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Cornerstone Baptist Church Annual General Meeting
February 20, 2021
Held at Cornerstone Cornwall

Even though we had to follow Covid protocol, we were able to have a wonderful church family breakfast. We're thankful for the large attendance. This year, we were also able to invite those who were not able to attend in person to take part in the meeting through Zoom. Our meeting opened with a time of worship.

Moderator for Meeting: Matthew MacLeod

Agenda:

- Pastors' Reports
- 2021 Elders Slate
Members only vote – 80% minimum required.
- 2021 Ministry Focus & Prayer Time
 - Student/Tech Ministry
 - Celebrate Recovery
 - Christmas Outreach
- Budget 2021 Presentation & Vote
 - 2020 Surplus Vote
 - Foundation Credit Line Vote
 - Capital Foundation

Pastor's Reports

The Pastors thanked everyone for their support and cooperation during such an unprecedented year.

2021 Elders Slate

Before the motion was brought to the floor, David Reid thanked Natalie Worthen for her service on the Elders' Board for the past three years. Natalie is coming off the board to pursue teaching ministries within Cornerstone. Thanks, Natalie!

David made the following motion:

I move that we, the body of Christ at Cornerstone, following the leading of the Holy Spirit, appoint: David Reid, Danny Stretch, Joel Ninaber, Matt MacLeod, Doug Brown, Valerie Stewart and Sarah Scheepers to be the Elders Cornerstone for the coming year.

Motion seconded by Eileen Walsh

Voted by secret ballot: Motion passed with 94%

Cornerstone Ministry Focuses & Prayer

We received updates on and prayed for our Student Ministries, Tech Ministry, Celebrate Recovery and our Christmas Outreach.

Cornerstone 2020 Financial Highlights: Presented by Donna Younker

Very thankful for our contingency fund this year!

Our general giving (\$687,387) was fantastic, especially given the loss of loose offerings this year due to not meeting in person for several months/not passing the offering plate once we were able to have in-person services.

Benevolent offering total was on par with last year.

We had two special Mission offerings this year, rather than our usual three.

Our mortgage balance as of December 31, 2020 was 190,000.

Between 2007 and 2018, the amount of our mortgages totaled \$3875,000. In January of 2021, we put down an additional \$70,000 so there is now only \$120,000 remaining!

Operating Budget for 2021:

Offerings – 715,000 (increase of a just over 4%).

Motion:

I move the acceptance of the 2021 budget as presented.

Seconded by Jon Levy.

Motion passed.

Motion:

I move for the allocation of the operating 2020 surplus as follows:

Atlantic Divinity College	1,000
Crandall University	2,000
Blooming House	1,000
Open Doors	1,000
Camp Seggie	2,000
Refugee Sponsorship	5,000
Capital Fund	20,000 (would drop our mortgage to 100,000)
Contingency Fund	33,193 **includes Christmas Outreach – 30,000

Seconded by Cory Stevenson

There was discussion of how the Island Pregnancy Center was a ministry several of our Cornerstone Family wanted to support and it was agreed to bless the Center with a gift of \$1,000 (which will come from a modification of the figures above).

Motion Carried.

Motion:

I move that we open up a credit line through the Baptist Foundation up to \$100,000.

Seconded by Cynthia Kennedy

It was explained that currently, with our mortgage, we are able to borrow off it if we are in need, but once our mortgage is paid for, that option will not be available. We hope to never need it, but it would be a safety net.

Motion Carried.

After 16 years, Donna Younker has stepped down as Cornerstone's Treasurer. A donation will be made to Island Pregnancy Centre as a gift of thanks in her honor and she was presented with flowers and a framed copy of her last budget. Thank you, Donna, for your tireless efforts and the phenomenal job you have done!

Mark Jelley was introduced as Cornerstone's New Treasurer.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Matt MacLeod.

Minutes taken by Pam Cullingworth

Pastor Phil's Report

I love how the gospel goes forward, regardless of what is happening in our world. I love how God is always going about making much of His Name regardless of the world around us. I love how we have been given eyes to see what He is doing and where He is doing it.

It is no secret that Covid19, again in 2021, felt like a giant wet blanket being thrown over our ministry while trying to start a fire. Trying to bring people together, foster community and grow the ministry while following CPHO guidance that says, don't come together, is a challenge 😊. I suspect that in 2022 we will face those same challenges but here is what those challenges didn't do and can't do. God is still at work in the middle of it all. Did you know that we were able to feed hundreds of children through our Kits of Kindness Ministry? Did you know that well over 150 people attended our new-to-church information suppers? Did you know that 16 different people walked through the waters of baptism? (On a side note – Cornerstone Cornwall has had between 10-25 baptisms every year since 2008!!) Did you know that our Montague site almost doubled in size through the pandemic? God has been and continues to draw people to Himself through this challenging season of ministry and I can't wait to see what this year brings. My approach through it all is to simply be "on the ready" with whatever comes our way.

What does 2022 hold us for us? There are some finance challenges ahead of us as a church. Mark and the Finance Team will speak to this at the AGM, but there are two amazing ministry opportunities that stand before us. Let me take a moment and explain them to you.

1) Relationships & Community Building

- Across all three of our sites, Cornwall in particular, people don't know each other. Our church site has grown a lot over the past 12 months and with Covid19 shaping much of our landscape, we have been divided into 3 congregations of 150-200 people with another 200 people watching online any given Sunday. When the worship and personal gathering size limits lift, we will be dedicating A LOT of our ministry year to simply entering or re-entering into each others lives. There are some plans already underway that would see us connect in some beautiful ways across our church family. Until then, gather in the ways we can! Connect in the ways we can! You will never know how much it means to everyone to spend time with each other pointing each other towards Jesus Christ.

2) Mental Health & Ministry

- It is no secret that Mental Health resources continue to be, and will be for sometime, lacking across our Island (country). The Elders have started a conversation that might see us starting a ministry to create a community where, we as a church, could have someone on staff who is trained in both Theology & Psychology/Counseling to minister to people who struggle with mental health issues and cultivate at Cornerstone a community that cares for people who

struggle with mental health issues well. We look forward to sharing some of this information at the coming AGM and inviting you into prayer as we seek the Lord's direction.

Amy and I have loved ministering in your midst over the past 18 years and we look forward to many more. This year, just like last year, as difficult as it has been, it has been one of our favorites! It's a year where I realize just how much God is in fact working in our midst. I know that I don't say it enough but thank you Cornwall, thank you Stratford, and thank you Montague for your desire to follow Jesus, to grow in community, and to reach out to our communities by caring for them.

It is a joy and pleasure to serve you as your Lead Pastor!

Philip

P.S. Thank you Nicole, Laura, Bethany, Hannah, Wanda, Pam, Winston, Tyler, Gordon, Dana for your willingness to be flexible, innovative, and Christ-focused through it all!

Pastor Dana's Report

The age-old adage warns about failing to see the forest through the trees. That perfectly captures how I feel when sitting down to review the past year while at the same time trying to righteously navigate the ever-changing ethos shaped by a global pandemic.

Several lights shine like stars over the last year.

It's been super exciting to see different individuals step up in all three Cornerstone sites and use their God given gifts in the worship arena: Leaders, instrumentalists, vocalists, audio-visual technicians...While some folk in the universal church have used the pandemic as an opportunity to pull away from ministry, others have viewed it as a catalyst in which to exercise their gifts. Over the last year all three sites have seen their Sunday stage and audio corners expand in volunteers. Not only do I find that amazing, but tremendously encouraging.

To the cadre of gifted worship leaders who have answered the call to lead worship at Wednesday evenings' Celebrate Recovery, you'll never know how much that ministry means to the attendees.

Over the last year three *events* in particular strike me as memorable – all of them around the Christmas season. In no particular order:

The audio/video recording for the "Christmas at Home" service in which an ensemble of musicians and vocalists from all three sites came together and beautifully drew hearts and minds Christ-ward through song. Heartfelt kudos to Todd Neilson and his crew for the many hours spent in making this a memorable expression of worship.

The "Blue Christmas" service, in which we gather to lament the loss of loved ones increasingly plays a significant role in the community at large. This December was no exception.

Our Christmas worship night in Cornwall during which multiple worship leaders led those in attendance to the foot of the manger. (This was my personal highlight of the corporate Christmas worship season.)

Another arena in which Cornerstone shone like stars throughout the past year is that of the Pastoral Care Team. Time after time when being alerted to specific needs and concerns within the church body, this group of individuals faithfully responded with prayers, calls, texts, e-mails, cards, and meals. Repeatedly the feedback I receive from those on the receiving end of this ministry is "I can't believe how much support I received from my Church family." While it's impossible to completely close the back door, every personal touch in meeting this need is a huge win.

Closely connected to this outreach is Beth Pretty and the Love Kitchen chefs who do a stellar job insuring that there are pre-made meals ready to be delivered at a moments notice in seasons of distress. Again, this ministry is an amazing expression of Jesus' love and compassion.

On a personal/professional level two things served as highlights this year:

The outpouring of love and support expressed to Tavie, Levi, and I for twenty years of pastoral service at Cornerstone was overwhelming. The multiple expressions of love and appreciation surrounding this milestone are a monumental highlight of my career and will forever be remembered with great appreciation.

I completed the 9th class (Nietzsche and Dostoyevsky) in my online Masters program in *"Christianity and the Classics"* from Knox Theological Seminary in Florida. I am presently taking a class on Hermeneutics (the art of accurately interpreting the Scriptures), after which I only have 6 classes remaining to complete the degree.

While admitting the danger of expressing special thanks due to omissions, two people in particular stick out with their hours of service in keeping the wheels on the Cornerstone cart during Covid:

Pam, the endless number of hours that Covid has tacked on to your week, especially surrounding service registrations – and your ability to flex so quickly and (to all outer appearances) happily – You're a rock star!!

Winston, I think everyone would concur that in His Sovereignty the Lord had handpicked you to minister with and to the Cornerstone family during "such a time as this". For your unflinching technical expertise and the Christ-like Spirit by which you faithfully deliver it - All I can say is thanks for all that you are! (Especially coming from the proud owner of a flip phone)

As we navigate a season of history that is unparalleled in my lifetime, to each of you who comprise the Cornerstone Family, from the staff right on through to the weekly attender, there's no place I'd rather be, and no group I'd rather be quarantined with than you. Reminiscent of Paul's words to his church family in the city of Philippi – "I thank my God every time I remember you." Thanks for your grace and willingness to flex on a dime during seasons of flux.

With bated breath I highly anticipate the day when I can once again hear all of your voices raise to Father, "How Great Thou Art!"

In Christ Alone,

Dana

Pastor Gordon's Report

To prepare my annual report for 2021, I went through the weekly emails I've sent to the Stratford site to be reminded of the flow of events and some of our highlights. As I went through week by week, often I'd see months of build-up to events or opportunities, only to be cancelled with changing restrictions due to COVID-19. But, I was also reminded of so many great moments and what God has been doing all along among us.

This past year saw some major changes for a number of people at the Stratford site, with significant changes in health or the loss of loved ones. Care and visitation have often had to look very different, with many phone calls and Zoom meetings.

As 2021 began, we held a site meeting to remind ourselves of current ministry wins, to look ahead and dream, and to pray. In February, the young adults organized a Games Night for everyone which was a fun time of connection. February also saw the start of a "Cornerstone Café" on Thursday mornings, getting people in the community and church to gather to talk, work, or read in the sanctuary area while drinking coffee from our local Lucky Bean. This ran until May and proved to be a great time for pastoral connections as well.

By Spring, it was becoming clear that many new families had started to attend our site and were looking for opportunities to get to know one another, as much as possible within the restrictions. A women's book club was organized, then later a women's video conference from Atlantic Baptist Women called interMISSION. Women would also continue meeting through the Summer for a special series. Around this time, Stratford men also began gathering for monthly breakfasts, a great opportunity to meet each other. In June we saw some of our young adults preach in our services, some for the first time. It was a great reminder of how God gives gifts to all of us, not always as publicly visible, but how we all have a part in telling the story of faith. This also afforded me the opportunity to invest considerable time into preparing for Summer ministries that were a big highlight of our ministry year.

Approaching Summer, we recognized that if provincial border restrictions opened up, many of our young families would be away on weekends through the summer months as they travelled to see relatives out of province, though they had a desire to remain connected. We decided to plan a summer program on Tuesday nights, called the Greenhouse, that would be family-based time of activity and worship that encouraged families to grow together in faith as parents took the lead. This proved to be an essential connecting point throughout July and August, led by our great summer students, John Bartlett and Malorie MacNeill. Through these months we had some distanced BBQ's, trips to a local vegetable farm, service projects, and a lot of fun getting to know each other more. This program was closely coordinated with Stratford's "Created for Good" Summer sermon series, which incorporated a number of people into interviews and discussions

about creation care, art and culture, the need for holy play, as well as work. As families prepared for a return to school, the “Back to School Bash” helped provide supplies for many in need within our community.

As Fall got under way, we held another site “Prayer and Conversation Night” to discuss current ministry and opportunities. Small groups were a great connecting point, and through the month of October, we were able to host chapel services at Andrews of Stratford. Attendance was going strong through the Fall months, and the realization that the congregation had grown in size despite the pandemic was celebrated on Thanksgiving Sunday, along with a baptism. As part of that weekend, I was able to host a Thanksgiving Potluck for some in the congregation, which was a special time. Our project for the Finish and Furnish Capital campaign took a different turn after the pandemic drastically altered costs, but we were able to upgrade the speakers for our sound system to be noticeably better for stage visibility and for audio clarity.

Approaching the end of the year, a Women’s Advent Tea was a great event hosted for women from across our three sites, thanks to the team that organized it. With fluctuating restrictions, some other events were not able to happen, such as planned Dinner Club to build community, and an attempt to bring back the Living Nativity which just wasn’t feasible. Once again, the congregation was able to support families through the local schools by providing Christmas gifts for those in need. Christmas Eve was the last in-person gathering for the year, and with restrictions limiting singing to all but one person, it had a different feel but nonetheless focused on the coming of Christ for all who could gather.

Looking back on all of this, none of it could happen without the contributions of many people, who have often been serving for a number of years. I won’t mention everyone but let me mention a few. Robert & Joyce Wood concluded their time serving us as janitors, and we’re deeply appreciative of them! Garth Cameron stepped up to fill the gap in a volunteer capacity and has been organizing some excellent volunteer teams since then. Penny Ching has continued to do a remarkable job coordinating children’s ministry in the face of constantly fluctuating regulations. To all who serve the church in a variety of ways, from leading kids, to grass cutting or snow shovelling, to calling others in care, to leading a small group... thank you!

The uncertainty of this year is a reminder that while we don't know what will come next, we know that God will continue to work in us and through us and do wonderful things as we follow. I keep returning to the declaration of praise in Ephesians 3: "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."

Blessings,

Gordon Dickinson

Stratford Site Pastor

Pastor Tyler's Report

2021 was a year of deep encouragement in the ministry of Cornerstone Montague. For those of you who participate in what's going on in Montague, you've seen the face of the congregation change drastically, new leaders step up, and new forms of ministry take place.

We started off the year with the launch of Cornerstone Student Ministries at the Montague site. Though we've had expressions of youth ministry before, this was the start of the ongoing ministry to teens at our site. I'm thankful to Halie, Chris, Faith, Katlin, and the Shaws, as well as the many special speakers and guests we've had investing in the lives of our teens. In 2022 we're looking forward to new opportunities of partnering with other churches in the Montague area to collaborate in developing a greater youth ministry presence in our town.

Throughout this past year we've seen increased engagement in Bible studies and discipleship groups. There has been a growing sense of hunger among women especially for studying Scripture together, which was seen in the Bible studies held this spring and summer. The Emotionally Healthy Spirituality group brought together people from all walks of life to invite Christ to transform the most inner parts of our lives. We've also seen a growing sense of community among men at the Montague site as we work towards developing a stronger mens ministry.

The Kits of Kindness ministry has nearly doubled the number of children it serves at the Montague Consolidated school this year. Special thanks to Marjorie Campbell who has spearheaded this effort and Angela Davis who raised awareness of it in our community, leading to significant donations.

One of my highlights was our "Church at the Waterfront" services throughout July and August. Our plan was initially to spend the month of July holding our services outdoors at the Montague Waterfront. The attendance was greater than anticipated and led us to continue at the Waterfront through August, knowing our building would not hold the number of people regularly attending with the current restrictions. We were honoured to have Dr. Terry LeBlanc speak at one of these services. The Waterfront services required hours of volunteer time between setting up and tearing down each week and transporting equipment. We would not have been able to hold these services without the significant amount of time given by these essential volunteers.

We also had many phenomenal volunteers give their time and donate school supplies for our Back to School Bash outreach in August. This event brought families together from across King's County for a fun afternoon of food and games, as well as supplies and haircuts for back to school. We're thankful for the local partnerships in our community that helped make this event happen!

Shortly after returning to our building, we were excited to be able to walk with Mikayla Gill and Vince Korbett through the waters of baptism and affirm the work of Christ in their lives.

This fall brought with it significant growth at the Montague site. Our average Sunday attendance in January was 44, and grew to 85 in November between two services. We're thankful for the new faces and families that we've gotten to enfold into community and the greater diversity of gifts it brings to the body. Our volunteers have responded with enthusiasm and graciousness to the move to two services. We look forward to continuing to welcome others into the family at Cornerstone, to come to know Christ, and grow as his disciples.

Despite the rise of Omicron and the restrictions that arrived in December, we were still able to host our Christmas Dinner Outreach for those in the community away from family. Our team adapted quickly to changes that had to be made and helped the love of Immanuel be experienced at Christmas time.

Cornerstone, I look forward to what God will do in us and through us in the year ahead! "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

Tyler

Pastor Winston's Report (Tech Report)

"I love you Lord, for your mercy never fails me, all my days, I've been held in your hands. From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God"

This song became a theme for me over this past year. Throughout all the events of the year I was reminded of God's love and goodness to me, my family and our church family. This past year was not without its challenges. As a staff, we worked hard to find ways to have church 'together' even during those times when being together in person was not possible. There were many occasions in which plans or events had to be canceled or reworked to fit within Public Health recommendations. I am so grateful to work with a group that is always willing to press on, to pray earnestly together and to find ways to move plans forward and ultimately lift up Jesus.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to preach this past summer and to lead worship both on Sunday mornings and at Celebrate Recovery. A great joy has been leading worship at youth group and at a Youth Retreat with a joyful, spirit filled group of musicians. Shout out to Pastor Dana, Pastor Tyler, John Bartlett, Andrew Sabeau, Josh MacFadyen, Robbie Doherty and Dan Thomson who collaborated to make the band "The Bishops". I have had a great time playing with this group and playing a little louder than normal!

I would also like to thank those who have been willing to work with and without me to run some of the tech for our in-person events. Darryl Constable and Ryan Johnston have skillfully worked the sound board and Ethan Johnston has given many hours of his time to run the mixer and the live stream. These gifts of time have offered me a chance to take some time off and this has been a great blessing! Also, a big thanks to Heather Dickinson and Pastor Hannah for running tech during the Women's 'If Conference' allowing me the chance not to attend!

Through the winter and spring, Cornerstone hosted monthly Sports Nights. These events brought lots of people together each month to fellowship and much thanks goes to Amos Baker for his coordination efforts.

Also in the spring, we held a 'Transfixed Worship' conference. Pastor Dana and Richard Lambie shared about different aspect of worship and we were blessed with videos from worship leaders around the world. Pastor Tyler led our leaders and musicians in a practical "how to" demonstration of 'Planning Centre Services' software.

Christmas is always a highlight of the year for me. I was blessed to take part in a worship night at the 'Ground Café' organized by Pastor Dana. This gathering was a mix of Christmas carols and

worship songs lead by different worship leaders. It was a fantastic, unplugged, acoustic singsong that I felt blessed to be involved with.

For the second year in a row, the Christmas at home video was so much fun to make. Thanks to Todd Neilson, Craig Harris and Jon Pearcy for their talented work on the music for the video and again to Pastor Phil, Gordon and Tyler for allowing me to add a blooper section at the end!

I would be remiss if I did not say “thank you” to the Cornerstone body who demonstrated Grace, Patience and Love as we worked through public health changes, snow storms and tech challenges. I have constantly been reminded that no matter how challenging things are “...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39

Pastor Winston

Pastor Hannah's Report

Next Generations Ministry

We have had such an amazing year in our Next Generations Ministries this past year at Cornerstone. We have been richly blessed even in the midst of these times where the pandemic has continued to throw off our rhythms. I am excited to share with you, and for you to hear the voices of some of our ministry leaders as well. It is a true blessing to pastor here at Cornerstone - I am so thankful to be part of the team and am excited for another year of serving God together. 2021 was my second full time year on staff, and with each day I thank God for our church family - one that truly does feel like family!

Student Ministries

Our student ministries in 2021 continued to thrive. Between our Montague and Cornwall student ministries, we have had over 100 teens connect with our weekly gatherings, and over 20 adults who have committed to investing in the lives of our teens in this way by leading week in and week out. Some of our highlights from 2021 include ONE Conference, which we took part in via watch party, Undercurrent, a local service event that took us to all three of our communities (Cornwall/Charlottetown, Stratford, and Montague), and our first Island-wide youth retreat that had over 100 in attendance. Our teens continued to bless us in Cornwall by using their gifts to lead worship on Friday nights - it is truly awesome to see their hearts for worship develop! We also had students sharing testimonies, and even preaching to their peers this year - that was really cool!

We praise God for these times when restrictions allowed us to gather in this way. Beyond our youth group gatherings, Teen Girls and Teen Boys groups have run out of Cornwall this past year and we were so glad to have our teens integrated into events like the IF conference. We saw our church family come around and support our teens who work at Camp Seggie in so many significant ways; one of the fruits of this is the teens who are spreading the name of Jesus in their schools.

Thank you to our church family who invest in our teens in so many different ways - we are seeing Jesus at work in their lives and this ministry is such an encouragement to us!

Hannah Bartlett (Next Generations Pastor)

Children's Ministry

It has been so amazing to serve kids and families even with so many restrictions in place at certain points. We are so blessed to have so many amazing people invest in our children and families over 2021! I am beyond grateful for our Children's Ministry Team who help to lead ministry not only on Sunday mornings but who play a crucial role in shaping family life in our church: We are so thankful for Bethany Robinson who joined our team leading the nursery ministry, Nicole Abriel who continues to serve by leading the team in our preschool ministry, and for Laura Baker who has joined our staff this year as Children's Ministry Facilitator and has been instrumental in creating family connect points and events.

We are glad as well for Joelle Perry who has volunteered to lead Supermix and creates great experiences for our kids in grades 4-6, and Rachel Olesen who helps us to organize all the materials kids use on Sunday mornings.

We want to express gratitude for Victoria Davis who completed her time with us on staff this year; Victoria gave great leadership to our elementary program and in investing in families outside of Sunday morning!

Even with the pandemic, we have enjoyed connecting with kids in the elementary program on Sunday mornings and are thankful for our volunteers who invest weekly in the program. Our volunteers have built on the great environment that has been created in that space and we love that kids are excited to come! A big thanks to Evan Judson and Nikki MacArthur who have volunteered as "point people" for each of our services in elementary each week. It is a blessing to come alongside families as we teach children about Jesus and how we can be more like Him. As we strive to keep serving kids and parents safely through the pandemic, we look forward to all the ways we can connect in 2022.

Hannah Bartlett (Next Generations Pastor)

Nursery (Cornwall)

I started my position as Nursery Coordinator in January of 2021 and I am so thankful for Amy's many years of hard work allowing for a smooth transition. Although we started the year smooth, we saw many changes as we navigated each wave. I am very thankful for the volunteers who willingly took every challenge thrown at them, from extra cleaning to trying to calm an upset little one while wearing a mask and taking on the task of watching a short lesson and doing a colouring sheet with our toddlers.

While this year was an unusual one, we had many new babies and families trusting us to care for their little ones. We saw weeks with very few children in the nursery due to restrictions and yet we saw weeks where we were running out of room with 8-10 infants alone in one service.

I am grateful for the amazing team I get to work alongside and the many volunteers who show up and show these little ones God's love! I can't wait for the year ahead and hope it comes with more growth and many more weeks of a full nursery despite how our year has started out!

