

## SPRING GREETINGS

As I'm preparing this newsletter, the day started out with some sunshine and now there's a Largie Clipper going through! I can't see the church because it's snowing so hard! Oh March is giving us a run for our money! This month entered like a lion with freezing rain on February 27 and is exiting just as fiercely on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March! In contrast, the Ides of March was a sunny day with almost double digits! We appreciate the longer hours of light now that we have adjusted to the spring ahead time change. Hoping for more days filled with sunshine and warmer temperatures..and less mud!

Email Barb Ross at [barbross1961@gmail.com](mailto:barbross1961@gmail.com) or call (519)878-9736 if there is something you would like to see included in our newsletter or if you would like to join the team! Please share our news with neighbours and friends.

## WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

Church contact information is as follows:

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Pastoral Visitor & Pulpit Supply-Wilma Boyce (226)504-3224

Clerk of Session – Paul McWilliam (519)878-7224

Check the church website for additional updates at <https://pccweb.ca/duffchurch/>

We also have a Facebook page!



<https://www.facebook.com/people/Duff-Presbyterian-Church-Largie/100070608482586/>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL?

2-PALM SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE & BRUNCH @ 9:30

7-GOOD FRIDAY JOINT SERVICE @10 IN LARGIE

9-EASTER SERVICE @9:30

11-ANNUAL MEETING @ 7 PM

12-WMS MEETING @ 1:30

12-SESSION MEETING @ 7 PM

14-LARGIE PLAYGROUP @ 10

19-CRINAN WI CARD PARTY 1:30

21-QUIZ NIGHT AT CRINAN CC

23-HAPPY BIRTHDAY RYLEIGH ALDERTON

28-LARGIE PLAYGROUP

28-CARD MARKING AT CHURCH @ 6:30. LIMITED NUMBERS. \$25



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS GROWING

**Welcome to the McMillan family. On Sunday, March 26, Grant and Jade McMillan presented their four children for baptism: Victor, Oaklynn, Ivan and Blanche McMillan. As well, Jade confirmed her faith. What a wonderful celebration to witness!**



### TIME FOR A CHUCKLE

**Q: What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?**

**A: A receding hareline.**

.....  
**I was going to tell you a joke about an egg,  
but it's not all it's cracked up to be!**  
.....

**Therapist: What's been up lately?**

**Chocolate Bunny: I don't know Doc, I just  
feel so hollow inside!**  
.....

**Q: What did the magician say after the rabbit  
vanished?**

**A: Hare today, gone tomorrow!**  
.....

**Q: What's the best way to make Easter  
easier?**

**A: Put an "l" where the "t" is!**

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### WMS RECIPES

**Drop Cookies- Jackie Leitch**

**1 cup brown sugar**

**1 egg**

**2/3 cup butter**

**1 teaspoon vanilla**

**1 teaspoon soda (dissolve in hot  
water)**

**1-3/4 cups flour**

**1/2 teaspoon baking powder**

**Dates, nuts, chocolate chips or  
any fruit may be added.**

**Combine butter and sugar well.**

**Beat in egg. Add remaining  
ingredients, mix well. Drop by  
teaspoonful on ungreased  
cookie sheet.**

**325 degrees F for 12 minutes**

**Enjoy**



## Dessert Tea & Card Party

**Presented by the Crinan Women's Institute**

**Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 1:30pm**

**\*weather permitting\* \$5 Admission**

**Crinan Community Centre**

**13568 Dunborough Line**

**Dutton, ON N0L 1J0**

**Call Jackie @ (519) 762-5294 if interested in attending**

## **FROM THE PULPIT....**

**Pastor Wilma Boyce**

### **At Easter ...**

**It is Jesus who steps across the wide gulf of shame that opened between him and his disciples, and it is Jesus who begins again on the old friendly trustful terms, and draws nearer still to them. He has paid the price – it is the breaking in of heaven on earth – Jesus -**

**Jesus is infinitely patient in bringing each of his close friends and disciples into the light – into believing in him. Jesus is infinitely patient in bringing us out of the darkness and into the light too. And when we are in the light, we are to be infinitely patient with others that Jesus is bringing into the light.**

***“He is not simply a model for life,” the theologian Barclay writes, “he is a living presence to help us live.”* He is not merely a hero of the past; he is a living reality of the present”.**

**The resurrection is the central event of the Bible – it is the foundation of our faith. Without this reversal of the shamefulness of the cross Jesus’ death would have atoned for nothing. The resurrection shows us Jesus is who he said he is and his word is true.**

**Scripture does not give an eye-witness account of the moment when Jesus burst forth from the grave on that first Easter morning - no person saw Jesus exit the tomb,.... but *many saw the risen Christ Jesus*. When the stone was rolled away and the tomb is empty of Jesus, we got our first glimpse of a new world. It is a world where death doesn’t have the last word, where injustice and innocent suffering is made right, by the intrusion of a powerful God.**

**We cannot make people believe - we can tell the resurrection story as the Scriptures teach us, the rest is God’s work, now as it was then - heaven breaking in –**

**It is a faith story, ... believe it! Jesus has risen!**





**Assembly line for take out spaghetti dinners.**

**Nothing got pasta those folks!**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**The Sunday School had a very busy March. It was all hands on deck for the Spaghetti Take Out Dinner on March 10 and the Lasagna Dine In/Take Out Dinner on March 11. Our preparations began after Playgroup on March 9 and we turned the lights out after the meal on March 10. We joked that perhaps we should take our sleeping bags and camp out! Both dinners were sold out and diners both in and out seemed to enjoy their meal. Thanks to all the extra hands that helped make these fundraisers possible. For those who opted to Dine In for the Lasagna dinner, it was the first in person event we have hosted since the pandemic. It sure felt great to enjoy a meal with friends. After the dinner, David and Ron ran a competitive game of Jeopardy, complete with Final Jeopardy and prizes. A fun evening was had by all.**



**The cooks are in the kitchen!**

## MISSION MOMENT

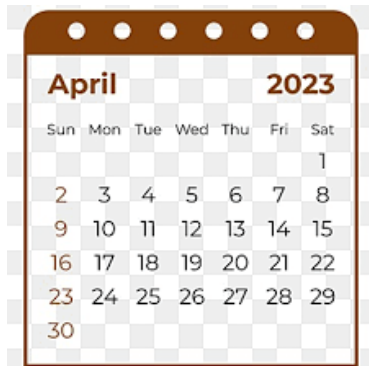


**Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC's New Beginnings program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward. With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.**

**Source:** <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/mission-moments/>

### **SESSION UPDATE**

**The next Session meeting is  
April 12 at 7 pm.**



### **FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGAERS**

**New lights were installed in the church classroom and kitchen area in time for the Lasagna Dinner in March. What a difference the LED lighting makes. Thanks to the Ladies Aid for funding this upgrade. Stay tuned for further project updates.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANT AND JADE MCMILLAN ON THE BIRTH OF  
THEIR DAUGHTER, BLANCHE VELLETTA MAY MCMILLAN**



**A SISTER FOR VICTOR, OAKLYNN AND IVAN**



## Time to Test Your Brain

Submitted by Lin McCann

Taken from The Station at the River by Norman McWilliam



In 1955 a picture was taken of Duff Church Choir

1) How many choir members are in the picture?

17, 25 or 28

2) In what year did Helen Duncanson become the Church Organist?

1940, 1944, 1948

3) In what year was the Ladies Aid of Duff Church Largie organized?

1890, 1892, 1894

4) True or False

In 1902 the Ladies Aid provided funds for the purchase of the first organ used in public worship at Duff Church.

**ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 9**

## LADIES AID AND WMS NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

The Ladies group met on March 8, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. in the church classroom.

President Lin reported that our group will once again be able to work the Tea Room at the Bobier Villa. Dates are still being organized. At 2:00 a very informative presentation - "INR" It's Not Right was given by President Lin McCann, sponsored by Elder Abuse Elgin. Light refreshments were served after. The ladies served a luncheon following the Baptism of the McMillan Children, on March 26. Ladies are reminded that the next meeting is April 12 @ 1:30 p.m. Program Committee - Marguerite Boyd, Jackie Leitch

Lunch Committee- Lin McCann, Lynda Drummelsmith

### HOMEMADE CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 @ Largie Church @ 6:30

Snacks & Refreshments provided



Join us to make 12 cards plus a surprise!

\$25 - \*\*Limited spots available\*\*

Pre-registration only by April 20 by calling

Lin McCann 519-859-2534



## **LARGIE PLAYGROUP**

March was a mixture of St. Patrick's Day and Easter for our Playgroup. We matched up leprechauns, four leaf clovers, hats, and pots of gold on our clothesline. The children are really quick at finding the match for the lone item! After a story about St. Patrick's Day, they made a pot of gold filled with treats to take home. A Paw Patrol story about Easter was a hit on March 24. They had fun naming the characters and finding the items on the page. This week's craft was an Easter bag decorated with stickers and filled with healthy snacks. Our times together are filled with singing, a story, craft, and play time. We welcome preschoolers and their caregiver to come whenever you can. We meet the second and fourth Friday of each month at 10. See you soon!



**A very happy camper!**

### **Answers to Trivia**

- 1) 25**
- 2) 1944**
- 3) 1894**
- 4) True**



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