

Another summer has come and gone. It's been filled with celebrations, memories and adventures, sad days and losses, challenges and achievements, reunions, traveling, connecting with friends and family and lots more. You may be able to nod your head to some or all of these, but a common denominator we all share is the passage of time. Kenny Chesney, said it best in his song, "Don't Blink". Although there are some sad parts in the song, the message is clear. Don't take time for granted, "Cause when the hour glass runs out of sand and you can't flip it over start again, take every breath God gives you for what it's worth. Don't blink". So when you start to feel that life is getting too busy and you find yourself saying "I don't have time", maybe have a listen. It certainly puts things in perspective.

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.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

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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/>

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Sept. 1-Worship @ 9:30 am

Sept. 2 – Labour Day

Sept. 3–Happy birthday, Gerald Boyd

Sept. 7 -Crinan WI Annual Cornhole Tournament

Sept. 8-Worship at 11 am.

Sept. 11 -Ladies Meeting @ 1:30

Sept. 13 – Playgroup @ 10 am

Sept. 13-15-Rodney Fair

Sept. 15 – Worship at 11 am downstairs. Coffee hour at 10:30

Sept. 17 -Session Meeting 7 pm

Sept. 19- Largie Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner

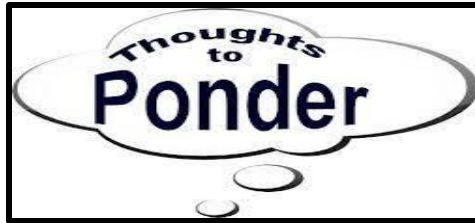
Sept.22- Duff Largie 169th Anniversary Service @ 11 am

Sept. 26 – Playgroup at 10 am (Thursday this week)

Sept. 27-29- Wallacetown Fair

Sept.29-Worship @ 11 am

Sept. 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Some things to live by: the greatest joy is giving, the most satisfying work is helping others, our greatest natural resource is our youth, the greatest asset is Faith.

SESSION UPDATE
Submitted by Paul McWilliam

We would like to extend our thanks to Rev Jim Patterson as our General Presbyter (interim Moderator) for the past few years and his dedicated service. We would like to welcome Rev Dr Doug Robinson as the new General Presbyter.

Anniversary service September 22 at 11 am

Thanks to Rev. Jim Patterson for your guidance as our Interim Moderator. Best wishes to you on your next adventure!

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you 
ALL THE BEST

LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

Although the groups did not meet in August, the members have been busy. They painted all wood work and door in the basement. Big thank you to all ladies and community members, who helped with the painting! Looks great! Job well done!

The Ladies Aid is planning a Beef Drive Thru' Supper on Thursday. September 19, 2024. Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, bun and apple dessert. Pick up: 4:45 -5:45 at Duff Church Largie. Advance tickets only. Cost \$20. Available until September 12. Call

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Next Meeting- Wednesday, September 10 @ 1:30 pm

Program Committee – Marguerite Boyd, Jackie Leitch

Lunch Committee – Lynda Drummelsmith, Brenda Webber

ROAST BEEF DRIVE THRU DINNER



Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Roll, Apple
Dessert

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12

\$20



Pretzel Treat

On a parchment lined cookie sheet lay out mini square pretzels.

Place a Rolo chocolate on each pretzel.

Put in 350 degree oven for 4 minutes until soft.

Press a pecan half in center of each. Enjoy

There's still lots of time to enjoy these treats around a campfire or inside enjoying the heat of your fireplace. Guaranteed to satisfy your sweet 'n salty craving!





Duff Church Largie History Corner

History of the Largie Young People's Society continued

(Taken from "Station By the River" By Norman McWilliam and Secretary's book 1944-1948)

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

The earliest Secretary's minute book that I have found was for the years 1944-1948. A very interesting read. Meetings were held each month on Sunday evenings. Opened with a Hymn. Scripture and Prayer was done by a member. Each meeting had a Worship Paper, a Mission Paper and musical Selections are prepared and given by members. Each meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The group enjoyed many social events with other Young Peoples Groups, including sister congregation Crinan and neighbouring groups from Dutton, Glencoe, Wardsville and beyond.

They took part in London Presbytery events such as Picnics. It was noted that in July of 1948 Duff Largie Young Peoples attended the picnic in London.(which had a big crowd) Largie had the honour of having full attendance of all their members present (30)

Mention must be made of the Halloween Banquets the group held in the church basement each fall, planned and organized by the Young People's Society. It consisted of a supper, followed by a program and toasts, speeches and musical numbers. This was an important social event at Largie as well as a substantial money-raiser. This event was held yearly from 1924 – 1955. The group was always supporting mission, beyond their church as well as supporting their own church with funds raised.

WAINSCOTTING MAKE OVER



What you see here is the Largie Paint Crew in action! In the spring, a number of projects were presented to Session with a timeline and groups best suited to complete these projects. The Ladies Aid group took on the project of repainting the wainscoting in the basement of the church from a dark brown to a light gray. So....on August 13 and 14 the Largie Paint Crew moved in to "git her done"! We all agreed that prepping the area with drop sheets and taping off areas that we did NOT want painted was very time consuming and much more tedious than the actual job at hand. We were so happy to have some young up and coming volunteers give up their time to help us in our labour of love! Thanks Nathan and Kent! On Monday, we started at 9 am and by 1:30 we had the first coat on! We returned on Wednesday at 9 and had the second coat on and the mess cleaned up by 1 pm. Thanks to Mel, Nathan and Kent McLeod, Sandy McLeod, Lin McCann, Kathy Minemma and Ron and Barb Ross for a job well done! Many hands do make for light work!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTDOOR COWBOY SERVICE AND POTLUCK

This year's service was held on Sunday, June 23 under threatening skies and a breeze that made keeping your cowboy hat on a challenge! Our theme this year was "Cowboy Church".



Everyone was encouraged to wear their western gear. Although we didn't have anyone ride their bronco, we did have a couple of tractors. Our service started with a "Bored Cowboys" skit with the cowboys asking "is it time yet?" No one was quite sure what they were waiting for until the head cowboy said it was time. So, they very carefully and in sync, shifted their legs from having them crossed left over right, to right over left. A chuckle was heard among the folks in the audience! We were quite happy to have a group of ukeleles and guitars accompany us on some old familiar praise songs. Our skit, "Got Milk? A Life Lesson from the Pasture" left us with the message that no matter how bad we think things are, we need to try and keep our sense of humour. During the children's time, each child planted a sunflower seed in a pot to take home for their garden. The cowgirls and cowboys were invited up to join in a line dance to "Beautiful Sunday". Thanks to Pastor Wilma for her contributions to our Cowboy Sunday service. We capped the morning off with a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and poutine cooked by the Optimist Club of West Lorne. Thanks to the Sunday School for funding the lunch and thanks to everyone for making this such a special day.

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

Playgroup never fails to be a hit and great entertainment for all. In June, we made our annual trip to Bill and Sue's farm where the children enjoyed feeding the miniature goats and actually getting in the pasture with them. They also met the two resident donkeys and were able to check out the horses too! Thanks Bill and Sue for allowing us to come to the farm. This is the third time we've visited and it just never gets old!

We had two pool parties this summer, one in July and the other in August with an average of 6 children each time along with their caregiver. Along with the usuals, we were happy to have Pastor Wilma come with her two grandsons. Everyone had a great time and the morning ended with a freezie and some swings on the play centre.

We will return to our regular meeting times of the second and fourth Friday in each month at 10 am. However in September, we will meet on lucky Friday, September 13 and Thursday, September 26. We are sad to lose two of our children as they head off to Junior Kindergarten in September. Good luck Colton and Hayden. We hope you can join us on a PD day.

All preschool children and their caregiver are welcome to join us.



July Pool Party



2024 Farm Visit



DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 27 FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE