

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

During the last month, we have seen the Northern Lights, enjoyed summertime temperatures, seen tractors and planters in the fields, been the recipient of lots of rain, seen gardens partially or completely planted, enjoyed asparagus, and watched the orioles and hummingbirds come to our feeders. What exciting times.

We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and mark the events on your calendar, planner, or phone as this will be the last one until September. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and adventured filled summer.

We appreciate all comments. If there is something you like or dislike, let us know. That is the only way we can improve. If you know of someone who would enjoy being on our mailing list, either forward the newsletter to them, or have them send me their email address. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, send me an email and I will update our contact list.

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](#)

JUNE HAPPENINGS

2-Worship @ 11

9-Crinan Anniversary @ 11. Guest speaker Rev. Don McCallum. Largie closed.

12-WMS Meeting @ 1:30. Guest speaker Nancy West.

14-Playgroup @ 10. Topic is Jonah and the Whale

15-Bobier Villa Tea. 2-4

16-Happy Father's Day

16-Worship at 11. Coffee hour at 10:30

17-Photo Session for Church Directory 1:30-8:30

18-Happy Birthday Jackie Leitch

19-Crinan WI Euchre Party @ 1:30

20-First day of summer

23-Outdoor Service @10. Foodtruck lunch to follow

27-Happy Birthday, Hayden Alderton

28-Playgroup @10. Visit to the farm.

29-Happy Birthday Carter McArthur

JULY HAPPENINGS

Worship this month is in Crinan at 9:30 am. See you there.

1-Happy Canada Day

6-Crinan Garden Party

9-Happy Birthday Marguerite Boyd

10-Happy Anniversary Gerald and Marguerite Boyd

10-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

12-Playgroup @ 10. Pool party

13-Congratulations Matt and Nicole

17-Happy Birthday Barb Ross

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Worship this month is in Largie at 9:30 am. See you there.

3-Congratulations Tyler and Katie

5-Happy Anniversary Carl and Sandy McLeod

5-Civic Holiday

9-Playgroup @ 10. Pool party

10-Happy Birthday Cathy McArthur

12-Happy Anniversary Herman and Kathy Minnema

13-Happy Anniversary Ken and Ruth Anne McCallum

15-Happy Birthday Elizabeth Graves

19-Happy Anniversary Dan and Karlye Alderton

19-Happy Birthday Ruth Anne McCallum

27-Happy Anniversary Ron and Barb Ross

31-Happy Birthday Piper Keane

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



ROAST BEEF DRIVE THRU DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

TICKET PRICES AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thanks for your ministry, Pastor Wilma!

Enjoy your summer.



See you in September!

LARGIE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are happy to have children in Sunday School each Sunday. During the month of May we read the story of the Garden of Eden and Noah's Ark. Prior to coming down to Sunday School the children sang the first verse of Jesus Bids Us Shine. After our bible story in Sunday School, we sang Jesus Loves Me. Timeless favourites.

We will take the summer off from formal Sunday School and start back up again in September. However, if children come to church during the summer, we will invite them to come down to the Sunday School room for a time together.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THIS SPECIAL
OUTDOOR SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 23 @ 10**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 23
SERVICE AT 10 AM
BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS
WEST LORNE OPTIMIST FOOD TRAILER
COOKING UP BURGERS, HOTDOGS AND
FRIES**



Bring your tractors

Horses are welcome too



Dress western



I will sing to the Lord
as long as I live



PRAISE CORNER

SONGS TO SING THIS MONTH

During the month of May, we sang these songs during our Praise Time.

[10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman](#)

[Nobody](#)

[Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord - Don Moen](#)

Just click on the title and take a listen. I hope you enjoy these. If you have any favourites, let us know.



MISS THE PHOTO DATES IN APRIL?

Want to be included in the Church Photo Directory?

Next photo date is June 17, 1:30-8:30

Contact Lynda Drummelsmith (519)762-2947 or email ldrumm7@hotmail.com for more info or to schedule an appointment.

Ice Cream Flavors

C	A	S	A	H	O	K	E	Y	P	O	K	E	Y
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COCONUT
STRAWBERRY
VANILLA
FUDGE
ROCKY ROAD
COOKIE DOUGH
NEOPOLITAN
COTTON CANDY
HOKEY POKEY
CHOCOLATE
MOOSE TRACKS
GREEN TEA
TIGER TAIL
PECAN
REESES
BANANA

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/416/>

<https://thewordsearch.com/printable/>

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

May marked our 2nd anniversary of the Largie Playgroup. We have as many as 7 children the second and fourth Friday of each month. It's such a great time for the children and their caregivers to get together and for the group leaders to visit and watch how the children interact with each other. There definitely are some heartwarming moments. On May 10 our topic was the Garden of Eden. We used the magnetic white board to tell the story, allowing the children to be active participants. Following the story, the children made a "Seed Bomb". They formed air dry clay into a golf sized ball, flattened it into a circle, put some soil on it and then sprinkled a few flower seeds over the soil. Next they folded the edges together to form a ball. The children then took the balls (bombs) home and after allowing them to dry for 2-3 days, placed them in an area of their choice to grow. The rain will dissolve the clay and wild flowers will grow! What a great idea!

