

The church sanctuary, hallway, classroom and Sunday School were beautifully decorated for Advent. Our church felt so warm and inviting. Even though it was green outside, the inside helped us get into the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all who participated.

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends and made lots of new memories to reminisce about in the years to come. We will continue to include birthday and anniversary dates so please pass the info along so we can all celebrate your milestone. Email your celebration to barbross1961@gmail.com or text/call (519)878-9736. Our newsletter was emailed to over 65 households along with a few print copies. This is up from 50 households last year! If you know someone who would enjoy reading the newsletter, please forward it to them. If there is a topic you would like to see included, need to correct me on what I have written, or have additional information to share, let me know! Always looking for new ideas and of course if you would like to be a part of the newsletter team, volunteers are welcome.

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REMEMBER WORSHIP WILL BE AT 11 AM FOR 2024 BEGINNING JANUARY 7.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

1-Happy New Year!

7-Worship time now at 11

4-Happy Birthday John Leitch

10-WMS Meeting at 1:30

12-Playgroup @ 10 am

14-Worship @ 11 am

17-Crinan WI Card Party @ 1:30 at Crinan Community Centre

21-Worship @ 11 am

25-Robbie Burns Birthday

26-Playgroup @ 10 am

28-Worship @ 11 am



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School, together with Wilma Boyce, put on a Family Christmas service on Sunday, December 10. We opened our service with a carol sing led by ukulele players, Lin McCann, Ruth Anne McCallum, Kayla Ross and Barb Ross. Kathy Minnema and Ron Ross helped with vocals! There was a variety of music throughout the service, the highlight being when the children sang along to “Away in a Manger” and did actions. Our church was “alive” with 5 children! What a wondrous sound to have children in the sanctuary. An “Interactive, No Rehearsal” skit had the entire congregation participating as the Christmas story was being told. For example, when the reader at the front said “It’s so bright”, the congregation responded with “What’s up with that?”. A potluck lunch and time of fellowship followed the service. Thanks to all who participated and/or were “voluntold”!



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

The Ladies group met on Dec. 13 2023 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom. The W.M.S. roll call was “A Christmas tradition”. The devotion was focused on Joseph and his roll in the birth of Jesus. The Advent/Christmas resource from the National W.M.S was used. Familiar Christmas Hymns were sung. Coffee, tea and Christmas Pudding along with a social time was enjoyed by all the ladies.

The Family Christmas service on December 10, was well attended. A delicious potluck following the service was enjoyed by all.

The Ladies group made and delivered “Christmas Care” packages to seniors in our community and our shut ins. Thank you to Kathy and Lin for putting them together. Thank you to those who helped with delivering the Packages.

Reminders for the ladies: Next meeting will be on Wed. Jan.10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. They are also reminded of the London Presbyterial Annual Meeting on January 18, 2024 @ Knox St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Dutton. Our ladies group will be leading the Memorial Service. As we begin 2024, we ask that God’s Blessing be on each member of our group, our congregation and community members and those throughout the world. May He give each one the strength and comfort, they will need throughout 2024.

Our Christmas Care package.

Here's some pictures from our Family Christmas Service on December 10.



**Here's some pictures from our December 24 morning service. We had 9 children this day!
All were aged 5 or under!**



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024..

- ❖ **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**



HOMEMADE YOGURT

Kathy Minnema

Use 2 single bags of milk and bring to a boil. Make sure you skim off top of the milk after it boils. Let it cool down to lukewarm. On its own it will take 1-2 hours. (If you want it to go faster put pot in cold water in the sink.) Feel with inside of your wrist, it should be babybottle temperature.

Add 1 cup of natural yogurt and put in the oven. Turn the oven on to 150 F. Turn off oven as soon as it reaches temperature, and leave in oven over night. You should have yogurt next morning. Refrigerate until suppertime.

For some reason if it did not set or become thick, turn the oven on again at same temperature, shut it off and let it set for some hours. When it is ready, you can add sugar and or fruit to your taste. An excellent and healthy dessert.

PS. Some ovens don't go that low, just use the lowest setting, mine is 170 F and it works.

A nice healthy dessert after all the



Christmas sweets & treats!



Congratulations

To

Tyler Ross

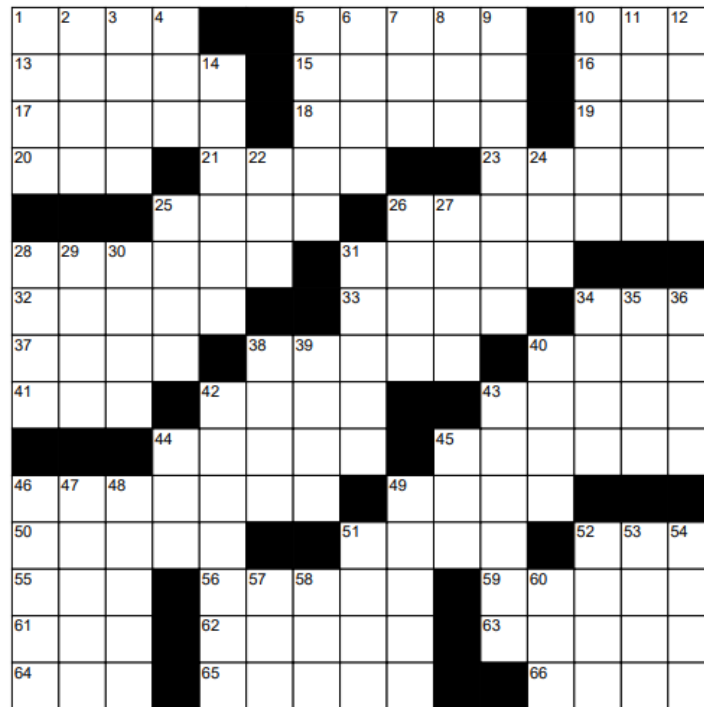
and

Katie Deslippe

on their

recent engagement!

NEW YEAR'S EVE



By Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson - www.qets.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE

ACROSS

- 1 Ca. University
- 5 Rapier
- 10 Pencil's pal
- 13 Splash
- 15 African nation
- 16 Evening before a holiday
- 17 Newspaper frequency
- 18 Foreign-born
- 19 Attack
- 20 Advertisements
- 21 Infant
- 23 Mechanical or electric device for measuring time
- 25 Goofs
- 26 Religious men
- 28 Whim
- 31 Unite
- 32 Oval
- 33 Called
- 34 Chinese pan
- 37 Objectionable
- 38 Be upright
- 40 Hindu goddess, consort of Siva
- 41 Santa's helper
- 42 Skier's need

- 43 Tiny skin holes
- 44 Gets smaller (with "down")
- 45 Cries of encouragement or appreciation
- 46 SE WA city
- 49 Tracks
- 50 Sound that has rhythm, melody, and harmony
- 51 Window part
- 52 Expression of surprise
- 55 Curve
- 56 Tonal
- 59 Hungry
- 61 Body of water
- 62 Build
- 63 What the Wise Men brought
- 64 She
- 65 Under, poetically
- 66 Measure of wood

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DOWN

- 1 U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 2 Garbed
- 3 Superman's Ms. Lane
- 4 American sign language
- 5 Thick slices
- 6 Sly
- 7 Kimono sash
- 8 Grain
- 9 Activity of moving the body to music
- 10 Spanish coins
- 11 Expel
- 12 Head holders
- 14 Crossbred
- 22 Fortify
- 24 Headed
- 25 Canal
- 26 Aspire
- 27 Rip
- 28 Locomote
- 29 Sinister
- 30 Business person's game
- 31 Alloy
- 34 "as you ___"
- 35 Completed
- 36 Press with the lips as a sign of affection
- 38 Pare
- 39 Arrangement of events into past, present, and future
- 40 Bucks wives
- 42 Loosen
- 43 Animal kingdom division
- 44 Slide on snow
- 45 California (abbr.)
- 46 Destroy
- 47 Mush up
- 48 Movie award
- 49 Breadth
- 51 Clique
- 52 Big hairdo
- 53 "Mister" (German)
- 54 Attention-Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (abbr.)
- 57 Bard's before
- 58 Affirmative
- 60 New York City

Solution is on the last page. Have fun!

SESSION UPDATE

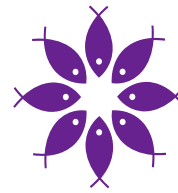
Hope that everyone had a great Christmas season and wishing everyone a Blessed New Year.

A reminder that Sunday morning services start at 11:00 am for 2024.

We will be planning for the Congregational annual meeting in February, so if all groups can please have their 2023 reports and financials to either Monique or myself by January 21 for preparation of the annual statement and auditing.

Givings envelopes have not arrived yet, please continue to use our current envelopes until the new ones get here. Just put the current Sunday date on it.

**Paul McWilliam
Session Clerk**



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

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

Our focus at Playgroup in December was the Christmas story. We read the story and used our nativity scene to fill in the people and animals in the story. The children enjoyed being participants in the story. We also sang an “Away in a Manger” action song and shared our talents in church on December 10 and 24. Way to go! At the Family Christmas service we had 5 children in church and at the December 24 morning service, we had 9 children!

The Sunday School bought and delivered gift bags to 5 families that attend our Playgroup. Each bag included a “Beginner’s Bible” for the family and a treat bag for each child. See everyone on January 12 at 10 am.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solution:

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