

## DECEMBER GREETINGS

Where has the year gone? This is the 1 year anniversary for our Newsletter! Thanks for all of the positive feedback. This really is a wonderful piece of history that we are creating each month when reporting the events and projects that are happening in our church and within our community. I looked at last December's Newsletter to see what was "on the books" and did up a little "report card" for Session and Board of Managers. It's quite remarkable how much we have done the past 12 months. We wish you a blessed Christmas season filled with love, joy and time with family and friends. Merry Christmas to all!

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 have something to contribute. 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

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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/>

## DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Worship Service time is 9:30**

**5-Happy Birthday Garrett Veenema**

**8-Playgroup @ 10 am**

**10- Family Christmas Service & Potluck 9:30. All are welcome!**

**13-WMS Meeting @ 1:30**

**19-Happy Birthday Jackson Minnema**

**22-Playgroup @ 10 am**

**24-Coffee before Worship Service at Largie @ 9:30**

**24-Christmas Eve Service at Crinan @ 7 pm. All are invited**

**25-Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!**

**29-Happy Birthday Jeff Woods**

**29-Deadline for January Newsletter**

**31-New Year's Eve**

**January 7 – Worship Service begins at 11 am**



## **SESSION UPDATE - Submitted by Paul McWilliam**

**Reminder that Dec 24 regular services in morning. Christmas Eve service in Crinan at 7 pm. Session members are starting to do visits to the congregation families. If you would like a visit and no one has reached out please let me know and one will be arranged. Worship will be at 11 am for 2024 beginning January 7.**

**Session is still looking for your response to two questions:**

- 1. Are you interested in setting up a preauthorized payment plan for your Church givings?**
- 2. Are you interested in having joint communion services with Crinan?**

**Please give these items consideration and let a session member know your thoughts.**

**Largie Session and congregation express their condolences to Monique Lunn and her family in the passing of her Father, Ross Lunn. Please keep the Lunn family in your thoughts and prayers.**

### **REFLECTIONS FROM DECEMBER 2022**

- ✓ **Newsletter**
- ✓ **Praise songs before Worship Service**
- ✓ **Internet**
- ✓ **Leading with Care – Largie is in compliance**
- ✓ **Field trip to St. Lawrence church in London to check out their sound system**
- ✓ **Sound system upgraded**

**All items from the December 2022 Newsletter have been completed!**



**WORSHIP TIME FOR 2024**

**IS**

**11:00**

**BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2024**

## LOST AND FOUND



Anyone recognize these gloves? They were left at the church after the service on November 26. Call Barb (519)878-9736 if they are yours or if you know the owner.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 10, 2024 for An Afternoon in Scotland. Tickets are now available and would make a wonderful Christmas gift! See, call or text Ron for tickets.



## An Afternoon in Scotland



*An Afternoon of Entertainment, Music, Dance  
and Appreciation of our Scottish Heritage*

### Featuring:

- ♦ Musician - Bob Finlay ♦
- ♦ Singer - Tracy Gordon ♦
- ♦ Pipes & Drums ♦

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Doors Open at 1:00pm  
Entertainment Begins at 1:30pm

WEDS Theatre 199 Currie Rd., Dutton

**\$25 per person**

*Limited seating available*

*Scottish snacks  
will be served at intermission*

### FOR TICKETS, CONTACT:

Ron Ross 519-762-1120  
Jerry Galbraith 519-768-2700  
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## **LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS**

**Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith**

**The Ladies group met on Nov. 8, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom. The meeting began with a lunch which included a delicious carrot cake and other sweets along with coffee and tea.**

**The tea room at the Bobier Villa, on Nov. 5 was well attended. Thank you to Marguerite and Jackie for working at the Tea Room and thank you to Kathy Minnema and Lin McCann for purchasing the cookies.**

**Coffee hour after Church on Nov. 15 was cancelled as it coincided with the Lions Club breakfast. We will look at future coffee hours in the New Year.**

**Ladies were reminded that the decorating of the church for the Advent and Christmas season is to be completed for the December 3 service.**

**Kathy, Lin, and Barb volunteered to coordinate the Potluck Lunch following the Family Christmas Service on December 10.**

**The ladies prepared and served a delicious light lunch following the service on November 26. We were thrilled as 3 young children were baptized and welcomed into our congregation.**

**Lin McCann and Marguerite Boyd conducted a very interesting and meaningful program on Remembrance. The hymn "Abide with Me" was sung. Devotions from Romans 12 was read. Articles titled "We Will Remember Them," and "A Living Sacrifice" were shared. "Unshared Memories" written by Ian Cummings was read. It spoke of how the thoughts and feelings of WWI veterans were not shared, but there was always a quiet understanding among comrades. It spoke of the sleepless nights for those who waited at home.**



**The meeting was closed with prayer.**

**Reminder our next meeting is on December 13, at 1:30 p.m.**

**Thanks to Dianne for making and decorating a beautiful cake for our meeting.**



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we now have a lovely glass cabinet that displays some of our history. This month, I have chosen to share a couple of pictures of the choir from days gone by. Largie had quite a choir in its day. If you have any tidbits that you would like to share, please pass them along. Below is a picture from 1955.





**Above is the shelf in our display cabinet of choir history with pictures, hymn books, choir music, and the most recent gown.**





**MOCK APPLE PIE - Submitted by Sue Van Dam**

**Prep time: 15 minutes   Cook time: 40 minutes   Total time: 55 minutes**

**INGREDIENTS**

**PIE:**

**2 c. water**

**1 c. sugar**

**2 tsp. cream of tartar**

**30 buttery round crackers**

**½ tsp. ground cinnamon**

**1 tbsp. lemon juice**

**1 (9 inch) prepared pie shell**



**TOPPING:**

**1 c. crushed buttery round crackers**

**½ c. packed brown sugar**

**½ tsp. ground cinnamon**

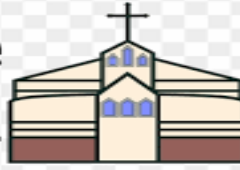
**1/3 c. butter, melted**

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Preheat the oven to 425°F.**

**Make the pie: bring water, sugar, and cream of tartar to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Drop in whole crackers and boil for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and pour mixture into pie shell; sprinkle with cinnamon and drizzle with lemon juice. Make the topping: mix crushed crackers, brown sugar, melted butter and cinnamon together in a small bowl; sprinkle over pie filling. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 375°F and continue to bake for 15-20 minutes more. Serve warm.**

**Welcome**  
to our  
**Church Family**



**On Sunday, November 26, we were happy to welcome the Alderton family into our church family. What a wonderful addition! Children in our church gives us hope for growth.**





## **BOARD OF MANAGERS - Submitted by Ron Ross**

**The December 2022 Newsletter listed a number of projects to be completed. Here's our report card:**

- ✓ **Church classroom floor**  
**Front and side doors – quoted and in progress**
- ✓ **Sunday School Classroom siding**  
**Attic insulation – tabled**  
**Cupboards around the breaker panels – quoted & to be installed**
- ✓ **Upgrade lighting in church classroom to LED**
- ✓ **Installation of low clearance fans**
- ✓ **Completion of bathroom renovations**
- ✓ **Compliance with Leading with Care**



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND POTLOCK**



*Join us on December 10 at 9:30 for our Sunday School Family Christmas service. We will have lots of music, interaction, and lessons celebrating the season! Let's fill the pews! Bring your favourite food for the potluck after.*



### **Riddle #1**

**What did the snow woman do to the snowman when she was upset with him?**

**Answer: She gave him the cold shoulder.**

### **Riddle #2**

**What did the bald man say when someone gave him a comb for Christmas?**

**Answer: Thanks, I'll never part with it.**

### **SOMETHING REALLY CHEAP**

**On Christmas Eve, John Doe thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for the next day. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be. Unable to decide, our hero entered a popular department store. Once in the cosmetics section he asked the girl, 'How about some perfume?'**

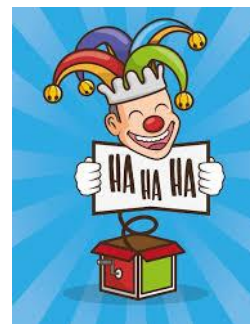
**She showed him a bottle costing \$200. 'Too expensive,' muttered John.**

**The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$100. 'Oh dear,' John moaned, 'still far too much.'**

**Growing rather annoyed at Mr. Doe's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny \$50 bottle and offered it to him.**

**John became really agitated, 'What I mean', he whined, 'is I'd like to see something really cheap.'**

**So the sales girl handed him a mirror.**





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



## **MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, December 3**

In Malawi, Jennifer joined a program for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) supported by PWS&D. When she was in Grade 5, Jennifer lost both of her parents to HIV and was cared for by her great-aunt. Jennifer is also HIV positive and is undergoing treatment.

Through the OVC program, Jennifer received training in tailoring as well as beekeeping. Now 19 years old, Jennifer has just had her first honey harvest, yielding 5 kg of honey, which she sold to buy food. Jennifer now dreams of volunteering with a local tailor, hoping to secure a paid job in the field. With the skills she learned from this program, Jennifer is able to live positively with HIV and earn a livelihood to support herself.

## **DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, December 3** Nourish us with hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

**Monday, December 4** We pray for students from theological colleges who will be graduating in December.

**Tuesday, December 5** Pray for the spirit of resilience to move among refugees around the world and remember the PWS&D work that helps protect their rights.

**Wednesday, December 6 (National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women)** We pray for the healing and wellbeing of women who experience violence and for God's guidance that we may build communities that do not tolerate misogyny and gender-based violence.

**Thursday, December 7** We pray for those who find this time of year a time of mourning and sadness.

**Friday, December 8** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island.



## **LARGIE PLAYGROUP**

**November was a blast at Playgroup! On November 10 our theme was monkeys. We read a story called, Five Little Monkeys Play Hide and Seek. Oh, how these monkeys were mischievous when their mother left them with the babysitter! This would never have happened with our children....hiding on the babysitter!!! Good grief! We sang Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed and finished our morning with playtime.**

**On November 24, our theme was firefighters. We had a very special guest come from the Dutton Fire Department and he even brought the fire truck! He brought a child-sized Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCAB) for the children to wear along with plastic helmets. They got to see the lights flash, the siren ring, and touch the hose on the fire truck. All the children were given goodie bags of colouring pages and fire safety information booklets. The adults also got lots of great information and some that we weren't even aware of. Thanks, Rueben for sharing your time with us.**

**In December our playgroup theme will be the Christmas story. Hope to see you there. All preschool children and their caregiver are welcome.**







### **The Largie Fire Brigade!**

**See everyone on December 8 and December 22 at 10 am for the Christmas Story**



**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 29 FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE**