



**The church sanctuary, hallway, classroom and Sunday School room were beautifully decorated for Advent. Our church felt so warm and inviting. Thanks to all who participated.**



## GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Thanks for the positive feedback from our December Newsletter. We will be including birthdays and anniversaries that were in our 2022 calendar unless you let us know otherwise. Email your celebration to [barbross1961@gmail.com](mailto:barbross1961@gmail.com) so we can include it in future newsletters. Our newsletter was emailed to over 50 households and a few print copies were also distributed. If there is a topic you would like to see included, let us know! Always looking for new ideas and of course if you would like to be a part of the newsletter team, volunteers are always welcome.

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## TIME FOR A CHUCKLE

### THREE HYMNS

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Millie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

**1-Happy New Year!**

**1-Worship time now at 9:30**

**4-Happy Birthday John Leitch**

**18-WMS Meeting at 1:30**

**18-Crinan WI Dessert Tea & Card Party 1:30**

**20-WMS Snow Date**

**25-Robbie Burns Birthday**



**Coming February 26 is an Afternoon in Scotland at WEDS. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Ron or Barb. The program starts at 1:30. Bob Finlay, pipes and drums and Scottish snacks are the highlights.**





## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**The Sunday School, together with Wilma Boyce, put on a Christmas service on Sunday, December 4. We had lots of music, a skit and an exercise break. The theme of the skit was one we could all relate to. Sometimes we get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of baking, decorating, finding the perfect gift, that we forget the real meaning of Christmas. This certainly was true for the Mother in this skit. She was exhausted from all of the pressures. She fell asleep but was awakened by the advent angels of Love, Peace, Joy and Hope. Mom was quickly reminded of the real meaning of Christmas. Thanks to the Lergie Acting Troupe. Everyone appreciates your willingness to “put yourselves out there!” The service was topped off with a delicious potluck lunch.**



## **LADIES AID AND WMS NEWS**

**The Ladies Aid and WMS group met on November 30 for our regular meeting combined with a Christmas brunch. Our group is small but mighty. Although we only have an average of 8 ladies at our meetings, we continue to fundraise, support local charitable groups, and stay active within our church community. As we have several community members who are unable to attend church due to health issues, we put together and delivered 8 Christmas packages. We hope that they continue to feel that they are an important part of our church family and pray that they are able to join us when their health permits.**



**Our next meeting is January 18 at 1:30. The program committee is Lin McCann and Barb Ross. Marguerite Boyd and Jackie Leitch are on for snacks.**

**Some more pictures from our Sunday School service on December 4.**



**Angels and children from the play. "Mom" is on the previous page.**

**We had an "In Memory" candle dedication to remember those who are no longer with us.**



## **WMS RECIPES FROM 2022**

### **Maple Shortbread Cookies – Delicious!**

**Lynda Drummelsmith**

#### **Ingredients:**

1 c. butter

½ c. maple syrup

2 c. flour (see below for gluten free option)

¼ tsp. salt

#### **Preparation:**

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Beat butter and maple syrup together with an electric mixer until smooth. Stir flour and salt together in separate bowl.

Gradually mix flour mixture into butter until just incorporated. Form mixture into balls. Flatten gently and arrange on baking sheet.

Bake in preheated oven 10-12 minutes (until lightly browned).

For gluten free cookies use 3 c. almond flour. Make sure dough can be rolled into small balls without sticking to hand.





Thanks to Gord and Bernice Keene for taking on the duties as our Church Custodians for the past two years. We appreciate all of your efforts in keeping our building clean. Best wishes for good health and joy in the upcoming year. On behalf of Duff Church Largie, thank you!

Today I pray for you:  
A heart free of sadness,  
A mind free of worries,  
A life full of gladness,  
A body free of illness,  
And a spirit full of God's  
blessings!  
Good morning!



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#### PRAY FOR....

- ✓ Those dealing with medical issues, surgeries, illness, treatment
- ✓ Families and individuals dealing with loss
- ✓ People having financial challenges
- ✓ Individuals, families, communities and countries affected by natural disaster, war and poverty
- ✓ People dealing with mental health challenges and the services that support them

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023..

- ❖ Begin the day with a positive thought
- ❖ Exercise
- ❖ Surround yourself with gentle, loving people
- ❖ Attend in person or virtual church
- ❖ Give thanks for your many blessings
- ❖ Smile at strangers
- ❖ Treat others respectfully
- ❖ Accept what you can't change
- ❖ Pray for peace

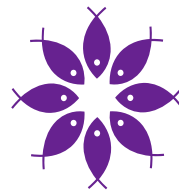


## SESSION UPDATE

**The last regular meeting of Session was December 7. The church is complying with the Leading with Care document ensuring there are smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and exit signs within the building. The following are updates from the meeting:**

- elders visits to start**
- internet is coming soon**
- communion in February**

**Next Session meeting is February 8 at 7 pm.**



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Source: <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

## MOMS AND TOTS

Since our last newsletter, Moms and Tots met only one time in December. Our theme for this session was “Snow”. Although we didn’t have any of the white stuff to play in, we did read about it and built a felt snowman on the easel. Thanks to Vicky at the library for the use of her resources. We also sang Frosty and the children made a “snow” craft. Seven children ages 6 months to almost 3 years old along with their caregiver, enjoyed our time together. Our Christmas Story time on December 23 was cancelled due to weather. See you all again Friday, January 13, 2023. So much joy and community warmth at these days!

The Sunday School bought and delivered gift bags to 5 families for a total of 13 children. Each bag included a Christmas story for the children to enjoy along with a toy and mitts.



## FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers met in November. A group was formed to install the smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers in order to comply with the Leading by Care document. They also did some maintenance in the bathroom. A coat of paint will complete the job. Thanks! They are still awaiting quotes for the jobs agreed upon in the fall.



**Congratulations**  
**to**  
**Matt Minnema**  
**and**  
**Nicole Huckle**  
**on their**  
**recent engagement!**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**