



UNIQUELY MADE

As I go to work in the morning I see beautiful sunrises. Some people try to learn how the sunrise can be so beautiful one day, while other days it is not so beautiful at all. As I look at the beauty of so many things that God has given us to explore, like the sunrise, the flowers, tiny bugs, the fish that swim in the deepest parts of the ocean; I don't try to figure out HOW there can be so many different things, I focus my attention on WHY God did it. He did not HAVE TO create such a vast universe, but I think He did it so that we can be amazed at how great our God is. As strange and unique the many parts of our world is, yet, each person is also uniquely made. Each of us, each of the youth that comes to Cornerstone, each person who lives in our neighborhoods, is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that God has made. And He LOVES each of us just as if we were the only one. This, my friends, is one of the many messages that we try so hard to get our youth to understand. Each of them is UNIQUELY SPECIAL in the eyes of God.

Norm Smith

Board President





CORNERSTONE'S ANNUAL BANQUET

AN EVENING TO INSPIRE AND IMPACT LIVES

It is with great excitement that we invite you to Cornerstone's Annual Fundraising Banquet! This much anticipated event is our largest fundraising activity of the year, but it is so much more than an opportunity to raise funds for the ministry... it is an opportunity to gather, to celebrate all that God is doing through our mission, and share our vision for the year ahead.

When: Thursday, March 20th

Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 5:00pm and program begins at 6:00pm

Where: Mount Calvary Christian School Family Life Center

629 Holly Street. Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Whether through our daily TWiG (Time With God) Bible study, our Middle and High School Discipleship Groups, our new Peer Mentorship Program, Family Outreach Events, or Community Service projects, your partnership helps us guide our youth to discover their God-given potential and live purpose-driven lives.

The evening will feature:

- **A Delicious Dinner** prepared by Mission BBQ in Lancaster.
- **Keynote Speaker Pastor Phil Hernandez** of In the Light Ministries will share his story of how he was transformed from a troubled youth into a Spirit-filled pastor and missionary who has planted nearly 30 churches over the past 32 years.
- **Silent Auction and Live Auction** of Student-Produced artwork
- **Jerry Engle Volunteer Award and Laurie Shepler Student Awards** will be given to honor those individuals who have either made a difference in the lives of others, or who have allowed Jesus to make a difference in their life.
- **An Opportunity to Partner** with us in the work God is doing here at Cornerstone.

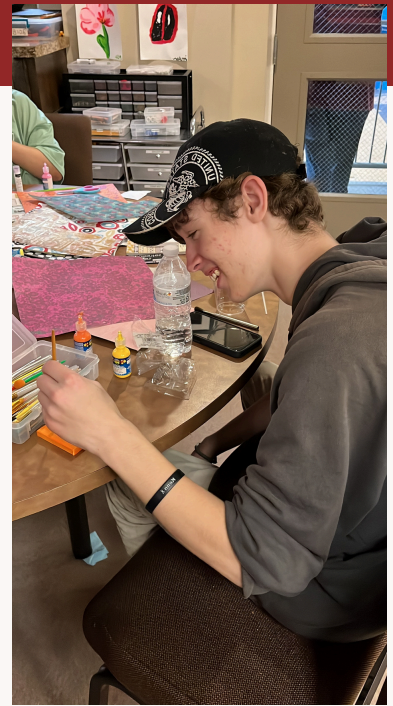
We would love to have you join us! When you support this banquet, you're helping us provide resources, mentorship, and faith-filled programming that shape the leaders of tomorrow. Together, we can make a profound impact in the lives of our youth and ensure that they are equipped to shine as lights in the world. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now available. To RSVP or learn more, please contact us at (717) 367-0000 or visit www.CornerstoneEtown.org. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today!

Jim Bush

Executive Director

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Our nation's youth are experiencing a mental health crisis. In 2023, more than 5.3 million adolescents ages 12-17 had a current, diagnosed mental or behavioral health condition. In response to these staggering numbers, Cornerstone has decided to be a part of the solution. On Saturday, January 18th we welcomed the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, in partnership with Lancaster General Hospital for a Mental Health First Aid training. During the training, we learned how to be "First Responders" for students and their families who are experiencing mental health challenges. God desires us to have the peace of a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). One which only comes through receiving His Spirit. Because mental health matters to God, it matters to us. At Cornerstone, we are dedicated to meeting the mental and emotional need of our students and their families.



For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

DO YOU WANT A MENTO?

I know what you're thinking. No, this statement is not an offer for a breath mint, but for a commitment. This year, Cornerstone is getting serious about peer mentorship. Each Thursday last Summer, we ran a student leadership program called EMPOWER. My favorite time was at the end of each day, leaders were paired with 1-2 students, where they would debrief what was learned that day, as well as discuss what's really going on in their lives.



"Our purpose was not only to mentor the students, but to teach them how they can be mentors themselves."



This year, High School students will be given opportunities to have a Middle School protege, or "Mento" (student being mentored). Once a week, qualifying students will join us on a middle school day, where they will meet 1:1 with a Mento. They will focus on three areas, Home, School, and Faith. Asking questions and providing guidance. After their 1:1's they will function as student leaders for the rest of that day's programming.

Jonathan Weatherholtz

Coordinator of Family Ministries

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. 2 Timothy 2:2

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Office Hours

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

Programming Hours

Middle School

Mondays & Wednesdays 3-6pm
Fridays 3-5:30pm

High School

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-6pm
Fridays 6:30-9pm

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this newsletter electronically!*



THE ARTS AND A GALA

Each Friday from 5:30-6:30pm we host what is known as Creative Arts Club with our 6th-12th grade youth. The purpose of this club is to allow students to try different creative outlets with adults who do it regularly and with the supplies provided to them. We have had everything from Cake Decorating to Wood Burning to Jewelry Making and more! We offer this creative outlet as a way for our youth to learn to express themselves, use their hands and minds to create beautiful things, and give them a space to open up and share about their lives. On Friday February 28th, we will host a Gala to showcase the beautiful artwork the youth have created here and give the community of Elizabethtown a chance to see what we get to see each week, a peek into the beautiful youth of Elizabethtown.

Jenn Gibson

- Coordinator of Girl's Programs
& Communications

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Heart & Art Cornerstone Youth Art Gala

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025
5:30PM-7:30PM @

Cornerstone
Youth Center



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