

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Welcome Spring! Hoping that we have had the last blast from winter and looking forward to green grass, spring flowers and a taste of maple syrup. Our little community has been a happening place during the past month as you will see from the pictures in this month's newsletter. Every week there seemed to be at least one event in addition to regular worship going on. It's great to see lights on at the church and cars in the parking lot. It means that we are alive and well! There are lots of events in the upcoming month both within and outside of the church. So mark your calendars and I hope that we cross paths at one of these joyous events.

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](#)

**APRIL HAPPENINGS**

1-Happy April Fools!

6—Worship @ 9:30

6-Happy Anniversary Bill & Sue VanDam

9-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

11-Playgroup @ 10. Easter theme

11-Argyle Presbyterian Church Trivia Night @ 7:30

12-CCC Roast Beef Drive Thru Dinner

13-Sunday School Palm Sunday Joint Service @ 9:30 Brunch to follow. Downstars Church

16-WI Euchre Party @ CCC @ 1 pm

18-Good Friday Joint Service @ Largie @ 10 am

20-Easter Sunday Worship @ 9:30

21-Easter Monday

23-Happy Birthday Ryleigh Alderton

25-Playgroup @ 10. Earthday theme

27-Worship @ 9:30

30-Happy Birthday Paige McWilliam



March was a busy month for the Sunday School. We hosted a Lasagne Dinner on March 1 selling a total of 136 meals with half dine in and half take out. We had a great evening of delicious lasagne, garlic bread, salad, cake and fellowship. We rounded the evening out with our very own Largie Jeopardy hosted by David Reid. There was a good variety to questions ranging from some local trivia about Dutton to some

questions from the Bible. Some made us really scratch our heads and think while others generated a good laugh.

On Thursday, March 13 we hosted a free skate at the Bo Horvath Community Centre from 2:30-4. We had just under 20 children and adults take their blades to the ice. Snacks, drinks and colouring activities were available in the warm room before heading home. What fun! We haven't hosted an event like this in many years. Maybe we can make it an annual outing.

Friday, March 14 was our Potluck and Games night that we rescheduled from February. We were pleased to have 20 people out for a night of good food and games. There is nothing like a potluck dinner. It never fails to amaze me that there are never any 2 dishes alike. Always a good sampling of food and always lots of it!

Sunday, March 16 was downstairs church and we had a good number of people participate in our "Green Sunday". We celebrated March birthdays and after the service we enjoyed our monthly coffee hour.

Our final event this month was Card Making with Lin on Friday, March 28. Eight ladies spent the evening crafting up birthday, sympathy, get well and thank you cards. Lin makes it very easy to create beautiful cards...even for those of us who are not very crafty!

In Sunday School this month, we read the story about Joseph and His Coat of Many Colours and spent the rest of the month learning about Moses, from when he was a baby hidden in the rushes to when he received the Ten Commandments from God. We have spent three weeks on the Ten Commandments and how it teaches us about relationships with God and with others.

During April, our lessons will focus on Easter. We hope to have a good turnout at our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday, April 13. This is a joint service with Crinan and following the service we will enjoy a potluck brunch. We will have a Palm Sunday skit and the children will form a parade waving their palm branches. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

PICTURES FROM OUR MARCH EVENTS



March Birthday



POTLUCK AND GAMES NIGHT



March Praise Songs

Just click on the title and enjoy!

These are the praise songs we sang in March
before Worship

[Bing Videos](#) **Come as You Are- David Crowder: Lyric video HD**

[10,000 Reasons](#)

Children's Praise Songs

[God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall](#)

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

Duff Largie Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom with 7 ladies present. President Lin welcomed the ladies and opened by reading the "Land Acknowledgement" followed by a short reading "Begin each Day..."

Raffle box for the Bobier Villa Silent Auction was discussed. Lin will deliver our basket to the Bobier Villa. Some important upcoming events for Bobier Villa are – May 3 Fair Event in the courtyard outside Whitelock Place (with Petting zoo, games, food) everyone is invited, Auxiliary Bake sale June 14 from 2-4 p.m., Christmas Bazaar planned for Sat. Nov. 8, 10 am-2 pm.

Coffee hour March 16th is looked after. The Sunday School Games night was rescheduled to Friday, March 14. No April Coffee hour, Sunday School will have a brunch following the service on April 13. Next coffee hour will be May 18.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Dunwich United in July. The ladies decided to donate \$250 to help with the Vacation Bible school program kits. They still need volunteers to lead groups.

The London Presbyterial Spring Retreat will be held at the Backus Page June 12, our ladies will provide the refreshment for the morning. More details to come.

Lin McCann and Lynda Drummelsmith had the program for the meeting. Their theme was spring. Roll Call "What do you like best about spring or your Favourite sign of Spring". Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth was sung" Lin had selections of Bible verses which told about Spring. This was followed by the ladies repeating the "Lord's Prayer".

Lynda had a short reflection about Spring and read a story by Hans Christian Anderson "The Proud Little Apple Blossom" adapted by Donna Kersey.

Meeting closed with singing an old Sunday School hymn "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall". A delicious lunch of Cheesecake, fruit, candies, tea, and coffee was served by Barb Ross and Isabel Reid. We all enjoyed a social time!

April programme committee is Kathy Minnema and Barb Ross and the lunch committee is Lynda Drummelsmith and Brenda Webber. All ladies are welcome.



Quebec Sugar Pie

Submitted by Ruth Anne McCallum

Pastry for 9" pie plate – unbaked

Plus more for decorating the top

Filling

1 c. brown sugar

¼ c. flour

2 tbsp cornstarch

¼ tsp. salt

1 ½ c. heavy cream

½ c. maple syrup (dark if possible)



Preheat oven to 400. Whisk all filling ingredients in a saucepan. Heat to a boil stirring constantly and boil for 1 minute. Cool slightly. Pour into unbaked shell. Decorate with lattice top or small maple leaves on top. Bake 35-40 minutes.



Session Update – Paul McWilliam, Clerk of Session

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter as Easter approaches.

**Palm Sunday is going to be a joint service with Crinan in Largie
Good Friday joint service will be in Largie at 10 am.
Regular service times for Easter Sunday.**

At the annual meeting there was a discussion about purchasing a new exterior sign valued at an estimated \$10,000. It was decided to fund raise for it, anyone wishing to make a donation please include in your weekly givings. Please mark your giving envelope “Sign” - with the donation amount.



BOARD OF MANAGERS

Submitted by Ron Ross

Here are pictures of projects completed since last Newsletter. The cupboards are a great cover to hide the breaker panels and we have installed the safety panels on the railings in the upper hallway. The carpet has been ordered and hopefully will be installed within the next month. The outside door on the south side of the church has been replaced with plywood awaiting the new one. Once it is installed, the north door will be removed and taken to the workshop for refinishing. Projects are being checked off.



Lasagne Dinner



APRIL DAILY PRAYERS (Source: <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/prayer-partnership/>)

Thursday, April 10 We pray for farmers as they prepare for the upcoming growing season, that they might feel your presence in the land as keenly now as at creation. May they know times of rest and rejuvenation even in the midst of their work.

Wednesday, April 16 (Earth Week Starts) During Earth Week, we give thanks for the gift of water, essential to all life on Earth. We pray all people have access to clean, safe drinking water.

Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday) Give us, O God, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live out Christ's example to love as he loved and to serve as he served.

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday) God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to be new people and to live in the new life Christ gives, guided by your Spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brought to you by your Sunday School



Sunday, April 13
Sunday School Service at 9:30 with
Brunch to follow



Flower bed beautification
May - date and details to follow



June 22

Outdoor Service & Food Truck

Tractors welcome

Lunch compliments of Sunday School

Everyone welcome



"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe filled with slush." — Doug Larson

"A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked." — Bernard Meltzer

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

"Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is." — Jessica Harrelson



This month in Playgroup, we dressed in green for St. Patrick's Day. The children took part in a matching activity and put together a wee leprechaun puzzle. We read Pout Pout Fish Easy Leprechaun and then made leprechauns to take home. We had some school age children come back to visit as it was the end of March Break. It was great to reunite with them.

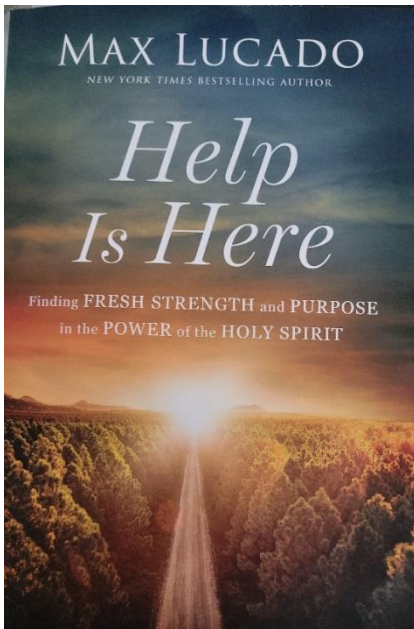




FROM THE PULPIT - Pastor Wilma Boyce

Spring is here and Easter is coming! I feel like I have a lighter load simply because boots and winter coats can be shed, don't you? Hearing the birds sing in the early morning and seeing the first perennials show their colours lifts my spirits too. What energizes you these days?

Four of us have been meeting on social media to share our thoughts on a book by Max Lucado called *Help is Here*, finding fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit. This too energizes me.



Here are a few excerpts I'd like to share with you:

I recall an afternoon early in my ministry when the invitation of Jesus to the weary became the invitation of Jesus to Max. I was supposed to be studying. But I could not concentrate. I was in the throes of weariness ..., battling insomnia, a dozen insecurities, and deadlines. I was under the impression that I had to fix everyone's problems, shoulder everyone's burdens, and never grow weary in doing so. After some moments I moved from my office chair into the chair I used for guests. I bowed my head and sighed. When I did, this scripture came to mind: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28 NASB).

It was the pronoun me that got me. I had been turning to everyone and everything but him. The words of Jesus went from ink on a page to balm for my soul.

Why did that verse come to mind? Simple. The Holy Spirit, my teacher, reminded me. The Spirit of Christ will do this for you, my friend.

And when the Holy Spirit whispers in our ear ... and makes us aware that Jesus is for real and his invitation is for real also, ... he ... moves us, to embrace the Lord Jesus, to say yes to his invitation. (pp 22-23)

The Spirit, [the invisible presence of God on earth,] is wholly holy and unlike any being in our world ... a source of strength that is unbuffeted by that which buffets us, undisturbed by that which disturbs us, untethered to whatever ties us down.

He blows where he wishes. Mighty enough to clear a path. He can break down walls of prejudice and subdue the most stubborn heart. Yet gentle. (p 34)

The Spirit is the dove of peace who calms us, the gift giver who equips us, the river of living water who flows out of us to refresh the world. (p 10)

Maybe you would like to read the book.

Easter Blessings,

Wilma

P.S. Here is another song you might enjoy

In the Room Bing Videos Matt Maher – In the Room (Official Lyric Video) ft. Chris Brown



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History of the Largie Young People's Society

(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

The year of 1980 brought a change for the Largie Y.P.S and all of Duff Largie Church. Rev. Stanley Andrew who had been an integral part of leading our group and congregation since 1966, retired from Ministry. In April we bid a fond farewell to Rev. Andrews and his wife Hope. Rev. Andrews had helped our society to grow. We were a very active group! He helped us see that we could share our love of music through the Ministry of Music within our church and throughout the communities around.

In 1980 we had an average attendance of 13 members at meetings. Card parties continued at the Cowal hall, and Christmas Cards were sold to help raise money for our group. The group continued to support our orphan, and purchased new plastic folders to hold music for our singing engagements. Guest speakers for a couple of meetings early 1980 were Mr. Sam Nikkel and Rev. Andrews. Events included Pancake Breakfast, Strawberry Social, Halloween Party and Christmas Eve Candle light service (which was affected by stormy weather).

Singing engagements included: Dutton Baptist Church Anniversary Service, St. John's United Church Annual Christmas Carol Service, Odd Fellows Banquet, farewell Party for Rev. Stanley Andrews and his wife Hope.

In December we found out that our orphan Geoffry had finished his educational career and was discontinued from the program. The Y.P. decided to support another orphan Jean Ordineau Jr. Baptiste.

In July of 1981 Rev. Don McCallum became minister of Duff Largie and Argyle Crinan Congregations. The young People's welcomed his guidance.

Activities for the group in 1981 included Card parties, skating party, strawberry social, Halloween Party, leading the Advent reading for Christmas. The group took part in many singing engagements – Joined Duff Largie Choir at Pearce Williams, we sang at Crinan Easter Service, Shedden Church Anniversary, Largie Mother's Day Service, and Duff Largie Anniversary Service, Duff Christmas Sunday Service. The Y.P.S continued to support their orphan Jean, with a member writing to him monthly. We had the special honour of decorating and serving lunch for the wedding of one of our members, Alex Henderson.

1982 monthly meetings continued to be held, under the guidance of Rev. Don McCallum.

Card parties, Skating Party, Pancake Breakfast and Easter Sunrise service, Halloween Party continued to be important activities for the group. The group was also asked to

decorate the Hall for the wedding of Kevin McMillan, a member of the Y.P.S. The group held a night of song in May.

In October of 1982 Rev. McCallum suggested we divide the group into 2 age groups (under 20 and 21+) We decided to try this for November and December of 1982.

The last minutes I have found are for February 1983, (if anyone has anything after this date it would be wonderful to have them included in our archive of the Largie Y.P.S) In February 1983 it was decided that the Younger group would sponsor and be in charge of the functions for the group and the older adult group would help them at any time. Executive was set for the Younger group and donations of \$25 were made to Cancer Society, Mission, Daffodil Auxiliary, Salvation Army Children's.

Please stay tuned as we wrap up the history of Largie Y.P.S. in our May 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 Drummelsmith @- ldrumm7@hotmail.com



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