

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

We have had a wee bit of winter with extremely cold temperatures and now we are back to slip sliding away in the mud! Many of us can remember winters of snow banks up to the hydro poles, church, card parties and other events cancelled due to snow and blustery conditions. Although we might not embrace the snow as we once did, it seems to be much healthier and certainly cleaner with colder temperatures and a white covering on the ground. The children are missing out on the winter fun of building snowmen, forts and going sledding. I'm sure Mother Nature is not done with us yet! But, oh my, it would be nice to see some more sunshine. The sun really does affect our mood; we just feel so much more energized and alive when the sun shines. This Newsletter will contain events for both February, March, and April as there won't be a March newsletter. Ron and I are heading to Costa Rica the middle of February with a group that we have travelled with so thought I would leave my laptop at home and also give those who contribute a spring break! Just going to converse with the locals and the monkeys!

If you would like a visit or a phone call, please reach out to one of the folks below.

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Remember to check out our website and Facebook pages. You can view our service on the YouTube link on website. Click on the link below:

[Duff Church Largie Website](#)



FEBRUARY GOINGS ON!

2-Groundhog Day

4-Worship @ 11

9-Potluck and Games Night @ 6 pm

9-Playgroup @ 10. Theme is Noah's Ark

11-Worship @ 11

14-Happy Birthday Matt Minnema

14-Happy Valentine's Day

18-Worship @ 11

**18-Happy Birthday William Minnema
and Pastor Wilma Boyce**

19-Family Day

**21-WI Euchre Party @ Crinan
Community Centre @ 1:30**

**23-Playgroup @ 10. Theme is Pyjama
Day**

25-Worship @ 11

**28-Happy Birthday Evan, Kayla &
Morgan**

**28-Deadline to Purchase Lasagne
Dinner Tickets**

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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25	26	27	28	29	1	2

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

1-World Day of Prayer

3-Worship @ 11

**7-Playgroup. Theme is Creation. Note
change in date****

8-Lasagne Dinner. Dine In & Drive Thru

10-Daylight Savings Time begins

10-Worship @ 11

13-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

17-Happy St. Patrick's Day

17-Worship @ 11

17-Happy Birthday Hannah Veenema

19-First Day of Spring

20-WI Euchre Party @ CCC @ 1:30

22-Playgroup @ 10. Theme is Easter

**24-Palm Sunday Brunch @ 9:30. Regular
worship at 11**

25-Happy Birth Ally Brittain

26-Happy Birthday Ken McCallum

29-Good Friday service @ 10 at Crinan

31-Easter Sunday Regular Worship @ 11

March 2024

Calendarpacks
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

MARK YOUR APRIL CALENDAR

1-Easter Monday

7-Worship @ 11

10-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

12-Playgroup. Theme is Loaves & Fishes

14-Worship @ 11 am

17-WI Euchre Party at CCC @ 1:30

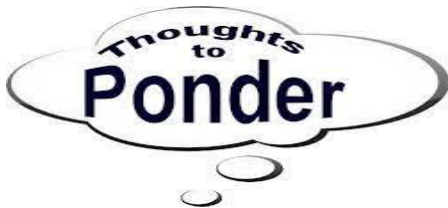
21-Worship @ 11. Potluck to follow

23-Happy Birthday Ryleigh Alderton

26-Playgroup. Theme is Dressing Yourself

28-Worship @ 11

APRIL 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Opportunity is missed by many because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work.

You know you are getting older when the candles cost more than the cake.

An apology is a good way to have the last word.

LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS (Lynda Drummelsmith)

The Ladies group met on Jan. 10 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom.

President Lin reported that the Bobier Villa Auxiliary is doing a Silent Auction once again, just before Easter. She asked our Ladies if they would be interested in donating a basket for the Auction. The ladies voted to do one and let the congregation know, so that individuals could donate items if they wished. The Theme of the basket is "Gardening". Items are to be placed in a box in the church basement by Feb. 25 so that the basket can be put together and taken to the Bobier Villa. Funds from the Silent Auction helps the Auxiliary pay for monthly birthday gifts, entertainment, and ice cream treats for the residents.

