

SEPTEMBER GREETINGS

Where did the summer go? I took a look at the June greetings and at that time it was very dry and we were hoping that Mother Nature would bless us with a little moisture. Well, I guess the saying, "be careful what you wish for" definitely played true this summer. Such extreme rainfalls! The weather was certainly one of the top 5 conversation starters! Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and were able to see friends and family and create some new memories. This newsletter will be short. Be certain to check out the dates of events happening this month. Enjoy the fall colours.

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

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We also have a Facebook page!

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

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Sept. 3–Return to regular worship @ 9:30 am

Sept. 3–Happy birthday, Gerald Boyd

Sept. 4–Labour Day

Sept.10-Elder Training for Pastoral Visiting

Sept. 15-17-Rodney Fair

Sept.24-Duff Largie 168th Anniversary Service @ 11 am

Sept. 29-Oct.1- Wallacetown Fair

Sept. 30-National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Top picture is July 28 and bottom is July 29.

FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The summer has been busy with projects progressing and items being stroked off the list! The exterior windows are currently being painted. The electrical in the sanctuary was updated to accommodate the new sound system and televisions and to elimiate the need for extension cords. New siding for the Sunday School room has been delivered and Rev. Jim Patterson and his family have offered to install it Labour Day weekend. Thank you Patterson family! The exterior doors are still on the list for this year, so hopefully they will be replaced before the snow flies. We will have pictures projects for the October newsletter.

We welcome Monique Lunn as our new Treasurer. We will share her with Argyle Crinan.



WELCOME MONIQUE!

SESSION UPDATE

A reminder that worship time beginning September 3, will return to 9:30. Hope to see you there.

Internet has been installed at the church and the sound system has been updated. We look forward to using both of these in September.

Duff Largie will celebrate its 168th anniversary service on Sunday, September 24 at 11 am. Pastor Wilma Boyce will be our leader and our guest speaker will be Rev. Darin MacKinnon of Spring Park United Church, Charlottetown, PEI. He will virtually present his message. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

The elders will be participating in a training workshop for pastoral visiting on September 10 at Knox Presbyterian church Fingal.

Communion will be held on Sunday, October 15th with Rev. Jim Patterson.

A SUMMER ADVENTURE

This summer I was invited to pick elderberries at my cousin's garden. As I had never done this before, I showed up with a pint box and a large yogurt container. Her response was, "That won't even get you to first base!" I was also prepared to pick the elderberries from the vine. I didn't know that I just had to snap off the branch, take them home and then strip the elderberries! My goodness, I would still be there picking if I did it my way! Needless to say after freezing 18 cups of elderberries, I made, for the first time an elderberry pie! I will certainly be doing this again! I'm sure you have your favourite elderberry pie recipe, but here's the one I used. Maybe we can share recipes to be published in the upcoming issues. Email me your favourite recipe. I know there are LOTS of great cooks (male and female) out there. Don't be shy!



Elderberry Pie

YIELD: 9 inch pie

Filling

4 c. elderberries, stemmed

1 c. sugar

3-4 tbsp. cornstarch

2 tbsp. lemon juice

½ c. water (elderberry juice or elderberry tea could be used)

1.Clean and stem the berries. Place sugar, and water in a saucepan large enough to hold all the filling. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring to dissolve.

2.Add elderberries and lemon juice and cook another 2-3 minutes until heated through. Set aside to cool slightly while you prepare the crust.

3. Roll your crust into a 9" pie plate. Fill it with the elderberry pie filling and then top with the second half of the crust (lattice top or solid top).

4.Seal the edges, and optionally brush the top with milk or egg white for a golden crust. Sprinkle sugar over top.

5.Bake at 425 for 30 minutes and then reduce temperature to 350 for an additional 20 to 30 minutes until crust is brown and filling bubbly.

Cool and serve with ice cream!

WMS JUNE MEETING

The WMS met on June 14 for our regular meeting. Kathy Minnema and Barb Ross were on the lunch committee. We decided to have a “tea party” and had the café in Dutton, “Two Old Crows” cater our lunch. They did a wonderful job of preparing an assortment of fancy sandwiches, homemade scones, carrot cake, chocolate covered apricots, squares, and a few specialty teas. They even sent homemade cranberry sauce, cream cheese icing and other condiments. We set the table with china tea cups and saucers and fresh peonies. A fine lunch fit for a fine bunch of ladies.



We were happy to have Donna Lunn from Harvest Bowl speak to us about food insecurity and how their organization has evolved. Harvest Bowl is a non-profit organization that in 2018 started a gleaning program with local farmers to dehydrate unused crops and turn the dehydrated product into soup mixes for the local food banks and area shelters. Her presentation was very interesting and it was heart warming to hear that so much is being done to reduce the “toss offs” from gardens and fields.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Facebook has a site called Dutton Dunwich Heritage Committee and on Civic Holiday weekend, Nancy West (Henderson), posted a comment about the Highland Games and how we would all be going home weary from a weekend of working, serving meals, and of course enjoying the pipes. She included this poem, by Maude McWilliam. She gave us permission to print it in our newsletter. It is untitled.

I left my heart in the Highlands,
For I loved every heather – clad glen,
And in dreams I'll return to the islands,
Though I never see Scotland again.
For with every new scene I'd discover,
With lowlands and uplands to roam,
I felt as I trod on the heather,
That somehow, at last I'd come home.
And I lingered long at Culloden,
Where the Clansmen fought bravely and well,
In a fateful and useless rebellion,
And buried each clan where it fell.
And I knelt at the graves of my kinsmen,
And I mourned like the lassies of old,
As they wept for the husbands and sweethearts,
Their heroes so brave and so bold.
For the brave men who died at Culloden,
Who laid down their lives all in vain,
As they fought for the freedom of Scotland,
The freedom they could not regain.
And the wind as it sweeps o'er the moorlands,
Seems to grieve with a mournful refrain,
For the lads who came down from the Highlands,
And who never returned again.

Maude McWilliam

(1898 – 1973)

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ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTDOOR SERVICE AND POTLUCK

This year's service was held on Sunday, June 3 and the weather couldn't have been better. We were fortunate to have sunshine and warm temperatures so that sitting outside was pleasant. Our service was based on the parable of the lost sheep with a skit, words of reflection and music such as the Baa Baa song! We even included a line dance called "I am the Good Shepherd"! Check it out on YouTube if you're curious. There was a great collection of tractors on display as well. We capped the morning off with a bountiful potluck lunch. Thanks to everyone for making this such a special day.

Here's our crowd watching us perform our skit, "The Parable of the Lost Sheep".





Line dancing to "Spirit in the Sky". We even picked up some audience participation!



Tractors for big boys
and bigger boys!

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

We had a great summer at Playgroup with 3 pool parties and one time at the church where our theme was “Ice Cream”. We even sampled some ice cream after our story and songs. Our pool parties were a hit with everyone enjoying the water and time together. Although two of our times were a little cool and overcast, the other time had full sun complete with lots of laughter and happy swimmers. Pretty hard to beat sun and water! We will return to regular times at the church beginning September 22. We are losing a few children to school and hope that they will return on a PD Day and also hoping that maybe to have some new friends join us. Remember, Playgroup is the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month beginning at 10 am. See you there! Here’s some summer time photos.



Whatever floats your boat!



Getting inside the box is much more fun than playing with the toys!



What do you get you combine sunshine and water?

Happy Faces!



DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 27 FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE