

# CORNERSTONE Youth Center

## MORE THAN A BANQUET

The condition of the world around us makes it difficult to imagine going through life without the hope that we have found through Jesus Christ, yet that is the reality for so many of the youth we encounter every day. The students in Elizabethtown are struggling to keep up with current trends, determining what is truth while being bombarded by false narratives and wanting to find love and acceptance. Here at Cornerstone, we have become a beacon of light in a dark place, encouraging kids to come as they are while praying that they encounter the transforming love of Christ through our staff and volunteers. That encounter can change not just the life of one student, but also their family, and the generations to come.

Our speaker this year, Eleanor Isaacson, understands first-hand what it is like to be a young person in a dark world and how Jesus changes everything. Living in Nazi Germany, after being abandoned by her parents, she needed to learn to navigate life on her own with a war raging around her. The story of her early life, reflects some of the realities that Cornerstone youth are currently experiencing, and like her, we believe that God has a plan for each of their lives! We are excited to be able to extend an invitation for you to partner with us on our mission to reach more and more youth!



Cornerstone depends on the generosity of people just like you, who know that Jesus can change everything, to help us continue being a light in our community. By attending our banquet, sponsoring a table, making a donation, purchasing items at our silent and live auctions, and praying for our success, you can help us reach our goal of \$100,000. This will allow us to continue our work in the mission field that is the young people of Elizabethtown. Register for your banquet seats at [www.cornerstoneetown.org](http://www.cornerstoneetown.org) and share this opportunity with others who share our vision of being the hands and feet of Jesus to reach young people for Christ!

*Michelle Bush*

- Cornerstone Volunteer & Supporter



CORNERSTONE  
Youth Center  
2024  
Spring Banquet

**When:** March 21st 6:00pm

**Guest Speaker:** Eleanor Isaacson

**Where:** Mount Calvary Christian School  
629 Holly Street  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022



## WE MOVE WHEN HE MOVES

A new year always seems to bring along with it a renewed excitement, and hope for life. We couldn't think of a better way to step into a new year than to step away for our 2024 Winter retreat! January 19th–21st, a group of almost 60 students and leaders traveled to River Valley Ranch for an entire weekend, full of faith-filled fun.

We had made all our plans. We had planned to leave Friday at 5:30pm for our Winter Retreat. With weeks of anticipation, over 50 students were beyond excited as the day was quickly approaching, and then... Snow! What are we going to do? If we can't go, they'll be crushed! Retreat always has such a huge impact on students, why would this be happening? What do you do when you realize you are not in control? We had to wait until we got closer to our time to leave to determine whether it was safe to drive.

So, we prayed, and God showed up! Not only did he clear the roads just enough for us to drive on Friday night, but he also moved powerfully through the whole weekend. Sometimes God allows us to get to the point where we realize we're not in control, so He can show us that He's the only one who truly is. "Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory."

– Psalm 50:15

*Jonathan Weatherholtz*

– Coordinator of Family Ministries

*We can make our plans,  
but the LORD determines  
our steps. – Proverbs 16:9*



# Things I Learned from my Dog

So, I was playing with my dog the other day and as I watched her, I drew several analogies to my own relationship with God. First, as I sat on the sofa, she would hop up next to me and snuggle up against me and lay quietly, much like I spend my quiet time with God. Just sitting quietly and thinking – sometimes thinking about “stuff” and sometimes thinking about nothing particular at all. Just enjoying the peaceful quiet time. Sometimes I would hold her or pet her and help her relax, like God sometimes does to me; then, I call to her and ask her to “Come” or “Let’s go do something” just like God calls to me and asks me to “Come and do something”. My dog often just sits there and looks at me. “You want me to do what?” Sometimes after a little urging, she comes. Just like God sometimes needs to coax me along, too.

I think my dog knows she is special and is loved very much. We spend a lot of time together. She tries to please me and yet sometimes there are “more important things” to distract her. At Cornerstone, it is our GREAT desire to help teach and model lessons like these to all of this to the youth who come through our doors. They are loved, seen, called and coaxed by God. Won’t you please help us show them these things of God?



*Norm Smith*

- Board President

## High School Girl’s Discipleship

This January we started our High School Girl’s Discipleship program called TogetHER. Each week we gather together in our youth center’s Café to dive deep into the Word of God and learn more about the heart of the Creator who made us each so wonderfully.

Our group’s verse is Hosea 2:19-20 as it is a reminder of our hearts true pursuer our Lord and our Creator who made us, knows our faults, and yet wants to be in relationship with us and fill us with HIS love! Each girl who comes is reminded of this truth and that they are way more valuable than the world may say that they are.

*Jenn Gibson*

- Coordinator of Girl’s  
Programs & Communications



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## Hours:

### Office Hours

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

### Youth Hours

Middle School - Mon./Wed./Fri. 3-6pm  
High School - Mon./Tues./Thurs. 3-6pm  
& Fri. 7-10pm

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## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

CHRIS GALL

Started Volunteering at Cornerstone: 2014  
Favorite Cafe Drink: Chocolate Raspberry Latte  
Founded: "The Unstable Round Table"  
What is "The Unstable Round Table"?  
They started as a group that loved to play Super Fight together at a wobbly table here at Cornerstone. "We come together each week just as we are broken but getting the pieces slowly put back together."  
What Programs does Chris Help with?: High School Days and High School Girl's Discipleship