

History of Cornerstone

Cornerstone began as a solution to a difficult problem: How do we educate our children in those difficult-to-teach high school classes? Lynda Grimes, Carol Fornwalt, and Mary Frey believed that a cooperative which utilized the talents of many parents would be the answer to that problem. In 2002, they began a high school program. Soon it became evident that classes for middle and elementary children were also needed. Karen Allaman joined the board to coordinate the elementary program, and Cornerstone Home Educators Co-op and Tutorial was launched.

Throughout the years, Cornerstone has evolved into a successful co-op with core classes in English, History, and the Sciences, along with supplemental classes in drama, art, choir, and a host of other specials and electives for all grade levels. Many of the students who have attended Cornerstone now attend colleges and universities around the nation. Parents who have chosen to enter the school system or community college have found the transition to be easy for their children after their Cornerstone experience.

Not only do we provide a place of learning and growth for our children, but Cornerstone has been a place to establish new friendships with families throughout Carroll, Howard, and Frederick Counties. We spend time helping one another with everyday issues we face; we gather together for play dates; and we spend time praying together.

From the very beginning, the Cornerstone leadership has desired to do everything to the glory of God. Our standard for all our conduct is found in Ephesians 2:20: "having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the the chief cornerstone."