

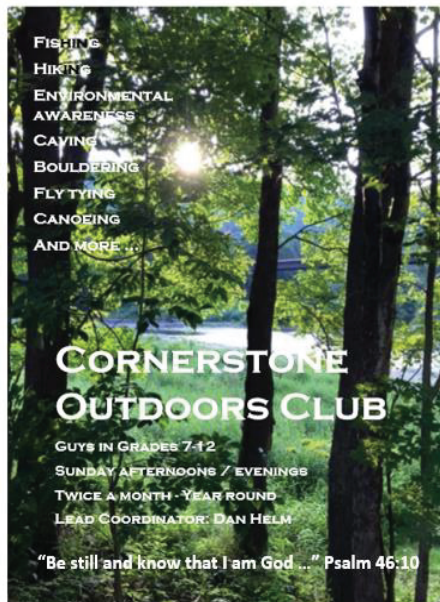
CORNERSTONE Youth Center 2020

Year End Edition



A visit to the Hershey Butterfly House on a cloudy afternoon!

The Outdoors Club comes to life!



Outdoors Club leader, Dan Helm, sharing his love of fly-tying and creating flies with the guys of the club.

During a visit to share Cornerstone updates with St. Paul's UMC in 2018, Laurie Shepler met Dan & Liz Helm. A conversation began over Dan's love for the outdoors, particularly fly-fishing, and the opportunity to volunteer with those gifts at Cornerstone. For the next two years, the conversations continued and plans began forming until the COVID closure in March 2020.

In mid-September 2020, a group of Cornerstone youth met around a campfire with Dan & Liz, Jim Shepler, and Nathaniel Wright. They were introduced to The Outdoors Club! Presented with a pocket sized journal to document their observations and discoveries, along with the *SEEK* app to identify creation and creatures, the group was initiated. Dan claimed the verse, "Be still and know that I am God" as the central theme going forward into the coming year. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons of every month, they will build their awareness of the Creator of all creation as they hike, fish, listen, observe and learn to be still.

In loving memory of a servant's heart, Sonja D. Martin, 3/9/72 – 9/18/20

In September, many dear friends and family felt the loss of our sister, Sonja Martin. As I think of the memories that were shared during her memorial service, I am amazed at a full life intentionally lived to honor her Lord.

Sonja has had a long relationship with Cornerstone Youth Center. We are appreciative of her leadership in the early days of Cornerstone on the Elizabethtown Square, more recently as a board member, encouraging our youth in the midst of the COVID close on S. Wilson Avenue.

She is greatly missed but her leadership and care for the youth in our community will continue on as her legacy of a life well lived.





the Wright family

A Cornerstone Story – Nathaniel, Susie and Ruth Wright

It is said that good things come in threes. That came to mind as I sat down to share the Wright family's Cornerstone Story. First came Nathaniel, visiting Cornerstone during youth hours last fall. He had read of Cornerstone's ministry and came by to see us in action. He and his family of three were interested in engaging with a ministry in their own community, together. In these months of volunteering, Nathaniel has become better known to the youth around Cornerstone as N-Dub.

As a job trainer for Lancaster Lebanon IU13, Nathaniel has a built-in passion to see young lives impacted with the truth of Romans 10:14 heavy on his heart, "If we do not tell them, how will they know?" He seeks out opportunities to encourage and support young men on their journey as he has led a group of boys, now 10th-graders, for the last three years at Calvary Church in Lancaster. He and his family have enjoyed several short term missions' trips to Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines where he ministers to Middle School missionary children.

His wife, Susie, also desired to impact the youth of our community. Her family, as she grew up in Chambersburg, opened its doors to many foster children over the years. Thus Cornerstone felt to be a comfortable, familiar fit for her. On any Friday evening, you will

find Susie behind the Café counter where a conversation can be had with youth who come by to buy a cold drink or to enjoy the hot food offering of the evening. Susie appreciates being in an atmosphere where the light of Jesus can be shared. And as with Nathaniel, she enjoys serving as a family, bringing the "mom" vibes to the youth who need a listening ear and perhaps some warm cookies.

The third member of the Wright family comes to Cornerstone as a youth but also has found her own niche in serving with her parents. Ruth, a junior at EAHS, enjoys inviting friends to hang out at Cornerstone during youth hours and most recently playing on one of the two Cornerstone Volleyball Teams. I've commented several times that it's easy to forget that Ruth is one of our youth as she uses her time well at Cornerstone, engaging with the youth who are in the building.

Theirs is quite a story of a family with a desire to make a difference as a light to the world. We are thankful that they chose Cornerstone in this season and have impacted our family with theirs.

- Laurie Shepler, Executive Director



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Ministry

Amazing things are happening in the lives of the youth that come through our doors. As we see them regularly, we not only get to have a fun time with games, skateboarding, playing sports, and eating homemade snacks. We also get to witness, day after day, week after week, and month after month these youth grow into the young men and women that God has created them to be. We are grateful to God for giving us this platform to walk with them during this stage in their lives.

Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ has proven to have a profound impact on each of them. They have become more interested during TWiG, asking great questions about God, who loves them so much. This undoubtedly is a result of the team of TWiG leaders that God has brought together to use their gifts to teach the youth that come to Cornerstone. Each of them bring a unique approach to teaching the Word of God; presenting it in a way that is relatable and practical. I am truly grateful to have this team of leaders dedicated to consistently sharing the Good News each week.



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Open to girls in grades 7-12

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November 20
is **YOUR** 24 hour
opportunity
to give the **EXTRA**
that allows
Cornerstone Youth Center
to be **EXTRAordinary!**



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Seven Gorgeous Varieties

Your purchase contributes greatly to Cornerstone's ability to provide a safe, fun, and loving place for over 200 youth in our community!

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10" Foiled Pot, 5 Branched Poinsettia \$30.00

Choices: Red, White, Pink, or Burgundy

To insure availability, please call. Quantities are limited. Thank you!

ORDERS:

- ❖ Priced at \$12 each
- ❖ Orders are due by Wednesday, November 11
- ❖ Orders may be placed by calling 717-367-0000, ext. 1, OR, by email, laurie@cornerstoneetown.org

Payment at Pick-up:

- ❖ Pre-orders will be available for pick-up at Cornerstone Youth Center: Fri., Dec. 4, 6-9 p.m. / Sat., Dec 5, 10-1 p.m.

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Looking Ahead

Go to our website, cornerstoneetown.org, for more details

- ❖ November 20 – The EXTRAordinary GIVE – your support is crucial as we anticipate Cornerstone in 2021!
- ❖ December 4 – The Annual Poinsettia Sale, 6-9 p.m. Friday and 10-1 p.m. Saturday
- ❖ December 5 – The Elizabethtown Reverse Christmas Parade – We'll be there!

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE** – Friday, March 26, 2021 – Cornerstone's Annual Benefit Banquet with Guest Speaker, Auntie Anne Beiler

Fall - Winter Youth Hours

Monday-Thursday

3:00-6:00 p.m. (food, fun, friends, and homework help)

Tuesday, after hours

6-7:30 p.m. – GirlSkates Afterhours

Friday

7-10 p.m. (food, fun, friends AND the indoor climbing wall)

Sunday

6-8 p.m. – Skateboarding ONLY, Grades 7 – 12 PLUS Adults

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 10-3 p.m.

(Friday and Saturday, by appointment only)

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Laurie Shepler, Executive Director

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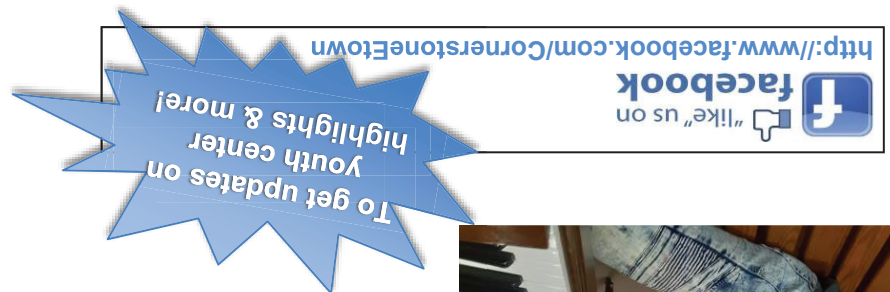
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