

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM DUFF LARGIE

As I put this newsletter together, I'm soaking up the sun while sitting in my favourite chair, looking out the window and making regular glances at the calendar to see what day it is. Not only do we lose track of the days during Christmas holidays, but the grass is green, there's lots of water laying around, and I can go outside with just a light jacket on. Feels a lot like spring, not the end of December!

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas filled with lots of family time. As we look ahead to 2025, we pray that it is filled with many blessings and good health.

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Check the church website for additional updates at
<https://pccweb.ca/duffchurch/>

REMEMBER WORSHIP WILL BE AT 9:30 FOR 2025



JANUARY HAPPENINGS

1-Happy New Year!

4-Happy Birthday John Leitch

**5-Worship time 9:30.
Wear your favourite jean jacket**

8-WMS Meeting at 1:30

10-Playgroup @ 10 am

12-Worship @ 9:30

15-Happy Birthday Bill Van Dam

15-Crinan WI Card Party @ 1 pm @ Crinan Community Centre

19-Happy Birthday Sue Van Dam

19-Worship downstairs@ 9:30. Coffee hour to follow

19-Country Jamboree at CCC @ 1:30

24-Playgroup @ 10

25-Robbie Burns Birthday

26-Worship @ 9:30



SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE



On Sunday, December 8, Pastor Wilma Boyce and the Sunday School put on a special Family Christmas service. The children, their parents and other “voluntolders” participated in a narrative called “Adaptation of Christmas Gifts”. The Advent message had each family place an “Advent gift” of Love, Joy, Hope, Peace, or Faith in front of the Christmas tree, essentially blocking it and making the advent gifts the focus. The performance included a mix of narrative and song with 10 children playing a part. While singing “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”, bells were handed out to our visiting children who joined the rest of the children at the front of the church. Wow, we could really feel the love!



All the children rang the bells to “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”. Such a joyous sound!



During the cold snowy days of January and February bring out your knitting needles and make a toque. Use whatever size needles you wish, it will fit someone.

Cast on 80 stitches

Rib: K2 P2 for 14 rows

Stocking stitch for 24 rows

Then decrease: K8 K2 together, etc

Next row: Purl

Continue K7 K2 together, etc

Next row: Purl

K6 K2 together etc

Until 16 stitches remain

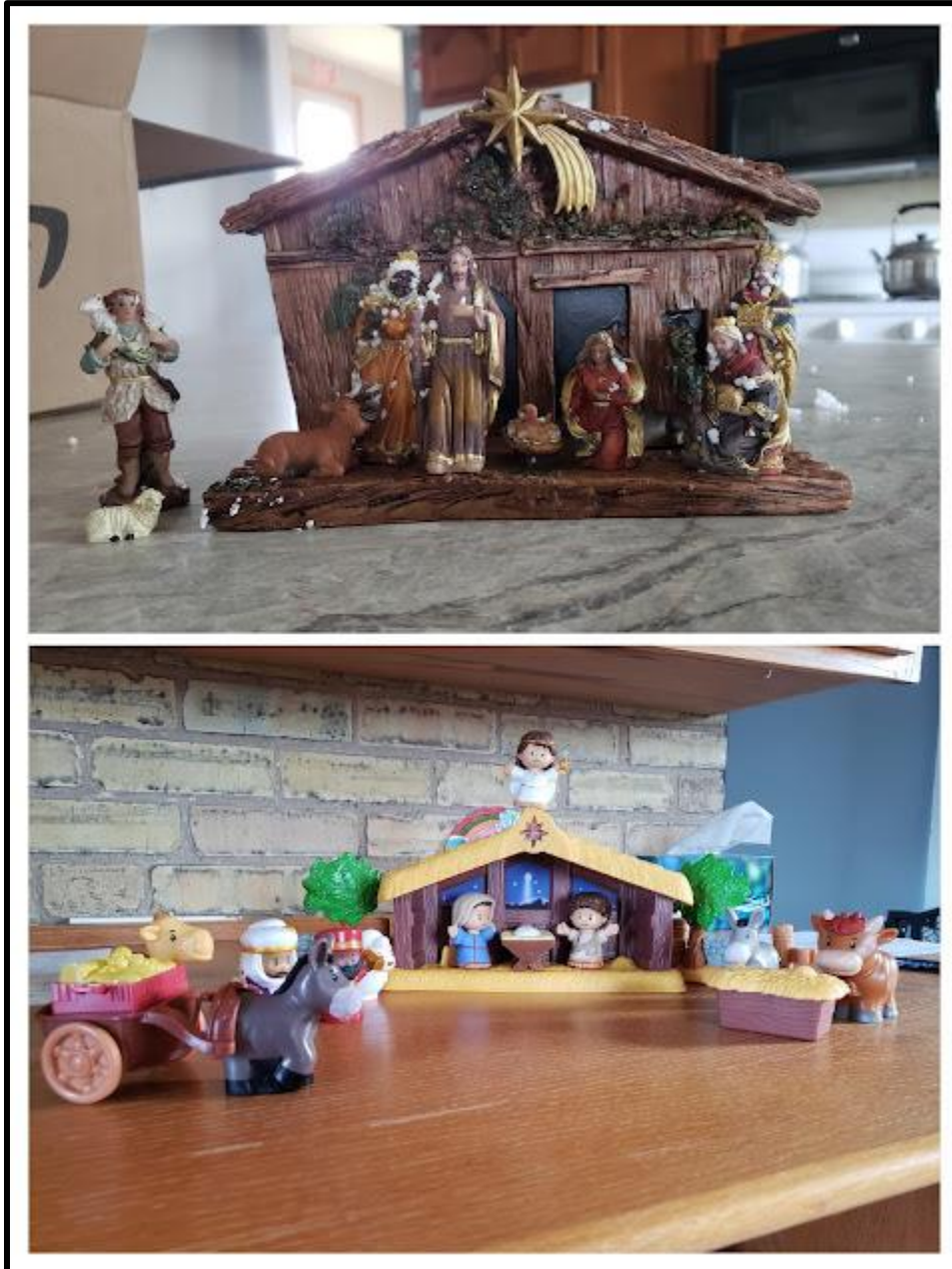
Break off yarn and thread through remaining stitches.

Sew up

Submitted by Lin McCann

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday School numbers are growing. The last two weeks we have had up to 10 children come down during the service for a bible story, craft and play time. During the month of December we focussed on the Christmas story, using the Nativity set that we purchased. The children made several keepsake Christmas crafts. Each pre-school family received a Fisher Price Nativity set (bottom photo) and the families with older children received the top set below.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ACTION

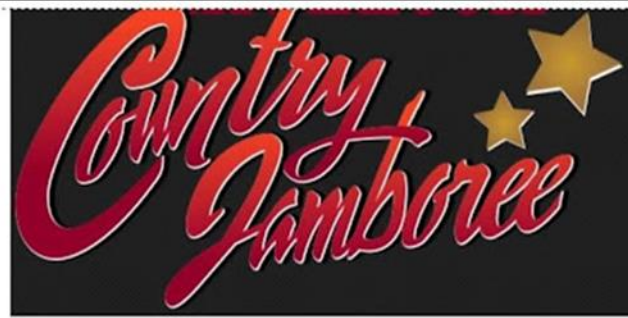
Here's an action shot from Sunday School last week after our story about Jesus Feeding the 5,000. As you can see, our room is full of activity! And, for you fashion conscious people, you can see that the "jean jacket" was a popular clothing choice. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that next Sunday, January 5, be "Jean Jacket Sunday". So... all you guys and gals, look in your closet and wear your favourite jean jacket to church if you have one or denim anything will work! Let's get a picture of everyone!



JEAN JACKET SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Let's see how many people remember to wear their favourite jean jacket or jeans!



Crinan Community Centre

13658 Dunborough Rd. DUTTON

Come listen to the Music or Bring your instrument and your singing voice - ALL WELCOME

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

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



Session wants to extend to everyone a blessed 2025 as we welcome a New Year under God's Blessings and Guidance.

A reminder that services for Largie in 2025 will be at 9:30.

As we are closing out 2024 I ask that the Presidents and Secretaries prepare their books and reports for the annual congregational statement. If these can be completed and given to me by January 19th so I can get to Monique for auditing and review.

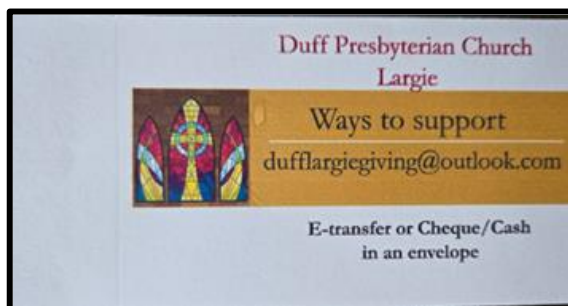
**Paul McWilliam
Session Clerk**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

Envelopes for 2025 are available in the downstairs hallway and we now have e-transfer for anyone interested. Information is below.

E-transfer is now available:

dufflargiegiving@outlook.com



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

Duff Largie Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 2:30 p.m. in the church classroom with 9 ladies present.

Before the program some of our ladies met to make Christmas puddings to be put in some of our Christmas Care packages.

President Lin thanked everyone who helped with decorating the church for the Christmas season. She also thanked those who helped with the November coffee hour and organizing the Potluck lunch following the Sunday School Christmas Service on December 8.

On December 15, the Communion Church Service was held in the basement with ladies providing coffee and sweets before the Service. The Ladies will donate a basket for the Bobier Villa Auxiliary Easter Raffle. Theme of basket to be "Spring"

The program for the Burning Bush meeting was led by Brenda Webber and Lynda Drummelsmith, on the theme "Christmas", with special emphasis on Mary. Even though her part in the whole miraculous birth of Jesus was so important, she is often seen in the background of stories. Hymns, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful", "Hope is a Star" and "Joy to the World" were sung.

A delicious seasonal lunch was served by Barb Ross and Dianne Lilly.

Ladies were reminded of our next meeting – Wed. January 8 2025 @ 1:30.

Committees – Program – Marguerite Boyd, Jackie Leitch

Lunch- Lin McCann, Kathy Minnema



This is a sample of one of the 11 Christmas Care packages that the Ladies Aid prepared. There was a nice assortment of homemade and store bought gifts. A short visit was a special treat when they were delivered.

PRAISE CORNER

[There's Hope for Everyone Matt Maher](#)

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

[Jesus Loves Me](#)

[Try a Little Kindness](#)



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These are a couple of the areas of the church that were decorated for the Advent season.

Here's some more pictures from our Family Christmas Service on December 8.



2024

- the end of the year is a time to look back with gratitude and forward with hope.
- the years end is a moment of peace, before the dawn of new adventures.

2025

- let the new year be your reminder that you are capable of starting again, as many times as you need
- a new year is not a reset, but a chance to build on strength you've gained from every past experience



Chicken Pot Pie

[HTTPS://CRISCOCANADA.COM/RECIPE/CHICKEN-POT-PIE/](https://CRISCOCANADA.COM/RECIPE/CHICKEN-POT-PIE/)

INGREDIENTS

Pie Crust

- 2 C. (500 mL) all-purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. (4 mL) salt
- 1 C. (250 mL) Crisco® All-Vegetable Shortening
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp. (30 mL) cold water
- 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) white vinegar

Filling

- $\frac{1}{4}$ C. (50 mL) butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. (375 mL) baby carrots, sliced in half lengthwise
- 3 Tbsp. (45 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 C. (500 mL) prepared chicken broth or water
- 1 can (354 mL) regular, 2% or fat-free evaporated milk
- 1 Tbsp. (15 mL) coarse mustard or 2 tsp. (10 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 rotisserie chicken, about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb (1.1 kg) meat removed and shredded, about 3 C. (750 mL) or leftover turkey
- 1 C. (250 mL) grated cheddar cheese
- 1 egg, beaten



DIRECTIONS

1. **Filling:** Melt butter in a large deep skillet on medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook for 3 minutes until soft and fragrant. Add carrots, continue cooking 3 minutes. Add flour, stirring frequently about 3 minutes. Stir in broth, evaporated milk and mustard. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently until sauce thickens. Stir in chicken. Cool while you make the pastry.
2. **Pastry:** Combine flour and salt in large mixing bowl. Cut room temperature shortening into flour with pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture is uniform and shortening resembles large peas. Beat egg, water and vinegar together. Pour all liquid evenly over flour mixture. Stir with fork until all of the mixture is

moistened. Divide dough in half and shape each into a ball. Flatten each into a circle about 4" (10 cm). Wrap and chill 15 minutes for easier rolling.

3. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C).
4. Roll half the dough on a lightly floured surface into a circle 1" (2.5 cm) wider than 9" (23 cm) pie plate. Transfer into pie plate. Trim pastry at edges of plate. Roll out remaining dough and set aside.
5. Place filling in pastry-lined pie plate. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover with remaining pastry. Seal pastry edges, trim and flute edges. Cut an X in the centre of pie. Brush with beaten egg.
6. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 375°F (190°C) and continue baking 45 to 50 minutes until crust is golden brown. Cool on wire cooling rack for 15 minutes before serving.



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Source: <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

Our focus at Playgroup in December was the Christmas story. We read the story and used our nativity scene to fill in the people and animals in the story. The children enjoyed helping to recreate the story. We also sang an "Away in a Manger" action song

The Sunday School purchased a Fisher Price nativity set for each of our families. It will be a great addition to their Christmas traditions. See everyone on January 10 at 10 am.



 **NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025