

**GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE**

It's been a cool spring and I'm sure we aren't the only ones who have had the furnace turned! GRRR! However, May is one of my favourite months as everything is green, spring flowers are in bloom, and we are busy uncovering flower beds to see what has survived the winter. I love the irises, especially the bright purple ones at the end of our lane. I look forward to this display each year and it never disappoints me. What's your favourite month and what makes it special for you?

We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and mark the events on your calendar, planner, or phone as this will be the last one until September. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and adventured-filled summer.

If you know someone who would enjoy being on our mailing list, either forward the newsletter to them or send me their email address. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, send me an email and I will update our contact list. We send out over 80 newsletters each month! If you would like a visit or a phone call, please reach out to one of the folks below.

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**JUNE HAPPENINGS**

**1-Worship @ 9:30**

**8-Crinan Anniversary @ 11. Guest speaker Pastor Doug Gillard. Largie closed.**

**11-WMS Meeting @ 1:30**

**12-London Presbyterial Spring Retreat @ Backus Page House @ 9:30**

**13-Playgroup @ 10.**

**14-Bobier Home Auxiliary Bake Sale at Bobier Home 2-4 pm**

**15-Happy Father's Day**

**15-Worship at 9:30**

**16-Happy Birthday Mel McLeod**

**18-Happy Birthday Jackie Leitch**

**18-WI Euchre Party @ Crinan CC @ 1 pm**

**20-Happy Birthday Blake Englehart**

**20-First day of summer**

**22-Outdoor Service @ 9:30. Foodtruck lunch to follow**

**27-Happy Birthday Hayden Alderton**

**27-Playgroup @10. Visit to Isabel Reid's farm.**

**29-Happy Birthday Carter McArthur**

**30-Happy Anniversary Ryan & Mel McLeod, 18 years!**

## **JULY HAPPENINGS**

**Worship this month is in Largie at 9:30 am. See you there.**

**1-Happy Canada Day**

**4-Happy Birthday Jade McMillan**

**5-Crinan Garden Party @ CCC**

**6-Worship @ Largie @ 9:30**

**8-Happy Birthday Ivan McMillan**

**9-Happy Birthday Marguerite Boyd**

**9-WMS Meeting @ 1:30**

**10-Happy Anniversary Gerald and Marguerite Boyd**

**13-Worship @ Largie @ 9:30**

**17-Happy Birthday Barb Ross**

**20-Worship @ Largie @ 9:30**

**25-Playgroup @ 10. Pool party @ Barb's**

**27-Largie closed. Support another church.**

**29-Happy Birthday Dan Alderton**

## **AUGUST HAPPENINGS**

**Worship this month is in Crinan at 9:30 am. See you there.**

**3-Crinan closed. Support another church**

**3-Happy Anniversary Grant and Jade McMillan**

**4-Civic Holiday**

**5-Happy Anniversary Carl and Sandy McLeod**

**8-Playgroup @ 10. Pool party @ Barb's**

**9-Happy Birthday John McWilliam**

**10-Happy Birthday Cathy McArthur**

**10-Worship @ Crinan @ 9:30**

**12-Happy Anniversary Herman and Kathy Minnema**

**13-Happy Anniversary Ken and Ruth Anne McCallum**

**15-Happy Birthday Elizabeth Graves**

**17-Worship @ Crinan @ 9:30**

**19-Happy Anniversary Dan and Karlye Alderton**

**19-Happy Birthday Ruth Anne McCallum**

**24-Worship @ Crinan @ 9:30**

**27-Happy Anniversary Ron and Barb Ross**

**29-Happy Birthday Grant McMillan**

**31-Happy Birthday Piper Keane**

**Thanks for your ministry, Pastor Wilma!**

**Enjoy your summer.**



**See you in September!**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

May was a busy month at Sunday School. Our lessons this month were about Cain and Abel, The Golden Rule, David and Goliath and the Parable of Talents. The children's praise song has everyone moving, clapping, and doing actions. Even the grown up children are getting involved.

We will take the summer off from formal Sunday School and start back up again in September. However, if children come to church during the summer, they are welcome to come down to the Sunday School room for a time together.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THIS SPECIAL  
OUTDOOR SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JUNE 22 @ 9:30**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 22  
SERVICE AT 9:30  
BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS  
WEST LORNE OPTIMIST FOOD TRAILER  
COOKING UP BURGERS, HOTDOGS AND  
FRIES**



**Bring your tractors**

**Horses are welcome too**



**Dress western**



*I will sing to the Lord  
as long as I live*



During the month of May, we sang these songs during our Praise Time.

