

## NOVEMBER GREETINGS

October was a beautiful month. The colours were vibrant and I don't think anyone was complaining about the warm temperatures. It was certainly easy to get all of the outside jobs done and checked off the list. I got all of my outside painting done and even managed to wash a few windows. It's great to see harvest under way and we pray that it is bountiful and that everyone stays safe and healthy through to its completion. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and if you have anything that you would like to see included, please email. While we were painting this month, we got looking at the Cradle Roll, so maybe you'll see this in a future newsletter. Until then, stay healthy and enjoy the last few weeks of the autumn season.

Email Barb Ross at [barbross1961@gmail.com](mailto:barbross1961@gmail.com) or call (519)878-9736 if there is something you would like to see included in our newsletter or if you have something to contribute. Please share our news with neighbours and friends.

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<https://pccweb.ca/duffchurch/>

We also have a Facebook page!

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

## NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Worship Service time is 11 am**

**3-Happy Birthday Matt Woods**

**3-Daylight Savings Time ends**

**4-Happy Birthday Nicole Minnema**

**6-Happy Birthday Steven Minnema**

**8-Playgroup @ 10 am**

**9-Crinan Drive Thru Beef Dinner. A few tickets left. See Barb**

**10-Happy Birthday Jackson Woods**

**11-Remembrance Day**

**13-Joint Session Meeting @ Largie @ 7 pm**

**13-WMS Ladies Meeting @ 1:30**

**16-Happy Birthday Ian McCallum**

**17-Coffee Hour before church @ 10:30 followed by service @ 11 downstairs**

**17-Jamboree at CCC 1:30-4:30**

**18-Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Isabel Reid**

**20-WI Euchre Party @ 1 pm @ CCC**

**22-Playgroup @ 10 am**

**24-Presbytery Visit @ Largie 2 pm**

**27-Happy Birthday Gina Harris**

**28-Happy Birthday Carrie Woods**

## **SESSION UPDATE - Submitted by Paul McWilliam**

**We continue to have Sunday worship services down stairs the 3rd Sunday of the month.**

**Wilma will be away November 10 and 17th. We wish her the best on her vacation.**

**As we start to prepare for the Advent season here are some of the dates to keep in mind.**

**December 8 will be a joint service in Largie.**

**The next communion is December 15th.**

**Christmas Eve service will be in Largie on the 24th at 7 pm.**

**We continue to give thanks for God's grace and many blessings.**

**Paul McWilliam**

**Session Clerk**

## **PRAISE SONGS**



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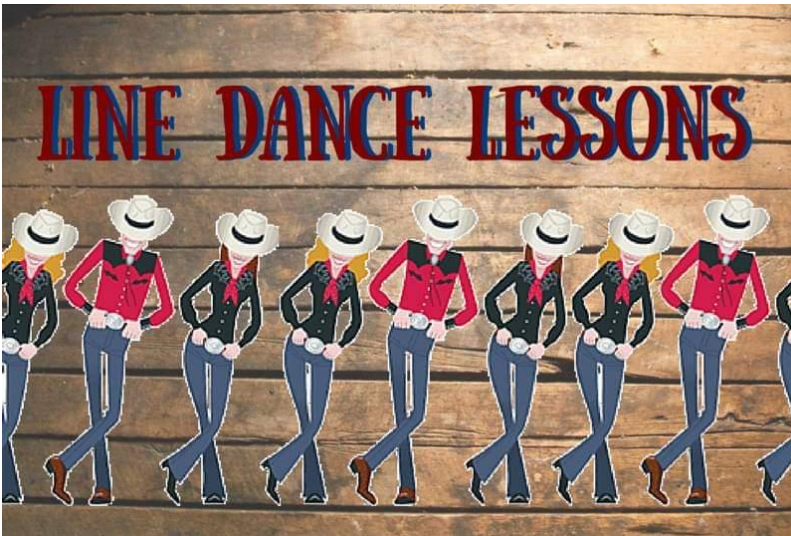
**Pastor Wilma continued her theme of prayer this month. Here are this month's praise picks. Click and enjoy!**

[I Am Thankful](#)

[The Lord's Prayer - Matt Maher](#)

[Alive & Breathing](#)

## CRINAN COMMUNITY CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS



**Line Dancing lessons at the Crinan Community Centre. Six weeks for \$35. Monday nights starting November 11 until December 16. Space is limited so contact Sue McWilliam at 519-318-3020.**

**Giddyup and let's go!**

### Sunday Afternoon's Country Music Jamboree



#### Crinan Community Centre



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



voice

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## **LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS - Lynda Drummelsmith**

**Duff Largie Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, October 9 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom with 7 ladies present. Kathy reported that the Drive Thru Beef Supper had been a great success. Big Thank you to all who helped! Anniversary luncheon was enjoyed by all who attended the Church Anniversary Service. Thank you to the committee and all who helped. Kathy reported that she had taken home leftover meat, potatoes, vegetables etc and made them into soup and meat pies for ladies to sell. She made, Cauliflower soup, Dutch vegetable with meatballs, shepherd pies, apple crisp & applesauce. Thank you to Kathy for making these. They will be available for purchase at October coffee time.**

**Food Drive Challenge report – a total of 2159.39 pounds were collected! All collected went to West Elgin Daffodil Food Bank. Local churches took part, a true community effort! They are planning to do the same Food Challenge drive next year.**

**The resident council of the Bobier Villa is holding a silent auction through the month of November. Items will be on display at Bobier Villa. There will be a Bazaar at Bobier Villa on Sat. Nov. 30 10 am-2pm. Everyone is invited. There will be vendors, Auxiliary will be serving muffins & coffee for \$2.00 in the morning, and chili, bun & coffee \$6.00 at lunch. It will be the last day of silent auction. Our ladies will run the Tea Room on Sunday November 3.**

**Reminder of Coffee hour November 17 @ 10:30 (11:00 worship will follow downstairs)**

**Kathy and Barb led the Program on the theme “Thankfulness and Gratitude” Roll Call “a video message to be sent to Rose Paton, via her daughter Wendy” was answered by 7 ladies. Kathy opened the meeting with a reading “Drinking from my saucer” Barb shared an article “Thankfulness”, How gratitude can help your health. Practice of Gratitude can have a positive effect on Physical Health, and mental health. Health, food, activity, relationships, time - all important to health. She followed with prayer. Hymn “Jesus loves even me” was sung. Kathy read scripture – Luke 17 vs 11-19 – Jesus heals the 10 men. Hymn “Wonderful words of life” was sung. Kathy followed the hymn with prayer. We then all did a craft painting of a sunflower, led by Kathy. Paintings were well done! This activity enjoyed by everyone! Lin and Marguerite served a delicious lunch and a time of fellowship was enjoyed!**

**Reminder - Next meeting – Wed. Nov. 13 @ 1:30. Program – Lin McCann, Lynda Drummelsmith Lunch – Isabel Reid & Kathy Minnema.**



## **Easy Banana Muffins**

**Lin McCann**

**350 F. Bake 20-25 minutes Makes 12 large**

**1 cup mashed bananas (2-3)**

**1 cup miracle whip dressing**

**3/4 cup white sugar**

**2 cups flour**

**2 tsp baking soda**

**1/2 tsp salt**

**Mix together, fill muffin cups, bake.**



**Can you guess the most popular grocery food item in North America?**

**Answer: bananas**

**Why English is so hard to learn: read the following**

**1) the farm was cultivated to produce produce.**

**2) they were too close to the door to close it**

**3) the wind was too strong to wind the sail around the mast**





## **FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce**

### **“Lucky to be alive”**

**Have you been out for a stroll to see the beautiful fall colours of the trees yet?**

**I felt very thankful to walk out on a windy day, sun and clouds shapely clear in the sky – it was cool and crisp and invigorating. Colours all around were vibrant – a perfect fall day. And I remembered the words of a senior in long-term care who had the same answer every time I asked, “How are you today?” She replied, “Lucky to be alive!” Hearing that always made me smile – she was such a thankful person. Do you ever say that, or just thank the Lord you are alive?**

**This month, on November 11<sup>th</sup> especially, we are invited to remember those who have given their lives in the hopes of making the world a better place. Without them, the world we live in would be very different today.**

**Remembrance Day is not about glorifying war. It’s about recognizing all the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to justice and freedom for humanity, some making the ultimate sacrifice; it’s about remembering and honouring them, and the families they left behind. Who do you remember on this day?**

**As my friend Ron, a former fire fighter said at a Remembrance Day service during COVID, “everyone joined forces to fight the good fight, regardless of what they had to give: a life, time, skills or resources.”**

**We may not personally know them all, but we certainly owe them all.**

**Lest we ever forget that.**

**It’s about gratitude.**

**So how can we express that gratitude? Let us not only remember the cost to humanity, but also to cultures, to nations, and to all of creation, and let us learn.**

**Read the words of The Lord given to the prophet Isaiah:**

**6-9 “This is the kind of fast day I’m after:**

**to break the chains of injustice,  
get rid of exploitation in the workplace,  
free the oppressed,**

**cancel debts.**

**What I'm interested in seeing you do is:**

**sharing your food with the hungry,  
inviting the homeless poor into your homes,  
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,  
being available to your own families.**

**Do this and the lights will turn on,  
and your lives will turn around at once.**

**Your righteousness will pave your way.**

**The GOD of glory will secure your passage.**

**Then when you pray, GOD will answer.**

**You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'**

**A Full Life in the Emptiest of Places**

**9-12 "If you get rid of unfair practices,  
quit blaming victims,  
quit gossiping about other people's sins,**

**If you are generous with the hungry  
and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out,**

**Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness,  
your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.**

**I will always show you where to go.**

**I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places—  
firm muscles, strong bones.**

**You'll be like a well-watered garden,  
a gurgling spring that never runs dry.**

**You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew,  
rebuild the foundations from out of your past.**

**You'll be known as those who can fix anything,  
restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate,  
make the community livable again. Isaiah 58:6-12 (The Message)**

**Perhaps there is a way to ensure that those who gave so much are also taken care of in a way that helps them heal. Maybe we are to finish the story by loving our neighbor, including the vulnerable, the widow, the orphan, the war torn, because we are 'lucky to be alive' or blessed to be a blessing.**

**In gratitude may we enjoy and share our blessings.**

**Pastor Wilma**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND POTLOCK**



***Join us on December 8 for our Sunday School Family Christmas service. We will have lots of music, interaction, and lessons celebrating the season! Let's fill the pews! Bring your favourite food for the potluck after.***



## **LARGIE PLAYGROUP**

**On Friday, October 11, we welcomed back our “Playgroup Graduates” from the last couple of years. It was a PD day at school and we were happy that our dates aligned. Eight children enjoyed a story about Thanksgiving called Let’s Be Thankful featuring the popular Paw Patrol characters. We sang our favourite songs, “Head and Shoulders” and “If You’re Happy and You Know It”. The children did a cute fall craft using leaves to make various bugs and insects!**

**We had a Halloween party on October 27 and were happy to have six children join us for a fun morning of song, story, a leaf craft, and of course play time. We had a lion, duck, dinosaur, and princess. Here’s some photos from October.**

**Reunion Day**



**Halloween**



**SEE EVERYONE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 @ 10 AM.  
ALL PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR CAREGIVER WELCOME!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

October was a busy month at Sunday School. We have been averaging 2-3 children each Sunday, but on Thanksgiving Sunday, we had a record 13 children in church and subsequently join us in Sunday School. So great to see young faces and hear young voices. We appreciate the efforts of the parents to come and bring their children to church. In a world where there is so much “other stuff” to do, it brings joy to our hearts and hope for the future that you “chose us”. We hope to see you often and pray that you feel a connection with our church family.

This month, we listened to stories about Baby Moses, the Loaves and Fishes, Jesus Walks on Water, and a Thanksgiving theme. Before coming down to Sunday School the children sing “Jesus Loves Me” after Pastor Wilma’s children’s story and during our time together we say the Lord’s Prayer. Soon the children will be able to say it from memory.

On Halloween night, the Sunday School welcomed Trick or Treaters at the church and were happy to hand out 30 treat bags. The Treat givers enjoyed seeing the children dressed in their costumes and shared some photos.

### HALLOWEEN 2024





## HALLWEEN 2024



**As mentioned in the Ladies Report, we have some frozen homemade dinners for sale. They will be sold this Sunday, November 3, on a first come, first served basis this time around. Here's a sampling of what's available and prices for each.**

**Large soup - \$10**

**Small soup - \$5**

**Apple crisp - \$10**

**Shepherd's Pie - \$15**



## **History of the Largie Young People's Society cont'd**

**(Taken from "Station By the River" By Norman McWilliam, Secretary's books 1963-1968, and personal remembrances of**

**Young People's Society Members) Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith**

**During this time period the Rev. John Elder, was minister who guided our Young Peoples Society, from 1962–1966. In October of 1966 Rev. Stanley Andrews was inducted to the charge of Duff Largie and Argyle Crinan and guided our Young Peoples Society until 1980 when he retired. Meetings continued monthly, with July and August as holiday months. Meetings consisted of call to worship, singing of hymns, worship paper, current topic paper, singsong and often a musical number by a member of the group.**

**During 1967 a discussion time was added to each meeting(contemporary topics) which was led by Rev. Andrews. The Y.P.S. also became a group for the young people of the congregation(those entering high school until their 20's or so)**

**In 1964 a Bowling Party was added as a social event in February, which was enjoyed by everyone. They continued with the annual Skating Party, Sunday School Picnic at Pinafore Park(The ladies group convened the table committee & Sunday School teachers often organized the games). Halloween Party was enjoyed in October. These activities often included the members of the congregation, community, and other Y.P.S from the area. Baseball team continued to play during the summer months.**

**The Y.P.S. also supported a Korean Orphan during the late 60's. February 3, 1967, a "Night with Robert Burns" was held in the church basement, with proceeds to help support a Korean Orphan.**

**Since, 1967 was the Centennial of Canada, the Y.P.S. decided to buy and plant trees as a Canada Centennial project for the society. John McCallum and David Bobier were to purchase and plant the trees. A schedule was set up of members from the group to look after the trees through July to end of September. From what I have been able to determine the 2 trees are planted along the lane ways into the Duff Church, off Largie Road. One along each lane way near the road (see pictures). If anyone can provide further information on these trees, it would be appreciated.**

**The group also sold All-Occasion and Christmas Cards to help support the orphan. A car wash was organized for the summer as a fund raiser. In December it was**



**decided that the congregation would go and sing carols at the Bobier Home under the name of the Y.P.S.**

**In 1968 another Scottish evening was held to help support the Korean Orphan. The group was invited to a dance held by Crinan Young Peoples Society in February. Bowling party, skating party, Sunday School Picnic, Halloween party continued. In May a pancake supper was held by the group.**

**The group decided to donate \$10 to the Dutton Dunwich Swimming Pool Fund at their June meeting. The group continued to lead a Church Service during the summer months. In December the Y.P.S. decided to hold an evening Church service.**

**As you can see, the Largie Y.P.S. continued to be a very active group during this time, supporting their congregation, community and their Orphan.**

**Please stay tuned for the next years of Largie Y.P.S. in our December Newsletter. 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](mailto:ldrumm7@hotmail.com)**

#### **Young People's Society 1967 Centennial of Canada Project**



## PROJECT UDATES

If you remember from the September Newsletter, the wainscotting in the church classroom was painted a light grey. It was a bright fresh look from the previous dark brown. As is the case in many home improvement projects, one update leads to another. Such was the case at Largie. Once the wainscotting got its facelift, then the pale yellow on the walls, "just didn't go"! So, this past week, the paint gremlins got busy and painted the walls two shades darker than the wainscotting. Wow, it looks great! Thanks to the paint team of Lynda Drummelsmith, Lin McCann, Kathy Minnema, Sandy McLeod, and Ron and Barb Ross. We had fun doing it and hope you like it!



**Deadline is November 29  
for the  
December Newsletter**