



Summer 2024

MEET ME AT THE FAIR!

It's E-town Fair time again, and we are already gearing up for one of our favorite fundraisers, the Cornerstone Dunk Tank! As in years past, we will have a fabulous lineup of dunkees that consists of students, volunteers, staff, and members of our community. Many of those in the line-up, will be returning favorites, including the E-town cow, Boro Police Officers, and the infamous Pink Bunny. We are blessed to have a generous donor who provides a financial match for every dollar we make at the dunk tank, so please plan to stop by and throw some balls and encourage others to do the same! Our booth at the fair is not only a great fundraiser, but also gives us the opportunity to connect with our community and meet new students. We understand that every person who walks by our table is loved by God and needs to know the saving truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Fair provides a chance for us to share these truths with hundreds of people throughout the week! There are many ways you can help. You can make a donation by purchasing ball tickets in advance (which we will give out to kids who are not able to purchase tickets on their own), you can assist with providing new backpacks or school supplies to be given out to students in need, you can volunteer to assist at the booth during fair week, or you can simply tell everyone you know to look for the Cornerstone Dunk Tank at the Fair, and come throw a few balls! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jim at 717-367-000 ext. 1. We will once again be located in the first row along East High Street. Find us by following the laughter, cheering, and screams that can only come from people who are having a great time while supporting Cornerstone. We look forward to connecting with each of you there!

Michelle Bush
- Cornerstone Volunteer



WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAYS

Summer at Cornerstone has been packed full of fun! Thanks to The Matthews Children's Foundation for awarding a grant that enabled us to provide students with the unique opportunity to adventure with us on our Where are We Wednesday field trips and experience the outdoors in a few places we've never been before. In June, we went to "Hawk Point" at Susquehannock State Park where we enjoyed a gorgeous overlook of the Susquehanna River, hiking trails, and some geocaching!

In July, we traveled to Pine Grove Furnace for a full day at the lake! Before a delicious grilled lunch, we had TWiG (Time with God), where students were once again told about a God who loves them, and deeply desires a relationship with them through His Son Jesus Christ! We also re-visited a few of our favorites: hiking at Chiques Rock and at Governor Dick in Mt. Gretna, along with visits to the Jigger Shop and Turkey Hill Experience. What a great summer it has been!

Psalms 139:17-18 "How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!"

Jonathan Weatherholtz

- Coordinator of Family Ministries



The Jigger Shop in Mt. Gretna, PA



Hawk Point at Susquehannock State Park in Drumore, PA



Turkey Hill Experience in Columbia, PA



Pine Grove Furnace State Park in Gardners, PA



White Cliffs of Canoy in Marietta, PA



Canoy Park East (Strickland Field) in Bainbridge, PA

EMPOWER YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

In 1998, a group of local pastors and citizens had a vision to create a place designed to disciple young men and women to become Godly leaders in their schools, families, and community. It was because of this vision and heart for the youth of our community that Cornerstone Youth Center was born. This summer, with the support of the Link Bank Foundation, Cornerstone introduced a new program entitled “The Empower Youth Leadership Initiative.” The goal of this program was to empower the youth of our community, and provide them with the skills, resources, and support necessary to unlock their leadership potential and become positive influencers in our community.

5 PILLARS OF EMPOWER

- 1) Building a Life of Character and Integrity
- 2) Developing Healthy Relationships and Establishing Boundaries
- 3) Conflict Resolution and Overcoming Obstacles
- 4) Financial Management and Fiscal Responsibility
- 5) Community Service and Civic Responsibility

The students who participated in this program had the opportunity to engage in a series of carefully crafted workshops, activities, and mentorship opportunities focused on developing essential leadership skills, such as effective communication, teamwork, decision-making, and conflict resolution. Activities that the students completed included: Archery, Escape Rooms, Obstacle Courses, a “Mock Trial”, Budgeting Exercises, and an Amazing Race. Each activity demonstrated one of the key elements of the program. There were 11 students who participated in Empower, and 7 that successfully completed all the requirements to graduate! We are so proud of the students who completed the program, and are on a path to becoming agents of positive change and transformation, and who inspire their peers to achieve all that God has created them to be. The motto that the students recited each day articulates our hope for each of them:

“As a child of God, I pledge to uphold the values of integrity, respect, purity and discipline. I will strive to serve others and be a positive example. I will always choose to do what is right and avoid what I know is not. With God’s help, I will become all he has created me to be.”

Jim Bush
Executive Director



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

Patrick Smith
Maddy Guerrisi
Amiyra Peters
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Logan Hall
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Kaylee Schade (not pictured)

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 10am - 3pm
Friday & Saturday by appointment

Come see us at the 2024 Etown Fair!

August 19th - 24th

Each day from 5-9pm
come out for a chance to
dunk someone in our tank!
Make sure to watch our
socials to see the dunking
schedules!



Cornerstone Youth Center



*Thank you for helping us be
good stewards of Cornerstone's
finances by agreeing to recving
Cornerstone's Newsletters
electronically!*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Due to the generous contributions of so many of you, we are pleased to report that over the past year, Cornerstone has been able to expand our staffing and programs in order to reach even more students and share the love of Jesus with them each day. Over the past school year, our middle school attendance grew by over 76%, and the number of high school girls attending increased by 11%. This would not have been possible without your prayers and financial support, and we are thankful for every one of you.

As is the case with most nonprofit ministries, we need your support more than ever as we move into our current fiscal year. Financially there are many ways you can support the ministry of Cornerstone. You can set up a monthly gift through our website or mail a gift to the office. We also can accept stock gifts which could allow you to save taxes. Sponsoring one of our fundraisers is another way that your business could contribute. We would be happy to have a conversation about helping you find the best way to donate to the ministry.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAN HELP:

\$95 Will feed a student 3 meals a week for the entire school year.

\$200 Will send a student on Winter Retreat

\$266 Will allow a student to participate in special Club programming each week for a year
(Photography Club, Art Club, Dance Club, Jewelry-Making Club, etc.)

\$400 Will support a volleyball team to participate in local league competitions

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL AND EACH GIFT COULD IMPACT ETERNITY FOR THE YOUTH OF ELIZABETHTOWN!

Ken Wolfe

- Board Treasurer