

# AROUND THE CORNER



Newsletter of Cornerstone Ministry Centre

## Christmas Update

December was another busy Christmas season at CMC.

We decided to do something a little different this year to spread the message of hope through the season. Different baskets and hampers of treats & meal supplies were delivered to 12 different individuals. We also raised funds and supplies for the local women’s centre. We are trusting new relationships to develop out of this initiative.

Supper Bowl reaches its greatest height of buzz and energy in December. Each Saturday of the month we served a Christmas-sized dinner to the community. The largest group was 130+! This we did through the generous involvement of the local PAONL churches. Thanks!

CMC offered a special turkey dinner the Sunday before Christmas. This year, given the schedule of the holidays, we chose to do a Christmas Eve service rather than a party. It was a lovely time together, remembering the miracle that began when Christ entered this world.



*Pastors Gary & Roxanne Andrews*

*Katie & Matthew*



*Pastor Rob & Tyra Winsor*

*Ayden, Abrielle, Mycah & Moriah*

On behalf of the Andrews and Winsors, we give you our warmest greetings. We trust you had an rejuvenating Christmas season and have entered 2017 with optimism and vision. 2016 was strong year for us at CMC. It was a year we had determined to consolidate our resources and strengthen our teams and and service. Work has continued to improve the facilities. Our teams have stepped up to the plate and delivered consistent effective programs. New partnerships have been formed. Small groups have started and taken root. We have seen new commitments made to Christ, victories over addictions, lives changed! We praise God for all He has done within our community. There is still so much we are believing Him for.

## Strong Harbour Strings

### *Music Matters Here*

*If there is something good and meaningful happening in our community we want to be a part of it.*

It is one thing to say this but can be another to find an opportunity to put it to practice. Our community has some great things going on. In some cases, our best role is to simply encourage what is happening. In others, we may need to stand up and take the lead. Then there is everything in-between.



## Local School chooses Giving over Getting

For a second year in a row, the grade 4 students and teachers of Upper Gullies Elementary School chose to forego their mutual gift giving over Christmas. Instead, they used their resources to raise money for Supper Bowl.

Pictured above is three grade 4 students, Trudy Porter and Pastor Rob. Trudy is the Supper Bowl team lead for Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle. It was through her involvement of some teacher friends of hers in the Elim Supper Bowl schedule that led to this special partnership.

Pastor Rob was given a wonderful opportunity to go and receive the gift on behalf of Cornerstone. He was also given the privilege to speak to the students about Cornerstone, its work and the importance of compassion.

We are not only blessed but challenged by this group's incredible generosity. Their insights into the importance of giving were both pure and profound. Cornerstone would like to thank the students and teachers for their generous, selfless giving.

In 2015 we met a young lady with a lot of talent and even more heart. Carole Bestvater had completed her Master's in Music in MUN, was performing with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra and launching into her vision to see music elevate a community. She started Strong Harbour Strings in the Buckmaster Circle.



*“Strong Harbour Strings Program is a social program designed to offer youth transformative learning experiences through music. This program offers string education to children residing in areas that possess little opportunity for music enrichment, providing equal opportunity to learn music in ways that will positively benefit their growth and learning” (strongharbourstrings.com).*

For three afternoons each week, more than 20 children come into CMC to learn the violin, viola or cello. Their instructors are highly qualified members of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra. While the children enjoy their lessons the parents sit in CMC's youth lounge, reading, knitting, chatting, connecting. Approximately once a month a special event is arranged. Guest musicians come in and perform and/or give workshops. Children perform for family and friends. Music brings people together. This happens here. We are so very proud to be part of this exciting program.



*Carole prepares students for their recital performance.*