

OCTOBER GREETINGS

Hope everyone enjoyed September's beautiful weather, canned, froze and/or ate the last of your garden harvest, and took in the local fall fairs. As we welcome the autumn season's cooler temperatures and beautiful colours, we pray that the harvest will be bountiful and less stressful than the spring. Whatever comes, we will, as always, take it in stride and hear echoes of "it is, what it is". Each day is a blessing and we say "thank you" and appreciate them no matter what! As you can see, from the October Happenings, there is lots to do and many celebrations this month. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Celebrate the time together with family and friends.

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. I would love to share more birthday and anniversary dates. Email these to me so we can all celebrate with you. Please share our news with neighbours and friends.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

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We also have a Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Duff-Presbyterian-Church-Largie/100070608482586/>

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- 5-Happy birthday, Sandy McLeod**
- 6-Regular worship @ 11**
- 8-Happy birthday Kathy Minnema**
- 9-WMS meeting at 1:30**
- 11-Happy birthday, Lin McCann**
- 11-Largie Playgroup @ 10**
- 13-Regular Worship @ 11**
- 14-Happy Thanksgiving**
- 16-Crinan WI Card Party @ Crinan Hall @ 1:30**
- 17-Happy birthday Amelia Veenema**
- 19-West Lorne Optimist Card Party @ West Lorne Legion @ 1**
- 20-Coffe Hour at 10:30. Church downstairs @ 11**
- 20-Country Music Jamboree @ Crinan CC. 1:30-4:30**
- 23-Happy birthday McKenna McArthur**
- 25-Largie Playgroup @ 10**
- 25-Hallowe'en Party @ Crinan CC.**
- 27- Happy birthday Carl McLeod and Ron Ross**
- 27-Regular worship @ 11**
- 29-Happy birthday Wesley Veenema**
- 31-Sunday School Hallowe'en Treat Event. Pick up treat bags in church**

Forever Thankful

**Being forever thankful,
Is what God wants from us,
Never forgetting from where we came,
Or His boundless, saving love**

**All of heavens blessings
Poured down from heavens gates,
Everything we have in life,
He's given with extra grace**

**We need to always thank Him
For this, and so much more
Not only for tangible things,
But because He is our Lord**

**Thanksgiving is the key
For His blessings to increase,
If we've not got thankful hearts,
His blessings soon will cease**

**Don't ever start complaining
At what you may not have,
Look around at what you see,
Then be thankful and glad**

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Pre-Harvest Drive-Thru Beef Dinner

The Largie Ladies Aid hosted a very successful Drive-Thru roast beef dinner on Thursday, September 19 serving a record 180 dinners! The ladies were busy preparing food on Wednesday and Thursday for dinner pick-ups at 4:45. Who can say “no” when someone else offers to cook your supper! Thanks to all who helped.



Dinners were served, dishes done, kitchen tidied and out the door headed for home by 6:30! What a team!

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE

If you are wanting to come to church but find that climbing the stairs is a barrier, we have been and will continue to hold our worship service downstairs the 3rd Sunday of each month. We will have a coffee hour at 10:30 followed by worship at 11. We would love to have you join us. Stay tuned for updates for 2025.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The 169th anniversary service of Duff Church Largie was held on Sunday, September 22. Pastor Wilma Boyce and our guest minister, Rev. Lynn Nichol led the worship service. The sacrament of Holy Communion was observed. There was a great turnout and we were pleased to have our sister church, Argyle Crinan also join us. Paul McWilliam provided special music and our service concluded with Evan Ross playing some Scottish tunes on the bagpipes. A time of fellowship was enjoyed after the service.



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

The Duff Largie Ladies Aid and W.M.S. Burning Bush Group met on Wednesday, September 11 in the church basement. The ladies have decided to paint the basement walls above the wainscotting, which was painted in the summer. The ladies planned a lunch to follow the Church Anniversary on September 22. Lin, Kathy and Marguerite volunteered to be on the committee. A new fridge was purchased in August. Ladies were reminded to bring items for the Food Challenge for Food bank by September 29. A box is on the table in the basement.

The program Committee for the meeting, Marguerite and Jackie, chose the topic of "Kindness and Compassion". Scripture was read about Luke about the Good Samaritan, followed by prayer.

Marguerite referenced "9-11" attack, 23 years ago, and how the kindness and compassion of nations was demonstrated then, and continues as we remember the events of that day and honour those who were tragically killed. How children wrote letters to workers involved in the clean up, and service people who responded. She reflected how 1000 passengers from a plane landed in Gander Newfoundland and how the town responded and brought these people in to their homes. Lifelong friendships were formed. A quote from the town was so true "The worst day we have seen brought out the best of us!"

Jackie read a poem "Summer Ends and Fall Begins" As the season changes from Summer to Fall we find the fruits, vegetables, grains that were planted and grew in the summer are now ready for the Fall harvest. Marguerite led us in an "Old Fashioned Sword Drill" of scripture verses with the word compassion or kindness in them.

A story was read about a Red telephone (from Chicken Soup for the Soul Canada) and how a telephone repairman, went to repair a phone for an elderly lady whose house resembled the 1950's. He was able to repair the phone (an old rotary phone), but no longer was it a totally red phone. The lady was not upset. The repairman always had this red phone in the back of his mind one day, after he had put up notices he had a call that someone had one. He went and got it. He kept it in the back of his van and one Christmas when he had a service call near where the lady lived, he stopped at her place, it was lit up with what looked like family around. He went to the door and knocked. When the lady opened the door she could not believe it when he held out a red phone. He went in replaced the phone and was invited to share in some of the celebration. Kindness in its true form!

"What a Friend in Jesus" was sung, followed by prayer. We then sang "The More We Get Together"

Lynda and Brenda served a delicious lunch of ice cream, topped with an apple caramel topping and some whip cream. A social time was enjoyed.

The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who supported their drive thru supper. Big thank you to all who organized the supper, helped prepare, put meals together, hand them out and clean up! A true community effort! Many hands made light work!”

Next meeting – Wed. Oct. 9 @ 1:30. Program – Barb Ross, Kathy Minnema, Lunch – Marguerite Boyd, Lin McCann.

CRINAN COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Afternoon's Country Music Jamboree



Crinan Community Centre



Come listen to the Music or Bring your instrument and your singing



3rd Sunday of the Month 1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Sunday October 20, 2024

Sunday November 17, 2024

Sunday December 15, 2024

Sunday January 19, 2025

Sunday February 16, 2025

Sunday March 16, 2025

For more info contact Sue McWilliam 519-318-3020

Donations accepted to Crinan Community Centre

CRINAN HALL
HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 25
7PM
13568 DUNBOROUGH ROAD
GAMES
MUSIC
FOOD
\$2 ADMISSION IF NOT DRESSED UP
PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME
COME FOR A SPOOKY TIME!

Mark your calendar so you don't miss these events. Open to all so spread the word.

2024		OCTOBER				
		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		

Crinan will be having a Roast Beef Drive Thru dinner on November 9. Stay tuned for details.

BANANA BLUEBERRY MUFFINS WITH CRUMB TOPPING

Dry ingredients:

- 2- $\frac{1}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour (270 grams)
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

Wet Ingredients:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter melted
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup packed brown sugar (156 grams)
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups mashed bananas (from about 3 to 4 bananas)

Add In:

- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Cinnamon Crumb Topping

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour (90 grams)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar (100 grams)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons butter melted

Preheat the oven to 425°F (you will reduce the temperature after the muffins cook for 5 minutes). Grease 12 standard-sized muffin tins or line them with paper baking cups. In a medium bowl, whisk all the dry ingredients together then set aside. In another bowl, beat the butter and brown sugar then add the eggs and beat until well blended. Next add the vanilla, and mashed bananas and beat until well combined. Fold the wet mixture into the flour mixture then fold in the blueberries.

Make the cinnamon crumb topping:

Blend the flour, sugar, and cinnamon together then stir in the melted butter until you have pea-sized clumps. Fill the greased muffin tins completely full with the batter then sprinkle the tops with the cinnamon crumb topping. For slightly smaller muffins, you can fill the tins $\frac{3}{4}$ full which will give you 18 muffins (but you will need to reduce the baking time by a couple minutes).

Bake in the preheated oven at 425°F for 5 minutes then turn the oven down to 350°F and bake for 12 to 16 more minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.



Duff Church Largie History Corner

History of the Largie Young People's Society continued

Taken from "Station By the River" By Norman McWilliam,

Secretary's books 1958-1963, and personal remembrances of Young People's Society Members

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

From all Secretary records, during the above years, the Y.P.S meetings always consisted of Opening hymn, Devotions, Worship Paper, Service Paper and Current Topic. Members of the Y. P. were responsible for these with a schedule often set up for the year. Meetings often included musical numbers by members and a sing-song, led by a member. The minister would also have a message for the Young People at most meetings. Rev. Mc Curlie followed by Rev. Elder were the ministers for the years mentioned above.

Sunday School Picnics were held in Pinafore park each year, usually in late June or early July. These were organized by the Y.P.S.



One interesting note in a report was the picnic was to begin at exactly 4:00 p.m. and not later.

Y.P.S. would lead the church service in both Largie and Crinan, one Sunday in the summer, during the minister's vacation. (I remember this continuing into the 1980's).

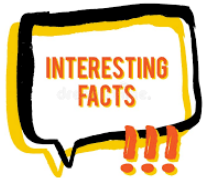
Halloween Parties and Fall bake sales continued to be fundraising events, often inviting other Y.P.S. groups. In 1958 they purchased new Sing Song Books as well as usual mission donations.



Another interesting fact – in 1958 a motion was passed that, the Y.P.S. drop the conversation they were having about putting ashtrays in the lobby of the church.

Members attended Spring Rallys within the local Presbytery and attended Synod Fall Rallys, (Goderich and St. Catherine's a couple mentioned.) Y.P.S. usually paid for the bus fare for representatives attending.

In 1960 a baseball team was formed to compete in the Presbytery Y. P. S. This continued for many years. Local teams played were from – Dutton, West Lorne, Wallacetown and Kintyre. (if anyone has picture from any of these years we would love to have them to add to our history.)



Interesting fact – in 1963 the Y.P. group paid \$10 for the year to use the bases and lights when playing their home games in Dutton. This money was taken from collections taken at ball games.

Crokinole and Skating parties followed by a social time were held during the winter months, sometimes inviting other Y.P.S. groups.

Please stay tuned for the next years of Largie Y.P.S. in our November and December Newsletters. If you have any information or pictures you would like to share so that our history can be more complete – please send them to Lynda @ ldrumm7@hotmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday School is up and running again after taking a break over the summer months. All children are welcome to attend and bring a friend. We go downstairs after the children's time with Pastor Wilma to share a story, craft, song and prayer. During September, we learned about Creation, Joseph and his coat of many colours, and Baby Moses. We are also learning the actions to Jesus Loves Me and saying the Lord's Prayer together. Hope to see you soon.



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PRAISE SONGS

The theme of Pastor Wilma's sermons in September was prayer. Here's some praise songs that you might enjoy. Just click and have a listen!

[Our Father](#)

[The Prayer](#)

[Thank You For Everything That I Have](#)

[Listen to our Hearts](#)

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

It was great to get back to our regular routine of song, story, craft and play after having pool parties in the summer. During our first time together we learned about Creation with a story told in song. The children helped to build the story on the magnetic white board by attaching each part of our world that God created each day. We ended with the day of rest and God being pleased with what He had made. On September 26, we read and sang the story "If You're Happy and You Know It". We learned that lions roar when they're happy, zebras stomp their hoovers and monkeys clap their hands. Although the children might not always participate in the song during our time together, I have been told that they sing it aloud when they go home! Love this! See everyone on October 11 and 25th at 10.



ALL preschoolers and their caregiver are welcome to join us the second and fourth Friday of each month at 10 am in the church basement.



TIME FOR A CHUCKLE!

Q. What was the snail doing on the highway?

A. About a kilometre a day!

First Lumberjack: So, how's business?

Second Lumberjack: Come see, come saw!



**LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR BIG NEWS OR CONGRATULATIONS
SO WE CAN ALL SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION!**



DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 29 FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE