:30am)	Ken Black
Hospitality		Terrasha Maurer/Jen Bidoli
Set-Up Crew		Jim Dersham's team

### January 18

Greeters	(9am)	Door—Tom Belmont   Guest Services—Susan Belmont
	(10:30am)	Door—Maureen Cleaver   Guest Services—Margie Safko
Ushers	(9am)	Rodney Reed
	(10:30am)	Comp Family
Hospitality		Sandy Sizer/Deb Reed
Set-Up Crew		Thomas & Arlena Miller's team

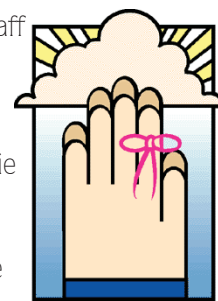
### January 25 • Winter Partners Meeting

Greeters	(9am)	Door—Brian Newell   Guest Services—Jenn Newell
	(10:30am)	Door—Margie Safko   Guest Services—Pam Hoover
Ushers	(9am)	Jim Dersham
	(10:30am)	Jim Dersham
Hospitality		Ken and Gail Frohnert

If you're scheduled and can't be there, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU. Thanks!

## Remember to pray for ...

- our Elders and staff
- our country
- our church
- our new pastor and his wife, Eddie and Lisa Owens
- our veterans
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Dave and Carol Wilfong
- Ken Black
- our men and women currently serving in the armed forces
- Joe Gonzalez—deployment
- Deb Takach
- Matt Bidoli
- Dean Lucia
- Kenny Sizer
- Russ Lebo
- Brian Ballew
- Jennifer Torok
- Owen Haines
- Deannea Platt
- Wanda Mullen



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](http://www.cccduncannon.com) under the resources tab. This form is sent directly to the church email.

# THANK YOU

*Thanks to my wonderful cookie bakers for their goodies for our Christmas Eve services! You're the best, ladies—JoAnn Adkins • Gloria Emick — Katrina Boyer • Arlena Miller • Margie Safko • Dorcas Thomas • Lisa Dowdrick • Lauren Haines • Allyson McCollum • Beth Basile  
Pam Hoover*

*A heartfelt thanks to the wonderful women who provided meals while I was recouping from shoulder replacement surgery, John is especially thankful for the nights off as cook!*

*Special thanks to Pam Hoover, organizer and chef, with her faithful cooking cohorts: Sue Comp, Cathy Peck, JoAnn Adkins, Maryann Camacci, and Allison McCollum.*

*Deb Takach*



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

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