[10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman](#)

[I Am Not My Own](#)

[Bing Videos](#)

[Matt Maher - All The People Said Amen \(Lyrics\)](#)

[Sing and Shout - Matt Redman](#) Children's Praise Song

Just click on the title and take a listen. Enjoy!



May marked our 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Largie Playgroup. We average 5 children the second and fourth Friday of each month. It's such a great time for the children, their caregivers, and the group leaders to visit and watch the children interact with each other. There definitely are some heartwarming moments and friendships being formed.

On May 10 we read about a very hungry bear and on May 23, we read the story, Rain. It was very appropriate as it had rained most of the week. We sang "Rain Rain Go Away", Itsy Bitsy Spider, Row Row Row Your Boat, and If All the Raindrops Were Lemon Drops and Gumdrops". We thought that if we read and sang about rain, that it would go away for a few days and guess what? It worked!

[If All the Raindrops](#) Here's the link to the song as not many children or caregivers knew it. Some of you will remember "Barney"! Memories!

During the summer we will meet on July 25 and August 8. This will give everyone a chance to take holidays, sign up for swimming lessons, or just have fun at home. We will go back to our regular schedule beginning September 12 and 26. Enjoy the summer and those children going to school in September, have fun! We will miss you! Come back to visit on PD Days.





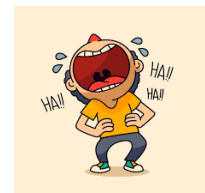
**Our story about Rain**



**A Very Hungry Bear.  
Everyone is enjoying the story.**

### **10 FUNNY SUMMER JOKES**

- 1. What did the pig say on a hot summer day? *I'm bacon!***
- 2. What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?  
*Swimming trunks!***
- 3. How can you tell that the ocean is friendly? *It waves!***
- 4. What did the sand say when the tide came in? *I'm shore glad to see you!***
- 5. What do you call a snowman in July? *A puddle!***
- 6. What did the tree say when summer finally arrived? *What a re-leaf!***
- 7. Which letter of the alphabet is the coolest? *Iced T!***
- 8. What did the coconut say when it got stepped on? *I'm cracking up!***
- 9. Why can't basketball players go on vacation? *They would get called for travelling!***
- 10. How do you throw a party in space during summer? *You planet!***



# Announcements



**Congratulations to Morgan Ross and Riley Henderson on their upcoming wedding, June 14, 2025.**



**Congratulations to Tyler and Katie Ross on the birth of their son, Ronald Noah. Happy first-time grandparents, Ron and Barb Ross**

## FUN FACTS

**June's full moon is known as the "Strawberry Moon" in North America.**

**In 1997, J.K. Rowling's first Harry Potter book was published on June 26th in the UK.**

**In the Northern Hemisphere, June is often the peak month for rose blooms.**

**Fireflies, also known as lightning bugs, are often seen in June in many parts of the world.**

**The Arctic Circle experiences 24 hours of daylight around the summer solstice in June.**

**June 18th is known as "International Sushi Day."**

**June begins on a different day to every other month of the year**

**June has the shortest and the longest day of the year (Longest day in Northern Hemisphere and shortest day in Southern Hemisphere)**



## FATHER'S DAY BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who was the first earthly Father of the world?
2. Who was the Father of all nations?
3. Who were the sons of Abraham?
4. Who were the sons of Isaac?
5. How many sons did Jacob have?
6. Who was the father of King David?
7. Who was the father of John the Baptist?
8. Who was the earthly father of Jesus?
9. Who is our Heavenly Father?

Source: Father's Day Bible Quiz (YouTube site to click on)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xjoyJNygts>. Answers are on last page of the newsletter.

## CRINAN COMMUNITY SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Dinner & Local Entertainment



Cash Bar

\$30 per person



13658 Dunborough Road, Dutton

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Bring Your Lawn Chair

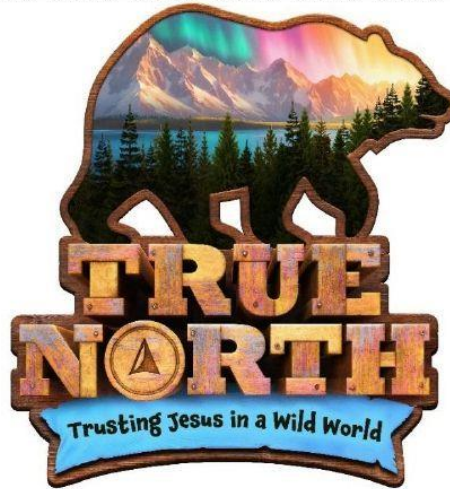
Cocktails & Social Hour: 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:15 pm

Roast Beef  
Baked Potato  
Beans, Coleslaw, Roll  
Dessert

Limited Tickets Available  
Get yours before July 1  
Barb (519)878-9736  
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Proceeds to support  
Crinan Community Centre Improvements



## Dutton Vacation Bible School 2025

New friends, Amazing experiments, Creative games  
Super-fun snacks, Surprising adventures, Incredible music  
Hosted by your local churches

Location:

**Dunwich United Church, 274 Currie Rd, Dutton**

Save these dates:

**July 7 - 11, 2025**

Each day's fun happens from:

**9AM - noon**

For ages:

**5-12 years old by end of 2025**

For more information, contact:

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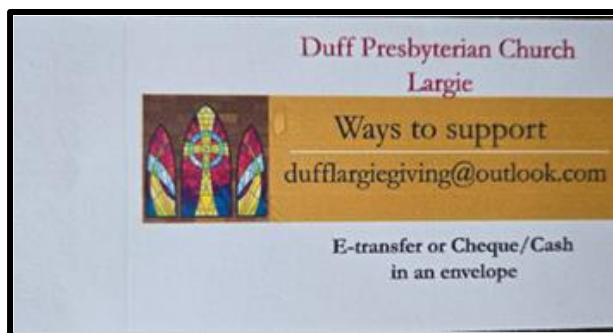
## FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Ron Ross



On May 19, the south door was installed at the church. It looks awesome. Only one door left...the north door is now boarded up and hopefully will be installed by year end.

Oddly enough, the name of the paint is “Leap of Faith” and it’s the original colour of the exterior doors!



**Church Treasurer**  
**Monique Lunn**  
**249 Nancy Street**  
**Dutton, Ontario**  
**NOL 1J0**

## WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO DUFF CHURCH LARGIE



**E-transfer**

**Weekly Envelopes**

**Cheques can be mailed to Monique Lunn, our Treasurer**



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

### **Thoughts On Approaching Summer**

**I am thankful for the freedom and the good weather that allows me to sit outside looking at gardens, watching small animals and birds, hearing the singing and chirping, and the windchimes.**

**Even the traffic sounds almost like waves hitting the shore if it all moves smoothly. In the relative quiet of the afternoon I find it is so much easier to think good thoughts and speak encouraging words.**

**On such a lovely day it is so much easier to remember all of the good things we look forward to as spring is turning into summer.**

**What crosses your mind? Is it a wedding, or the birth of a child/grandchild, maybe it will be your birthday, or anniversary, or a reunion of some kind, or Father's Day? Maybe you are excited about planting season or new work ventures, or holidays away, or having the children home for summer (I'm sure the children are excited about summer holidays.)**

**For all of these, I will pray, give thanks, and ask for blessings. God is good!**

**But sometimes it is not so easy to feel thankful, joyful, or hopeful and we need help. So it's good to be reminded that this coming month we also celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. This is the Spirit that helps us pray even when things are not what we hoped for. The apostle Paul knew that.**

**In his letter to the Philippians, Paul first lets them know, "I thank my God every time I remember you *constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ... for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ... And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, ...*". (Philippians chapter 1)**

**How wonderful that he could pray like that. He wasn't enjoying the gardens. He was sitting in chains. And as I was hearing about news that was just sad this past week, locally (the tragic death of four students and one teacher on their way home from a game) and globally (raging fires, floods, and the tragic abuse of power), I was thinking, what a gift it is to be able to pray in all circumstances.**

**So let us pray for those who celebrate and for those who mourn. Let us rejoice in the blessings we receive, in the good times we are given, and turn to strengthen those in need or despair. For we have the strength to be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you,**

**Pastor Wilma**

# NEW PROJECT



**As mentioned in the past two newsletters, plans are underway to replace the lawn sign at the church. The committee of Kathy Minnema, Lin McCann and Barb Ross have gathered quotes and are ready to present our findings.**

**If you wish to donate to help fund this purchase, you may mail a cheque or e-transfer to our treasurer. The information on ways to donate is printed earlier in the newsletter. Please indicate "Sign" with your donation amount. We hope to have it installed by Anniversary in September. To date, \$1,000 has been directed to this project.**

**The theme of our Sunday, May 25 worship service was the Parable of the Talents. This was a kickoff to our first major fundraising event. Lin and Barb acted out a skit based on the bible story and commenting that there are many talents within our church family.**

**We are asking the members of our congregation, both near and far (if you're receiving this newsletter, then you can participate!) to use your talents to raise some money. This is completely VOLUNTARY.**

**Some people may choose to sell produce from their garden or their farm, make birdhouses to sell, make preserves, have a car wash, run a lemonade stand, offer window washing services, knit items, etc. Use whatever talents that have been given to you by God to fuel your initiative.**

**A \$50 loan is available to get you started, if you wish, but must be returned along with whatever monies you collect as a result of your sales. The fundraiser is to be finished by Sunday, October 12 and we will have a "Show and Tell" during coffee hour on Sunday, October 19. If you can't attend the "Show and Tell", please email a brief description of your idea.**

**I've attached the Power Point presentation further explaining the idea along with the application. The application allows us to keep track of who is participating and is our paper trail if you want the \$50 loan. Remember... the loan is optional...you do not have to take it if you don't want to. But, remember that if you do, it **MUST** be returned!**

**The money you raise is to be submitted to Lin McCann, by October 12, and then will be submitted to our Church Treasurer. It is eligible for a charitable receipt.**

## PARABLE OF TALENTS FUNDRAISER



- Thanks for committing your time and talent to participate in this fundraising event
- We will **lend** you \$50 to get your venture started if you want it
- Try to earn more money from this initial investment by using your ingenuity and hard work (your talents)
- How you use your money is up to you; however, we would discourage you from burying it in the ground!
- If you wish, you could pool your funds with another individual or family

If you have questions,  
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### IDEAS?

- Have a yard sale
- Bake cookies and sell them
- Have a car wash
- Grow a garden and sell your produce
- Make preserves and sell them
- Make bookmarks, blankets, dishcloths
- Be an "odd jobber"
- Use your imagination and draw on your strengths/talents



- Complete the application form and hand it in to Lin McCann by **June 15** if you want the \$50 loan
- Your **\$50 loan** will be given to you by **June 22**
- Your money and your initial investment of \$50 can be handed in any time during the program.
- We will conclude the program on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 12
- We will have a "Show and Tell" during October coffee hour on October 19 where you can share your experience
- Please hand all money earned directly to Lin McCann so we can tally the total amount raised. Money will be forwarded to the Church Treasurer
- You will receive a charitable receipt for the money that you earned

**DUFF CHURCH LARGIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**The Parable of Talents Fundraiser 2025**

**Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have received \$50 cash from Duff Largie Presbyterian Church, Dutton, Ontario and make a guarantee that I will repay at least that same amount by October 12, 2025

**Duff Church Largie Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please hand in to Lin McCann by June 15 if you want the "loan". If you do not want the \$50 loan, then this can be handed in any time before October 12.**



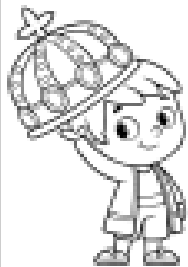
# FATHER'S DAY



## WORD SEARCH

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**Here are a few updates and reminders for the next few months. A reminder that Crinan Anniversary is June 8 at 11:00 and that Largie will be closed.**

**The summer service schedule is services in Largie at 9:30 in July and in Crinan in August at 9:30. Both churches will be closed July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>,**

**Wilma will be off for July and August and we will have various guest speakers. We wish Wilma a safe and happy vacation.**

**Largie Anniversary will be September 21st.**

**Crinan and Largie are planning a celebration Service on November 23 celebrating 100 years as a joint charge. We will have more updates closer to the day.**

**The Sign Committee will present their quotes and give their recommendation to the congregation on Sunday, June 22 after lunch.**

**A special congregational meeting will be held Sunday June 29 after church to make a final decision on the sign.**

**If you wish your offering on Sunday, June 22 to be used in financing the sign, please indicate "Sign" on your offering envelope.**

**As we approach summer, I would like to wish everyone a great summer and pray that everyone stays safe during their Holiday plans.**

**Sincerely**

**Paul McWilliam**

**Session Clerk**



## **Oatmeal Cookies**

**Submitted by Becky Gillan**

**2 c. raisins**

**1 ½ c. hot water**

**Put in a glass measuring cup in the microwave and cook until raisins are tender and plump. Do not drain.**

**1 c. brown sugar**

**3 ½ c. flour**

**1 c. sugar**

**½ tsp. salt**

**1 c. shortening**

**1 tsp. baking powder**

**4 eggs beaten**

**½ tsp. cloves**

**1 tsp. vanilla**

**½ tsp. cinnamon**

**4 c. quick oatmeal**



**Cream sugar, shortening, eggs, and vanilla; mix well. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, cinnamon and cloves together. Add flour mixture oatmeal and raisins to creamed mixture. Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for approximately 10-12 minutes or until cookies are firm.**

**This was Becky's Dad's favourite. Her Great Aunt would make them when her Dad stopped in Nebraska to visit family. It's been passed through the generations.**



## Answers to Bible Trivia Challenge.

1. Adam
2. Abraham
3. Isaac and Ishmael
4. Esau and Jacob
5. 12
6. Jesse
7. Zechariah
8. Joseph
9. God



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

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](#)

Be so Happy  
that when others  
LOOK at you  
they become  
Happy too.