

Cornerstone Happenings

December 23, 2021



Announcements:

Thank you Delana Callahan! Thank you Delana for all your hard work serving Cornerstone as our Office Administrator for the last 1.5 years. For those who may not know, Delana's last day is Tuesday, January 4th. Due to wanting to shift more of our church funds to evangelism and discipleship, the elders have chosen to end the Office Admin position and create a new, Children's Ministry Coordinator position, which we've filled. The hardest part of all this is having to say goodbye to someone I really care about, Delana. Delana is one of the kindest, most caring, happy people I've ever worked with. I'm going to miss her! Please feel free to reach out, say goodbye, and thank her for her time. Thank you Delana! - Pastor Jonathan

Christmas Eve Service on the Westford Common: We as a church are hosting an outdoor Christmas Eve service on the Westford Common at **6:00pm, December 24th**. We'll sing Christmas carols, read the Christmas story, hear a short reflection, and sing Silent Night with glow-sticks. We hope you can join us. Please be mindful of social distancing. There are no bathrooms. Merry Christmas!
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Special Collaborative Church Service (In Person & Zoom) - We're ending the year at Cornerstone on December 26th by having a more participatory church service, which will include readings from the Psalms and opportunities to respond in praise, lament, confession, and thanksgiving. We hope you can make it! We will not be Live Streaming, but any who need to can join us on Zoom ([click link](#)). Meeting ID: 856 3379 6885 Passcode: Welcome

We are having a Children's Church sessions during the December 26 church service. We will hear the story of the birth of Jesus as told by the Gospel Project, play games and do an art project together. Kids ages 5-12 are welcome. This is a great chance for new families to bring kids to Cornerstone and get to know us. Please let Monique know if your kids plan to attend.

Youth Group! Mark your calendars this fall for Thursday nights, 6:30-8:00 PM at the church. If you are more comfortable joining Zoom, please click on the following at 7:15 PM (45 minutes Zoom): [Zoom Link](#). Christian Ed will start again in the new year, on Thursday January 6th at 6:30pm.

Youth Group: New Years' Eve Party: on **Thursday December 30 from 6:30-9pm** at the Penders' house, Westford. Invite a friend! We will have games, food, and fun. Please bring a tray of appetizers or desserts to share.

January 9th, Semi-Annual Member's Meeting Announcement — Join the Elders, Deacons, and church members at 12:00 pm following the church service on January 9th to discuss our ministry, our finances, and some church-service format changes coming January 23rd. All are welcome. Zoom option will be available.

We're excited about God's plans in 2022. On January 23rd, 2022, we are going to be trying a new way of doing the Sunday-morning service to emphasize discipleship and engagement with God's Word, which will include a more interactive time of discussion following worship and a message. We'll have more info coming out shortly, but for now please pray the Holy Spirit would lead the change. We look forward to sharing more with you soon, and plan to discuss with the congregation at the member's meeting on January 9th. If you're curious, please ask Andy or Jonathan about the upcoming change. We'd be happy to share with you! - Your Elders, Andy and Jonathan

Wondering how our everyday life connects to God's plans? Check out our ever-growing [Vere Library](#) on our website (see under "Resources"). The Vere Institute (Oct 2014 – May 2021) was founded to equip Christians to integrate their faith into everyday life, their "frontlines." Their everyday discipleship legacy lives on through our Vere Library, a republishing of many of their written works.

Market Basket Gift Cards - The church is all out of Market Basket gift cards, which we on occasion give to those in need

Prison Ministry Update from Denis Frediani- Please see the attachment in this email to get an update and prayer requests for the prison ministry.

Gentle & Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers (Free Book) — We now have free paperback copies of Gentle and Lowly at the Cornerstone Welcome Center. Please feel free to pick up a copy, and if you like it, give a copy to a friend. Here's the book's description: "Christians know that God loves them, but can easily feel that he is perpetually disappointed and frustrated, maybe even close to giving up on them. As a result, they focus a lot—and rightly so—on what Jesus has done to appease God's wrath for sin. But how does Jesus Christ actually feel about his people amid all their sins and failures? This book draws us to Matthew 11, where Jesus describes himself as "gentle and lowly in heart," longing for his people to find rest in him. The gospel flows from God's deepest heart for his people, a heart of tender love for the sinful and suffering."

Women's Series - Jesus Encounters: We will be meeting **Saturday, January 15th** at the Bradshaw home from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Please bring a chair, your Bible and yourself! As the women's

ministry continues will be meeting every other Saturday, from 9-10:30, at the Bradshaw's. Come join us as much as you can to grow closer as women and followers of Jesus. Questions? Contact Keri Bradshaw.

Sermon & Text

We are having a special collaborative church service where we will be reviewing Psalm 103 (praise), Psalm 42-43 (lament), Psalm 51 (confession), and Psalm 18:1-19 (thanksgiving).

Thank you for giving to Cornerstone.

We have three options: 1) online giving via tithe.ly; 2) mail a check; 3) bill pay. Tithe.ly accepts debit, credit, or e-checks. You can also give through the tithe.ly app on iOS or Android. Please be aware of transaction fees and don't forget to take off your pop-up blocker! You can find all these giving options at CornerstoneWestford.com/give.

Got News?

If you have an announcement for our weekly e-bulletin, please email cornerstonewestford@gmail.com by Wednesday morning.

Elder meeting minutes

Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7-ldDamAoYPTlIKNnFNSXBRbkk?usp=sharing>



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Have a wonderful week!