

DOCUMENTING OUR MINISTRIES

MINISTRY: CORNERSTONE

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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

Cornerstone is a community of Christians united in a common bond of spiritual support, fellowship, and love which is in turn grounded in commitments to worship, study, prayer and service. The emphasis on balance among these four commitments follows directly from *The rule of St. Benedict*:

- **Worship** is grounded in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays but also includes communal or private daily prayer.
- **Study** generally is based on a book, scripture reading or a special topic. Group members take turns leading study. A published schedule of readings allows people to plan ahead (and know what they will miss if they have to be absent)
- **Prayer and Service**, both personal and shared, are mutually supportive in the reflective Christian life.
 - Through personal or communal daily prayer, through our conscious recollection of God throughout the day, and through our shared worship as a Community, we come to know God and discern God's will for us and for this Community. As a part of this discipline, members may choose to make a commitment to lead a daily prayer service in the church on weekdays (or perhaps selected weekdays)
 - Each of us is called to recognize, develop and use our gifts to do God's work in the world. We share our own work, ideas, projects, and concerns with the Community. We support each other in the tasks of clarifying and discerning the way each of us will serve God in the world. We may also choose to take on a particular service project as a Community.