***Welcome to Cornerstone!***

**Worship Songs**

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

*10000 Reasons*

*The Stand*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

**Sermon - Introducing Grace -Ephesians 1:1-2 - Jonathan Romig**

**Announcements:**

**Next Sunday, September 9th - Outdoor Baptism - 10:00am -** at the **Peter Bertozzi Conservation Area in Groton -** Come see Mary Either get baptized as a public confession of faith in Christ Jesus**.** Address is around 741 Townsend Rd, Groton, MA. See website for more detailed directions.

**Friday, September 7th - 7:15 - Cornerstone Prayer Group** - Please come join us for a time of intercession on behalf of our church and the community and for one another.  Come, and be renewed and prepared for the weekend Worship service. We will meet every week at the same time.

**The week of Sunday September 16th - Sanctuary Painting** - scaffolding will be set up to paint the ceiling, looking for people to partner up to paint ceiling. Walls will also be painted. Need - step ladders, drop cloths, rollers, extensions, roller pans, brushes, paint tape, putty knives, spackling, sanding blocks. Please let Bruce Burchfield when you are available to help out. Day or Evenings.

**Fellowship Dinner - September 22nd - 6:30pm - Old Fashion Potluck** - Join us for dinner and socialize. Everyone is invited! Sign up with your favorite dish at the Welcome Desk.

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**Youth Information**

**Youth Dinner - Saturday September 29th - after the service** - Dinner and activities at the Iglesias house. Come gather as we kick-off a new school year together.  The Iglesias family will provide a spaghetti dinner, please bring sides/salads/desserts to share.

**Youth Bible Study - October Thursday 4th - 7-8:30 pm** - We will continue to study Acts and discover together how God grows and works through the early church.  Yes, Youth Bible Study will now meet on Thursdays

**Sign-ups for Community Group and Discipleship Class** will be help **September 8th through September 29th in the foyer**.

**Discipleship Class**: 10- week study of Grace/Truth 1.0 and 2.0, which are books and videos that help Christians engage LGBT+ related questions. Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm at Cornerstone, starting October 4th. Sign-up in the foyer or talk to Pastor Jonathan.

**Community Group**: The purpose of community groups is to help our Cornerstone congregation build community and friendships around Christ through fellowship, reading the Bible, and praying together. A typical community group lasts 1.5-2 hours. More info on when and where coming

soon!!

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**Giving at Cornerstone**

Despite our tendency to shy away from the topic, nearly one-quarter of Jesus’ teaching is about money. Money is morally neutral, but what we do with our money reveals something much deeper - what’s in our hearts (Mt. 6:21). Our goal is neither prosperity nor poverty, but rather stewardship of what God has given us. God is the creator and owner of everything, and we are merely stewards of His stuff (1 Chron. 29:14). The appropriate response in light of what Jesus has done for us, through His death on the Cross and His Resurrection, is to give our entire lives as a living sacrifice - which includes our finances (Rom. 12:1). Thus, when we give our tithes and offerings, we give intentionally, joyfully and sacrificially in thanks for God and everything He has given us.

If you would like to donate to Cornerstone please consider using the online banking option through your bank. This option is generally free to you and also does not incur any cost to Cornerstone Congregational Church. Donations can be designated to: General Fund, Missions or Benevolence Fund if you wish by entering it in the memo line on your check. Donations can be sent to:

Cornerstone Congregational Church
Attention: Collectors
32 Graniteville Road
Westford, MA 01886

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| **Financial update as of 9/1/2018** | **Cash on hand 9/1/2018** |
| Avg Weekly Need | $3,365  | Checking Account | $33,422  |
| Avg Weekly Recd | $2,496  | MM Savings Account | $35,014  |
| Gen Offering Recd 9/1 | $3,240  | Total cash on hand | $68,436  |
| YTD Need | $33,650  | YTD Expenses | $25,412  |
| YTD Recd\* | $24,956  | \*does not include The Kids |
| Budget Shortfall | $8,694  | League income |  |
| Benevolence Fund | $660  |  |  |