On May 26, our topic was planting your garden. We read a story and helped find the matching butterflies and counted the items on the page.

Our summer schedule will have us meet only on July 12 and August 9. This will give everyone a chance to take holidays, sign up for swimming lessons, or just have fun at home. We will go back to our regular schedule beginning September 13 and 27.

Enjoy the summer and to those children going to school in September, have fun! We will miss you!



"Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high".



Listening to the story about gardens.

LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS (Lynda Drummelsmith)

The Ladies group met on May 8 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom. The meeting opened with President Lin reading the "Land Acknowledgement" followed by an opening from and email.

President Lin reported the Auxiliary is paying for a bus trip in May, destination not yet confirmed. Reminder the Auxiliary will be holding a Bake Sale and Tea on Saturday June 15 from 2-4 p.m. Our ladies were asked to look after the bake table. Kathy and Barb have volunteered to look after the bake sale table.

The Spring Retreat for the London Presbyterial will be at Backus Page on June 13. Registration 9:30 and morning refreshments. Program at 10 a.m. Theme- "Reaching Out in Mission"

We will have a coffee time June 19 @ 10:30, followed by regular service in the basement.

The program May W.M.S. program was lead by Lin McCann and Lynda Drummelsmith. Theme was "Mother's Day" Roll Call a favourite Mother's Day tradition. Scripture was read from Proverbs 31 vs 25-31 followed by prayer. Lin shared a reading from Facebook. "As Mother's age they see pounds and wrinkles. As we look at 25 year old youths we need to remember that we bring wisdom and experience."

Lynda shared a story from "Ideals" entitled "Through my Window" where young girl growing up was always amazed at "Mother Magic". Lin had a fun activity where we surrounded flower seeds in clay and took them home to dry. We were then to place the clay ball in our garden and wait for the flowers to sprout. The meeting closed by singing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus"

A delicious lunch was served by Marguerite and Jackie. A social time was enjoyed by all.

Committee for June - Program and Lunch - Barb & Kathy

Special Guest speaker for June will be Nancy West (Henderson)



Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows. - Helen Keller

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. - Audrey Hepburn

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." Martin Luther King Jr.



FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce

Dear Theophilus,

That is who Luke addresses when he wrote his gospel. It means God lovers. So, Dear God lovers,

Here we are on the threshold of summer. This is the last Newsletter until September 1st, and I'm sure you'll miss having it to read because it is so well put together and it keeps us informed about our church community – thank you Barb!

If you are looking for something to fill in your reading time this summer and would like some ideas these are a few books that I really enjoyed.

Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller: After reading this several years ago (I was in my 40's) I bought a number of copies to give to friends and family in their 20's and 30's, because as John Ortberg wrote, Miller writes about God from a position of commitment, but still sounds human and honest.

John Ortberg is a Presbyterian Minister in the USA. His writing is entertaining, easy to read, thought provoking and faith building. I have read most of his books (I think) and used many in book studies with small groups. Adults of all ages have enjoyed them. Here are some of the titles:

God is Closer than you think

If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat

Everybody's normal til you get to know them

The me I want to be

The life you've always wanted

When the game is over it all goes back in the box

Then there is **C.S. Lewis**; for children, I recommend the **Chronicles of Narnia** series. There are seven books in this series. I read them myself, to my children, and to my neighbour when she lost her eyesight. This is the order:

The Magician's Nephew

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

The Horse and His Boy

Prince Caspian

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

The Silver Chair

The Last Battle

There are many books for adults by **C.S. Lewis**, but here are a few recommendations:

The Screwtape Letters

The Great Divorce

Mere Christianity

If you have already read the ones suggested above you might look for some books by **Max Lucado** or **Philip Yancey**. And one of my favourite authors **Barbara Brown Taylor**, wrote **Leaving Church** and **An Altar in the World** among many others.

There are lots more I would recommend, so feel free to ask if you have a specific area of interest.

Blessings for a good and fruitful summer,

Pastor Wilma



MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, April 14



With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church (TRC) in Guelph, Ontario, is exploring creative new ways of being the church. Two values that support their purpose of “inviting all to come alive in Christ” are “face-to-face church” and “every voice matters.” These commitments have literally shaped the way the congregation worships God. TRC’s Living Room and Liturgical practices invite people into circles and semi-circles to be seen and heard. Opportunity for conversation, asking and answering questions, offering testimony, and sharing in discernment of the Spirit’s voice creates space for the whole body of Christ at TRC to participate in worship and mission.

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

SESSION REPORT MAY 2024

Submitted by Paul McWilliam

Good morning. At our session meeting on Monday, session thought we should give a brief report on updates and discussion at the meeting. Rev Jim Patterson advised us that his term as Interim moderator concludes in September. His replacement has not yet been named. Mavis Currie Knox St Thomas and Keith McKee St Georges in London have both announced their retirement making 10 vacant churches in Presbytery. This led to discussion on the outlook of ministry across the presbytery and possibly in Largie as we continue to face the changes and challenges in rural ministry and society. There have been seminars and speakers that talked around economic changes, change in demographics, global warming and they spoke about the affect it will or could have on Churches big and small. Ranging from amalgamations, closures, part time ministry and what different modeling could be done or what the different congregations are hoping or expecting from the church today. We are currently blessed with a strong congregation. With that in mind Largie session members thought that when they do their pastoral session visits it would be a time for individuals to discuss their thoughts, concerns and vision for Largie as well as the greater church. Even though session consists of 6 members of the congregation there are likely more ideas than our own and we would appreciate your feed back.

Upcoming events

Next year we will be celebrating 100 years of a joint charge with Crinan.

Discussions are underway as how to mark the milestone.

As well Crinan anniversary is June 9 at 11 am. Largie will be closed

Joint services will be held for the summer

July will be in Crinan at 9:30 and August will be in Largie at 9:30 and both churches will be closed the last Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August

Wilma will be on vacation in august and the first Sunday in September Jim Patterson is looking after the supply while Wilma is off.



I'm going to start this month's recipe section by repeating last month's. The gremlins were at work and I forgot a very important ingredient in Isabel's cookies....SUGAR! If there is a positive to be had, it's that someone read the newsletter AND made the cookies! Sorry about that. Here goes....

APPLESAUCE COOKIES

Submitted by Isabel Reid

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour

1 tsp. cinnamon

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. shortening

1 c. sugar * (left out from last month)**

1 egg

1 c. applesauce

1 tsp. baking soda

1 c. rolled oats (prefer large rolled oats)

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cloves

1 c. raisins



Combine flour, salt and spices. Cream sugar, shortening and egg thoroughly. Combine applesauce and soda. Add to cream mixture alternating with dry ingredients. Stir in oats and raisins. Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 15 to 20 minutes.

Strawberry Glace Pie

Submitted by Ruth Anne McCallum

9-inch baked pie shell

6 c. strawberries (about 1 ½ quarts)

1 c. sugar

3 tbsp. cornstarch

½ c. water

1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened



Bake pie shell. Mash enough strawberries to measure 1 cup. Mix sugar and cornstarch in 2-quart saucepan. Stir in water and mashed strawberries gradually. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute; cool.

Beat cream cheese until smooth, spread on bottom of pie shell. Fill shell with whole strawberries; pour cooked strawberry mixture over top. Refrigerate until set, at least 3 hours.

Peach Glace Pie: substitute 5 cups sliced peaches (7 medium) for the strawberries. To prevent discoloration, use an ascorbic acid mixture as directed on package.

Raspberry Glace Pie: substitute raspberries for the strawberries



**Amazing experiments - Surprising adventures
Creative games - Super-fun snacks - Incredible music**

When: July 8 - 12 (9am - noon)

Where: Dunwich United Church - 274 Currie Road

Ages: 5 - 12 by year end

Cost: \$5/child to maximum of \$15/family
Financial assistance is available

Register by June 15th

***Contact Bonnie by text/phone/email
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*This program is made possible through the generous donations
of time, talents, and funding from our local churches.*



History of the Largie Young People's Society continued

(Taken from "Station By the River" By Norman McWilliam)

Submitted by Lynda Drummel Smith

The standing of the Young People's Guild within the Presbytery between 1899 – 1955 was a credit to Duff Largie Church. An example of their achievements is seen in the Presbytery Bible Quiz Contest, held for four consecutive years with Largie winning each year, which gave them the cup to keep.

Member participating – Rose McKenzie, Margaret Duncanson, Clarence Stewart, Donald Paton, Jean Turner, Agnes McWilliam, Helen Duncanson, Norman McWilliam, Florence Leitch, Stewart McWilliam, Stanley Duncanson, Betty MacDonald.

The Society also won the Merit Award Cup for having the highest standing in the Presbytery three consecutive years. Both Cups are on display in a cabinet in the church basement.



Bible Quiz Cup (Bible Baseball)



Merit Cup

Young People's Guild 1955



Duff Church Large, Y.P. Guild 1955
Back row - Dugald Litch, Norman McWilliam, Donald Paton,
Stanley Duncanson, Gordon Paton, Donald McWilliam,
Donald Litch, Basil Turner, Bruce McMillan
Middle Row - Robert Litch, James Dan McCallum, Rose Marie
De Graw, Marjelle McWilliam, Anne Litch, Helen Duncanson,
Marian Duncanson, Jean Turner, Eleanor McMillan
Donald McPhedran, Stuart McWilliam
Front Row - Catherine Webster, Ella McWilliam, Patsy
Busby, Rev. Am. Sutherland, Janne Reid, Norman
Litch, Audrey Litch, Dorothy Paton

Our Dad

Anonymous

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it Dad



THURSDAY, AUGUST 29