A Potluck lunch following the regular Service was planned for January 21. Barb and Isabel will organize it.

The ladies decided to have potluck lunches following the regular service, or coffee before the service on the 3rd Sunday for most months. Members of the congregation will be able to volunteer to help with these, one member of our group will be on each potluck or coffee time. The dates and information will be posted on the church website

<https://pccweb.ca/duffchurch/> and in the church newsletter. Meetings will continue to be on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be March 13, as there will be no February meeting.



FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce

Remembering through song

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. [a] 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your

children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6: 4—7

Long, long ago God's people committed to memory the works of God in creation, in redemption, in life giving Laws.; the things that demonstrated how much God loves them. I remember having to learn memory work every week in grade school. We had to recite it at the beginning of the week in front of the class, and we were graded on our memory work. I don't think that is given the same importance in this century. But remembering God's faithfulness and loving kindness remains important.

I always knew music had the ability to lift a person's spirits, to draw one out of misery or just out of a place they didn't want to be, to energize and to give hope. Just over a decade ago when I was in school, my Hebrew professor told us that if we put our lessons to music, it would make remembering it much easier – I believe him. I witnessed in a long-term care residence how hymns and songs of praise were the stimulus that miraculously animated Alzheimer patients – they remembered the words and the melody being sung! Music is a gift!

I am sharing some of my favourite songs of praise and hymns in the computer links listed below (if you are getting this newsletter by email you can just click on the link to hear them), and I invite you to have a listen to them or, if you prefer, get out your hymnbook and look up your own favourites like Amazing Grace, Jesus Loves me, Joy to the World, What a Friend we have in Jesus, or Holy, holy, holy.

I start by listening, and as I continue to listen to favourite hymns or songs of praise, I find myself singing along, and then as I play them again and again, not only does it give me energy, I also learn them by heart. The beauty of having them committed to memory is that when I need to remember most how deep and wide and high the love of God is, they seem to be right there in my mind, and I find myself singing. I hope you do too. There are lots to choose from – Enjoy!



Pastor Wilma's Songs of Praise and Hymns Playlist

Just click on the title and enjoy!

[Oceans \(Where Feet May Fail\) - Hillsong United lyrics - YouTube](#)
[Beautiful Things - Gungor Lyric Video - YouTube](#)
[Be Thou My Vision by Robin Mark with lyrics - YouTube](#)
[Rend Collective - Build Your Kingdom Here OFFICIAL - YouTube](#)
[Pat Barrett - Build My Life \(Lyric Video\) \(ft. Cory Asbury\) - YouTube](#)
[Pat Barrett - Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly \(Live Video\) - YouTube](#)
[Pat Barrett - By The Spirit \(Official Acoustic Video\) - YouTube](#)

[Amazing Grace Worship Video - lyrics - YouTube](#)
[Blessed Be Your Name - YouTube Music](#) Robin Mark
[Matt Redman - 10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\) - Bing video](#)
[Our God is an Awesome God with Lyrics - Bing video](#)
[Rend Collective - My Lighthouse \(Official Video\) - Bing video](#)
[Rend Collective - Rescuer \(Good News\) \[Official Music Video\] - Bing video](#)
[Walker Hayes - Craig \(youtube.com\)](#)
[The Heart Of Worship - YouTube Music](#)
[All I once held dear - Robin Mark - YouTube Music](#)
[As the deer pants for the water - Robin Mark - YouTube Music](#)
[Robin Mark - Soul's Desire - YouTube Music](#)
[All the People Said Amen - YouTube Music](#) Matt Maher
[Turn Around \(Live\) - YouTube Music](#) Matt Maher
[Alive Again - YouTube Music](#) Matt Maher
[YouTube Music](#) Hold us together Matt Maher
[YouTube Music](#) Here I am to worship Maranatha music
[Say I Won't \(youtube.com\)](#) Mercy Me
[Hallelujah Anyway \(youtube.com\)](#) Rend Collective and Matt Maher
[Good Good Father Audio \(youtube.com\)](#) Chris Tomlin
[Old Church Choir \(Official Music Video\) \(youtube.com\)](#) Zach Williams
[You Say \(youtube.com\)](#) Lauren Daigle
[Reckless Love \(youtube.com\)](#) Cory Ashbury

Blessings,

Wilma

February 2024



To Michael and Sandra Godfrey on the birth of their second child, Maliyah Marie Godfrey, born January 4. Congratulations to Grandma Donna Jean and Grandpa Tom Godfrey.

To Lindsey and Justin Okolisan on the birth of their third child, Collins Mae born December 28. Congratulations to Grandma Brenda and Grandpa Len.

To David and Melissa McWilliam on the birth of their third child, Audrey Kimberly McWilliam, born January 11th. Congratulations to Grandma Donna and Grandpa Paul.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, January 21, the Sunday School teachers met before the regular worship service to plan some events for 2024. We have a great bunch of gals who are always eager to plan activities for our church community. Here is a list of what's up and coming for the next two months.

Friday, February 9 – Potluck and Games Night. Come for dinner at 6 pm and then stay for an evening of games. Bring your favourite dish along with your favourite board or card game. Invite your friends and neighbours for a fun evening. All are welcome!

Friday, March 8 – Lasagne Dinner. We will offer both a Dine In and Drive Thru for this popular event. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased from any Sunday School teacher before February 28. See the poster in this Newsletter.

Sunday, March 24 – come for a Palm Sunday Brunch and special worship service. We will meet at 9:30 for brunch and then have our regular worship service at 11.

We have other events planned for later in the year. Stay tuned for more info in April.

- ✓ **Potluck & Games Night**
- ✓ **Lasagne Dinner**
- ✓ **Palm Sunday Brunch**



February Recipe – Cinnamon Treat

Lin McCann

Mix together the following:

2 cans cinnamon rolls cut into quarters

1 can apple pie filling

1/2 cup chopped walnuts



Pour into greased 9x13 inch pan. Bake 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Put on icing from cans when out of oven. Enjoy.

My Kitchen Prayer

**God bless my little kitchen
I love it's every nook
And bless me as I do my work
Wash pots and pans and cook.
And may the meals that I prepare
Be seasoned from above
With Thy great blessing and Thy grace
Bur most of all Thy love.
As we partake of earthly food
The table before us spread
We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord
Who gives us daily bread.
So bless my little kitchen, God
And those who enter in
May they find naught but Joy and Peace
And Happiness within**

By M. Peterson (1944)

March Recipe – Crockpot Lasagne for a 6 qt. Crockpot

Jade McMillan

3-4 lbs. ground beef

1 large onion (yellow or Spanish)

2 pkg. Oven Ready Lasagna Noodles

2 jars Rao's tomato sauce

2-500 ml cottage cheese (2 containers)

2-3 large eggs

Balderson Cheddar Cheese – 3 cups or to your desire or Asiago cheese to add sharp cheese taste. (No salt added in recipe)

Black pepper

Cook up ground beef, add chopped onions in halfway. Can add Italian seasoning if desired. Once fully cooked, add Rao's tomato sauce jars into meat. Simmer for an hour to reduce acidity (optional).

While meat and sauce are simmering, in a big bowl add cottage cheese, black pepper, and eggs. Mix well.

Once sauce/meat is done, put a thin layer of meat sauce in the bottom of crockpot. Then layer first noodles (I have to break some to fit. It's okay to overlap a little. Then layer some shredded cheese and then meat sauce. Then noodles. Add in the cottage cheese mixture, shredded cheese on top of the noodles. Then meat sauce then noodles. Cheese, noodles, cottage cheese, noodles...keep going. Cook on low 4-6 hours.



SESSION UPDATE

As 2024 is now underway it is nice to see the years planning underway. The church annual meeting will be Monday February 26, 2024.

Session members will be reaching out to their district list as we attempt to get congregational visiting by the Elders underway. It has been a number of years since the Elders have done visiting. There will be a Largie session meeting March 11th.

The Good Friday service this year will be in Crinan March 29th at 10am.

We ask for God's blessings and guidance as we each live our lives. May many blessings be showered on you and your Families.

Paul McWilliam
Session Clerk



See you at 6 pm to DINE IN

Drive Thru pick up time is 4:30-5:15

Duff Church Largie, 13125 Largie Road, Dutton

Limited Advance Tickets Only
Deadline is February 28
Call or text
Lin McCann (519) 859-2534
Proceeds to Sunday School



Call or text Lin McCann at (519)859-2534 for tickets. Deadline is February 28.

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

Our theme the first time back after the Christmas holidays, was Community Helpers. We read If Animals Went to Work and had a "grab bag" from the library where we had to match up the community helper with the correct vehicle. Our local library is a great resource for our program. On January 26 our theme was "Snow". Although the snow we had the week before had all disappeared, we had some fluffy white balls that we pretended were snow balls. We rolled them up, tossed them in the air, played catch, and then topped it off with a snowball fight! What fun! We have decided that the first time of each month will be a Bible story theme. All sessions will have a time for the children to play and caregivers to socialize. Please spread the word about our Playgroup. What a great way to spend a Friday morning! Everyone is welcome!



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Challenges Persist in Afghanistan

Stephanie Chunoo

Jan. 23, 2024

Afghanistan, Impact Stories

In the Kushkak village in Afghanistan, 42-year-old Guljan lived a simple life with her husband and their four children, including her daughter-in-law. In recent years, her husband grappled with debilitating leg pain, rendering him unable to work and placing the burden of financial support on Guljan and her sons. Despite facing economic hardships and managing household responsibilities, Guljan displayed unwavering determination to provide for her family.

On what seemed to be a typical day in October 2023, Guljan was away from home, seeking medical attention for her six-year-old daughter when she heard news about an earthquake striking her home district. Hurrying back to her village, she encountered a sight of complete devastation. The once familiar landscape was transformed into debris.

Heartbreakingly, the earthquake had claimed the lives of her husband and 11-year-old son, both trapped inside the house during the disaster.

Post-Earthquake Challenges

After her husband's passing, Guljan assumed the role of decision-maker for her family, taking on responsibilities that were once his. Now a female-headed household, she encountered significant challenges in obtaining assistance. Observing the disparity in opportunities, she noted that restrictions placed on women exacerbated their difficulties in participating in assessments compared to their male counterparts in the community.

However, after being identified by PWS&D's local partner as a potential project participant, Guljan's family received a winterized tent to help endure the harsh weather conditions. "In a timely intervention, [the partner] came to our aid, providing my family with a new tent, which we promptly set up," she shares.

Still, Guljan has voiced a growing concern about her family's lack of security and privacy under the tents. The communal living arrangement presented obstacles for the women in particular. Carrying out daily washings became a difficult task due to the lack of privacy caused by the cramped conditions of the tents, exposing their activities to onlookers. Likewise, the shared nature of the makeshift bathroom facilities intensified the discomfort.

As winter approached, Guljan's anxiety only increased. The village where they were temporarily settled was in the middle of a treeless desert landscape, prone to fierce, relentless winds. Two intense dust storms after the earthquake reinforced the difficult weather conditions the family faces. Additionally, with a new grandchild on the way, Guljan is concerned about how the baby, and the rest of the family, will be able to find shelter and food to survive.

Ongoing Food Security Concerns

An estimated 28.3 million Afghans (two-thirds of the population) need humanitarian assistance. The crisis is being driven by three consecutive years of drought-like conditions, crippling economic decline since the Taliban takeover in 2021, and decades of conflict and recurrent natural disasters.

As a result, Afghanistan is among the countries facing the highest levels of food insecurity in the world. According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 15.8 million people are project to be food insecure in 2024.

Since the passing of [Bill C-41](#), which provides exemptions for humanitarian focused aid spending in Afghanistan, PWS&D is implementing a \$1 million food assistance project in Bamiyan province, assisting 4,550 of the most marginalized households. Families will receive monthly cash assistance over a three-month period, enabling them to buy essential food items.

Your support is vital to ensure that emergency assistance and essential resources reach families like Guljan's after devastating disasters and ongoing food insecurity. PWS&D hopes to expand our response in Afghanistan – your prayers and financial gifts will make a real difference in people's lives.

<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/challenges-persist-in-afghanistan/>



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

Valentine's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.

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CANDY

CHOCOLATES

COUPLE

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