Bethany Robinson (Nursery Coordinator)

Preschool (Cornwall)

We started out the year in-person with limited spaces for kids, as we did our best to adhere to the Public Health guidelines, while also creating a fun and safe space for our kids to come on Sunday mornings.

The Sunday morning programming would not have been possible with each and every one of our awesome Cornerstone Kids volunteers (Preschool – 15; Elementary – 39). Their continued patience as volunteer rotations, capacity limits and masking guidelines have been subject to change and, often times, with very little notice and your willingness to continue to serve our church family and remain flexible amidst it all, has encouraged me to no end this past year!

Rachel Olesen has also been a constant help as she has taken on the role of purchasing the supplies and prepping the carts for our Sunday morning programs!

This year, as we changed the structure of Children's Ministry leaders, my role within the church changed and I transitioned from Co-Director of Children's Ministry to Preschool Team Leader. I've enjoyed being able to focus more on the Preschool side of the program, while still helping with big picture children's programming plans/decisions.

It continues to be a joy to teach your kids about who Jesus is and how He calls us to live out the love He has shown to us. Thank you for trusting me with this responsibility and allowing me to teach your kids each week, whether in person or on Facebook Live.

Thank you, parents and guardians, for your continued patience with us, as we seek to have as many kids as we can in the building on Sunday mornings, while also adhering to the Public Health gathering guidelines.

I can't wait for the day where we can have all the kids here together on a Sunday morning!

Nicole Abriel (Preschool Team Leader)

Elders Report

Our second year of doing church together during the pandemic is now behind us. While there have been challenges and frustrations along the way, God has continued to work in the hearts and lives of many through our ministries, and your stories and feedback have been very encouraging. All of our sites have had new people coming to worship and sit under solid teaching, including a significant on-line contingent. While honouring public health guidelines at each step of the way, we have still been able to provide meaningful ways for our congregation to connect and grow in their faith.

We wish to encourage you to participate in our programming, with available opportunities for all age groups, from small group studies, to men's and women's prayer groups, to Mom's group, to Celebrate Recovery, Neighborhood 55, specialized topic sessional programs, and our Youth and Children's ministries. You will increase your connectedness to our church family if you take part, and you will most certainly grow in your faith as well.

Thank you, church family, for your ongoing generosity, which helps to ensure that we can fund our programs and pay our staff and keep our buildings in shape, that we can give generously to our missions partners, help a number of families with food through Kits of Kindness, and also come alongside in a meaningful way financially through our Community Care Fund. We received \$37,000 in 2021 for this program, and have been able to touch lives significantly as a result.

All of our current elders have indicated that they wish to have their names stand for your approval for 2022, and we have three more individuals to present as candidates: Kimberley Jelley and Amos Baker representing Cornwall, and Matt Poole for Montague. We will be sending out brief bios this week on the proposed slate members. We have been asked to explain how we determine who we approach to discuss eldership service. After prayer and discussion, the pastors and current elders suggest names of individuals who would be appropriate candidates. They are expected to exemplify the character traits outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. We want to see that they have a heart and a love for the ministries and service of Cornerstone, and, indeed, they typically are obvious asks due to their present and ongoing dedication and faithful service at Cornerstone. We then disclose the names to the congregation for your input and prayerful consideration, and then the whole team is voted upon by our members at the Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for February 19, 2022.

I wish to thank our gifted and committed pastoral team for their service. We have a great team of supporting staff as well! And, we wouldn't be able to accomplish much at all without the prayers and support and involvement of our volunteers and our whole congregation. I am looking forward to what will be accomplished for our Lord with His faithful guidance in 2022.

In Christ,

David Reid
Elders Chair

Kits of Kindness Ministry

Kits of Kindness Kits of Kindness launched through Cornerstone's Missions Team in October 2020. It began as a response to the issue of food insecurity many school-age children face across our province. These students have access to food support programs during the week, but on the weekends, the hunger gap is real. How it works is simple. School administrators identify students in need and relay their needs to us. Kits of Kindness volunteers shop for food, organize donations, pack bags, and then deliver these bags to schools each Friday. Schools then give these bags to those in need so that no child goes hungry at the end of the week.

All three Cornerstone sites continue to be involved in Kits of Kindness, and other churches have become involved too! Since the fall of 2021, First Baptist, Grace Baptist, True North Community Church, and Kingsboro Baptist Church have all started supporting this ministry in various ways.

Kits of Kindness currently feeds 280 students in 23 schools across our province each week. The list of schools involved is as follows: Charlottetown Rural Junior High (Alt. Ed. Program), Englewood School, East Wiltshire School, Eliot River Elementary, Glen Stewart Primary, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Montague Consolidated School, Miscouche Consolidated School, Morrell Consolidated School, Parkdale Elementary School, Parkside Elementary School, Prince Street Elementary, Queen Charlotte, Queen Elizabeth Elementary, Sherwood Elementary School, Souris Regional School, Southern Kings Consolidated School, Springpark Elementary School, Stratford Elementary School, St. Jean Elementary School, Westwood Primary School, West Kent Elementary, and West Royalty Elementary School.

Schools have been overwhelmed by your generosity, and we, as a church, have been humbled by the need. The response from the Cornerstone community has been amazing, and we are so thankful for your tremendous support. Kits of Kindness is a way for everyone at Cornerstone to become involved. Anytime anyone arrives at one of our sites, they can drop off non-perishable food items in the Kits of Kindness bins. People from Cornerstone regularly order donations for this ministry online.

And we've seen other individuals and organizations across our province becoming involved through offering food, financial support, or their time by joining our packing and delivering teams. The Women's Institute of PEI partnered with us again this year by knitting mitts for each child who receives a food bag. It has been truly amazing to see what God is doing and how He is faithful to provide even as this ministry continues to grow!

We know that hunger goes beyond physical symptoms, it also impacts a child's social, emotional, and academic well-being. The Kits of Kindness team regularly receives feedback from schools about the difference these bags are making in these children's lives, meeting their physical needs, but also giving them the incredible sense that people, they don't even know, care about them. One administrator recently wrote: "You are all appreciated more than you know! Thank you for supporting our families in this way - it is making a big difference in their lives"!

As we seek to feed as many children who need it, our prayer continues to be that these children and their families will feel encouraged and supported and that they will see the heart of the church and the love of Jesus in action.

Kimberley Jelley

Celebrate Recovery Ministry

Celebrate Recovery meetings consist of a delicious meal, live music, teaching, and small group discussions. We have worked with 2 caterers in 2021 who provided nutritious meals that for some participants may be their only meal of the day. Our music, led by members of Cornerstone, is a deeply appreciated time of grounding in the truth of grace and our God and prepares our hearts for the reflection and vulnerability of the evening. The program runs roughly 30 weeks from September into the spring and over the summer we had various opportunities for people to support each other and connect.

Celebrate Recovery is as much a ministry to all of the volunteers who help the program function as it is to the participants. The facilitators and participants who show up each week are bravely choosing to face these struggles and open their lives to have God heal and provide more helpful ways to meet their needs. We have wonderful individuals facilitating the small groups through the curriculum each week. This year we have had 2-3 women's groups and 3 men's groups. Participants have joined us from our 3 sites, other churches, our community, and local rehabilitation programs. In the 2021 spring session, we averaged 45 individuals a night and in the 2021 Fall session we averaged 30 individuals a night.

Our ability to serve people in this way is entirely dependent on the church's support and the individuals that volunteer their time. The number of volunteers to facilitate groups determines the services that we can offer. While we have had smaller numbers this fall, we hope the meaningful depth and growth that individuals experience will result in new volunteers invested in helping others in the future, thus allowing us to expand to offer a more full CR experience.

Celebrate Recovery has been a blessing to so many lives and has proven a real opportunity to build up and support those within our church family at the same time as reaching into our community to do the same. We thank the church for all of the support that has brought this ministry to life. Your prayers and support as we continue the next few months are greatly appreciated.

Matt & Leah MacLeod

2020 Facilities Committee Report – Cornwall Site

In 2021 the Facilities Committee undertook several major maintenance items that had been provided for in the 2021 Budget. These were:

- Replacement of the lower level entry doors. Similar to the main entry doors replaced in 2020, this was a residential level entry system that was seeing commercial/institutional level use.
- Replacement of the compact fluorescent lights in the foyer ceiling with LED units. The compact fluorescent units were deteriorating due to overheating.
- Pressure washing of the north side of the building exterior.

Routine maintenance continued as usual during the year. Some of this is done by Spring and Fall work parties. The Committee appreciates members of the congregation who come out to help. Work done at these times includes:

- Clean filters in sanctuary projectors
- Replace burnt out light bulbs and clean fixtures. Some groups of light bulbs are replaced periodically on a planned basis.
- Empty canisters for the three central vacuum units
- Clean filters in the five mini-split heat pumps
- General clean up of yard (Spring)
- Stake parking lot areas for snow clearing (Fall)
- Test emergency lighting units (Fall)
- Other cleaning or minor repair work as needed

On behalf of the congregation, I want to thank the other members of the Facilities Committee (Chad Gibbons, Ryan Johnston, Jon Levy, Doug MacDonald, Wendy Morrison, Kendall Schurman, Corey Tremere, Phil Woodworth and Bob Younker) for their contributions during 2021.

In addition, a special thanks to:

- Wanda Newson for her cleaning work as Janitor, assisted by Krista Newson
- Ryan Johnston for taking the lead on grass cutting, along with his team of volunteers from the congregation. Ryan has indicated that 2021 was his last year for this ministry, and in 2022 we will be looking for someone to take over this responsibility from Ryan.
- Wendy Morrison for taking the lead on landscaping, along with her team of volunteers from the congregation

Paul Dennis

Chair, Facilities Committee – Cornwall Site

Cornerstone Records Information - 2021

Number of Baptisms for 2021: 19

January 24, 2021

Cleon Fox

Melissa LeBlanc

Easter Sunday – April 4th

Andrew Levy

Siena MacFadyen

Skylar Fairhurst

Shaiyan Pyfrom

Emily Gosbee

Candace MacAulay

Jillian West

September 12, 2021

Vincent Korbett

Mikayla Gill

October 9

Stephanie Lannoix

October 10

Jessa Clark

Tori MacFadyen

Kenya MacFadyen

Charlotte Thompson

Autumn Nielson

Annalise Levy

October 10

Deborah Montgomery

Cornerstone Membership as of February 14, 2021 - 198

New Cornerstone Members in 2020: 20

Member(s) who passed away in 2021:

Reva MacPhee

Current Members: 192 (as of February 6, 2022)

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Josh Andrews
Lindsay Andrews
Deborah Annear
Donnie Arsenault
Julie Arsenault
Jon Ball
Natasha Ball
Ross Barnes
Sheila Barnes
Dan Bartlett
Anne Bartlett
John Bartlett
Hannah Bartlett
Cindy Beharrell
Jonathan Bell
Joasia Bell
Scott Bell
Kelly Blanchard
Nora Boyle
Mike Bredin
Kelly Brown
Jerrod Brown
Carolyn Brown
Doug Brown
Matthew Brown
Isaac Cahill
Heidi Carmichael
Colleen Carter
Ricky Cheverie
Karen Cheverie
Penny Ching
Darryl Constable
Beth Constable
Carol Cruikshank
Ruby Cudmore
Allan Cullingworth
Pam Cullingworth
Paul Dennis
Velvet Dennis
Gordon Dickinson
Allan Dockendorff
Russell Dockendorff
Ruth Dockendorff
Cindy Dockendorff

Janet Docherty
Carla Doiron
Susan Donovan
Peter Dunfield
Lloyd Evans
Omolayo Faromika
William Flemming
Stephanie Ford
Nick Fraser
Ethan Garrett
Michael Ghiz
Maha Ghiz
Jad Ghiz
Joanna Ghiz
Keith Goddard
Kelly Goddard
Heartz Godkin
Della Godkin
Jenine Gosbee
Betty Griffin
Tavie Ingersoll
Mary-Jean Irving
Gail Janes
Nancy Jay
Kimberley Jelley
Mark Jelley
Deborah Jenkins
Don Jenkins
Ken Jones
Margaret Jones
Cameron Kemp
Janet Kemp
Cynthia Kennedy
Gordie Kirkpatrick
Lori Kirkpatrick
Greg Larsen
Donalda Larsen
Florence Leech
Peter Lemoine
Cherie LeMoine
Micaela LeMoine
Jonathan Levy
Pamela Levy
Glen Lewis
Jean Lewis

Steven Locke
Angela Locke
Nikki MacArthur
Trent MacDonald
Linda MacDonald
Elizabeth MacDonald
Sandie MacDonald
Doug MacDonald
Jennifer MacDonald
Shawn MacDougall
Julie MacDougall
Brenda MacGregor
Janet MacKenzie
Sally MacKenzie
Krista MacLean
Troy MacLean
Matt MacLeod
Leah MacLeod
Edith MacLeod
Scott MacLeod
Marina MacLeod
Henry Maiorino
Patty Maiorino
Faith MacLeod
Barry MacPhee
Kevin MacPhee
Rebecca MacPhee
Mark McGuire
Peter McLaine
Janice McLaine
Matthew McNally
Katie McNally
Lila Mermuys
Betty Moore
Wendy Morrison
Heather Muncey
Vince Murnaghan
Judy Murnaghan
Janet Neill
Wanda Newson
Anne Nicolle
Joel Ninaber
Kelsey Ninaber
Billy Partridge
Joe Perry

Roberta Perry
Donna Pippy
Amber Poole
Matthew Poole
Halie Proude
Tyler Proude
Cyndi Proude
Kevin Proude
Angela Pursey
Valerie Rae
Dewey Rector
Jean Rector
David Reid
Heather Reid
Simon Reid
Shannon Reid
Bethany Robinson
Michael Robinson
Rebekah Rowledge
Vince Ryan
Barb Ryan
Andrew Sabean
Jill Sabean
Dean Scheepers
Sarah Scheepers
Richard Schipper
Barb Schipper
Clara Seeley
Shirley Simmons
Olive Skinner
Tom Skinner
Jim Slater
Isabelle Slater
Bill Smith
Anne Smith
Sidney Smith
Glenna Smith
Louise Smith
Sara Sorenson
Wilhelmina Stevenson
Valerie Stewart
Danny Stretch

Erin Stretch
Krystle Taylor
Sharon Thompson
Darren Walsh
Eileen Walsh
Brian Weatherbee
Heather Weatherbee
Robert Wood
Joyce Wood
Phil Woodworth
Amy Woodworth
Natalie Worthen
Dick Young
Susan Young
Sandra Young
Donna Younker