

**GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE**

The days are getting longer, the sun stronger, the tractors humming non-stop and the dandelions are smiling at us! As much as we might dislike the dandelion and consider it a weed, they carry a significant symbolic meaning representing hope, resilience, and transformation. They are able to survive and thrive in the most challenging of environments thus making them symbols of perseverance and adaption. I'm sure there are occasions in your life in which you have had to persevere, overcome obstacles and adapt to the situation. The dandelion is a great role model for us and a reminder that no matter how impossible the situation may seem, we can overcome it. Here's to the dandelion!



If you would like a visit or a phone call, please reach out to one of the folks below.

**MAY HAPPENINGS**

- 1-Joint Session meeting at Argyle Crinan @ 7 pm**
- 1-Happy Birthday Tyler Ross**
- 3-Happy Birthday David Reid**
- 4-Worship @ 9:30**
- 4-Duff Largie Ladies at Bobier Villa Tea Room**
- 9-Largie Playgroup @ 10**
- 11-Worship @ 9:30**
- 11-Happy Mother's Day**
- 12-Happy Birthday Ken McArthur**
- 18-Downstairs Worship @ 9:30 followed by Coffee Hour hosted by Jackie, Carrie and Marguerite**
- 19-Happy Victoria Day**
- 21 WI Card Party at CCC @ 1 pm**
- 23-Largie Playgroup @ 10**
- 24- Free Community Concert @ Guthrie Church, Alvinston**
- 25-Worship @ 9:30**
- 26-Happy Birthday Kent McLeod**
- 31-Happy Birthday Herman Minnema**

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**Remember to check out our website. You can access our Facebook pages on the website. Click on the link below:**

**[Duff Church Largie Website](#)**



**LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS (Lynda Drummelsmith)**

**Duff Largie Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, April 9 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom with 8 ladies present. President Lin welcomed the ladies and began the meeting by reading a new version of the “Land Acknowledgement”, followed by a poem “Count Your Many Blessings”**

**An invitation to the Ladies for the Kensington Club Tea, May 7 @ 7:15p.m. @ Lawrence Station Community Hall was shared. President Lin shared the following events planned for the Bobier Villa-**

**1) Fall Bazaar – Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**2) June 14- from 2-4 p.m. Auxiliary Bake sale and tea.**

**Largie has been asked to look after the Bake table. Kathy and Marguerite volunteered to look after the Bake Table.**

**3) Auxiliary is paying for entertainment in April – 1)Jeremy Smith 2) Bob Finlay**

**4) May 3<sup>rd</sup> Fair - \$5 admission, 12 noon til 2 p.m.**

**- Having food, games petting zoo (outside Whitelock)**

**New Business -**

**-London Presbyterial Spring retreat – Thursday June 12 at Backus Page.**

**Largie looking after refreshments. Lin and Lynda volunteered to go on the committee. Lin will check with Ruth Ann House regarding quantities etc.**

**-Largie has the Tea Room at the Bobier Villa – Sunday May 4, Barb and Kathy volunteered to look after it.**

**Roll Call for the meeting– “What plans do you have for Easter?” was answered by 8 ladies. Barb Ross and Kathy Minnema had the program for the meeting. Their theme was Easter. Hymn “Christ Arose” was sung. The ladies were then divided into 2 teams and we had a fun and competitive Trivia about Easter Facts.**

**We then had an Easter Egg hunt. Each member was to find Plastic Easter eggs and then match them to an envelope with the corresponding number on the eggs. There were 12 eggs in total.**

**As Barb and Kathy shared the reading “The Easter Story to go along with Resurrection Eggs”, (By Susan Smart) Ladies would open an egg which corresponded to the part being read and show what was in the egg and then read the note in the envelope which told about the object, along with an action for us to do. The verses and explanations for each egg shared the Easter Story from Jesus Journey on a Donkey into Jerusalem to His Crucifixion and Resurrection.**

**Example: Egg 1 (leaf) told about Jesus entry to Jerusalem and the waving of palm branches. Egg 2 (silver Coin) referred to the silver coins given to Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. Egg 3 (a small cracker) referred to the Last Supper.**

**After opening all 12 eggs we were left with the words Jesus told his disciples when he left to go back to Heaven “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” Matthew 28:20. That can be for each of us too, when we choose to say YES to Jesus and accept and trust in what He did for us because, He loves us so much! That is some Good News!!**

**Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen today”, vs 1 was sung. Kathy closed the meeting with prayer followed by the Lord’s Prayer.**

**A delicious lunch was served of carrot cake and ice cream, coffee and tea, and Easter Chocolates by Brenda and Lynda. We all enjoyed a social time.**

**Next meeting – May 14 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**Program Committee – Kathy Minnema, Jackie Leitch**

**Lunch Committee - Lin McCann, Marguerite Boyd**



**Submitted by Lin McCann**

- ❖ **Spring fever is like regular fever but with more urge to skip work and smell flowers.**
- ❖ **My spring cleaning strategy is simple open windows let butterflies carry the dust away.**
- ❖ **I’m not lazy I’m just in energy-saving mode until spring fully loads.**
- ❖ **What is spring’s favourite type of pickles? Daffodil-dills**



**What do you call a baby sheep who loves karate? *A lamb chop***

**Which superhero likes spring the best? *Robin.***

**What flowers can be found between the nose and your chin? *Tulips.***

**How did the daffodil win the car race? *Petal to the metal.***



**We had a great month learning about the Easter Story. Our Palm Sunday service, prepared cooperatively with Pastor Wilma, was held in the basement of the church followed by a brunch. Every seat was filled and the head count was 62 people including 18 children! That's amazing! The service had lots of music to celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the**

**children and their caregivers participated in a skit called "Hosana" by Tracy Wells. Following the skit, the children paraded around the room waving their palm fronds while we sang, "Sing it Hosana". The smiles on the faces of the children and of those in the congregation was contagious!**

**We continue singing a children's praise song after Pastor Wilma's Children's Story using both traditional and contemporary music.**

**The Sunday School's next big event will be our Outdoor Service on June 22 at 9:30 with the food truck providing lunch, compliments of the Sunday School. Bring your family and friends and let's fill the parking lot!**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 22**

**9:30**

**BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS**

**TRACTORS WELCOME**

**WEST LORNE OPTIMIST FOOD TRAILER**

**COOKING UP BURGERS, HOTDOGS & FRIES**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



# Mother's Day

## Word Search



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 MATRIARCH  
 CELEBRATION

BLESSING  
 APPRECIATE  
 UNCONDITIONAL  
 LOVE  
 AFFECTION  
 STRENGTH  
 PATIENCE

SUPPORT  
 NURTURE  
 PROTECTIVE  
 GUIDANCE  
 GRATITUDE  
 FAMILY  
 RESPECT



[OurHappyCorner.Com](https://ourhappycorner.com)

**PICTURES FROM OUR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**



**Thanks to the children and caregivers for taking part in the skit. It is a real blessing having so many people involved.**



## APRIL PRAISE SONGS

Just click on the title and enjoy!



### **Palm Sunday Service**

[Hosanna in the Highest](#)

[Sing Hosanna - Hallelu Hallelu](#)

[Sing It Hosanna](#)

[Give Me Joy In My Heart](#)

[Go In Peace](#)

### **Regular Worship**

[This is Amazing Grace - Phil Wickham](#)

[Lord I Lift Your Name on High](#)

[Love the Lord Your God \(Children's Praise Song\)](#)

[Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed](#)

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



**If you have prayer requests, would like a pastoral visit or would like to get in touch with Pastor Wilma, here's her contact info.**

**Pastor Wilma Boyce**

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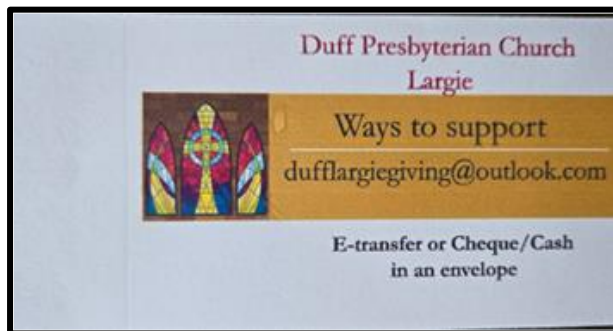
**Email: [wilma\\_boyce@hotmail.com](mailto:wilma_boyce@hotmail.com)**

## FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Ron Ross

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS**

After looking at plywood for the past number of years on the platform at the front of the church, the carpet has finally been installed and it looks amazing. Thanks to Evelyn Poisson for making this project come to life.



**Cheques can be mailed to our Treasurer  
Monique Lunn  
249 Nancy Street  
Dutton, Ontario  
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### WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO DUFF CHURCH LARGIE

100  
Offering  
Envelopes



**E-transfer**

**Weekly Envelopes**

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





**This month's recipe is submitted by Evelyn Poisson. Pastor Wilma brought this coffee cake to Evelyn and she enjoyed it so good, that she wanted to share the recipe. The recipe is actually, Audrey's (Pastor Wilma's mother). Thanks Evelyn, Audrey, and Pastor Wilma.**

### **Sour Cream Coffee Cake**

**Blend together:**

- $\frac{3}{4}$  c. white sugar**
- $\frac{1}{2}$  c. butter or margarine**

**Then blend in:**

- 2 eggs beaten**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**

**Add and blend in:**

- 1  $\frac{1}{3}$  c. flour**
- 1 tsp. baking soda**
- 2 tsp. baking powder**

**Add and blend in:**

- 1 c. sour cream**

**Topping:**

- $\frac{1}{2}$  c. brown sugar**
- 1 tsp. cinnamon**
- 2 tbsp. chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)**

**Grease you pan(s) or line with wax paper. Pour (or spoon) in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of batter and sprinkle topping and then add other half and sprinkle again with topping.**

**Bake in 350 or 325 F oven for 40-50 minutes.**

**This recipe makes one regular loaf, but I always double it to make 4 small loaves or 1 small loaf and a two-layer cake. This recipe makes a great birthday cake—just leave off the topping and use icing.**

**Note—things always turn out better if you carefully monitor the cooking time according to your own oven. Test for doneness with a skewer in the thickest part of the cake (usually the centre—it should come out clean if it's done.**





We celebrated Easter in Playgroup by reading Here Comes Peter Easter Frog. Peter Easter Frog loves Easter and thinks that since he is just as good a hopper as his friend the Easter Bunny, he should hand out some of his own Easter eggs! He hipped and he hopped, but his friends just didn't think he could replace the Easter Bunny! It was a cute story, and I think the adults enjoyed it just as much as the children! The children then made Easter finger puppets.

On April 25, we read the story, How Bear Lost his Tail. Bear didn't like his fluffy tail as it always got in the way and sometimes caused him to sneeze. Fox was very sly and tricked bear into sitting over an ice fishing hole. Bear didn't realize that his tail would freeze if he left it in the freezing cold water. You can guess what happened! The children then made an Earth Day wind sock showing all the ways we can help preserve our earth.





As mentioned in the April newsletter, we are planning to replace the exterior sign so that we can let the community know who we are and what's going on. A committee is gathering quotes and finalizing a design. This is a significant purchase and fundraising ideas are in the works. 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. Stay tuned for fundraising events and updates on our progress.



**This sign is visible from Duff Line**



**This sign is visible from Largie Road**

**Our goal is to have 1 sign that says who we are, what's going on and when we worship.**



## **MOTHER'S DAY TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD**

**In Australia, the tradition of giving chrysanthemums, or "mums," on Mother's Day is a popular and enduring practice. Chrysanthemums hold special significance as a symbol of love, appreciation, and honor for mothers.**



**In Peru, it is a common tradition on Mother's Day for families to visit cemeteries to honor and remember deceased mothers.**

**In the U.K., the tradition of "Mothering Sunday" involves children giving flowers and cards to honor their mothers, much like we do here in North America.**

**In Italy, it is a common tradition for mothers to be relieved of household chores and cooking duties on Mother's Day.**



## **MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE**

- 1. Which mom puts her baby in a basket to save him?**
- 2. Which mom prayed for a baby while she visited a temple?**
- 3. What mom saw her son die on a cross?**
- 4. Name the mom of John the Baptist?**
- 5. Who was the first mother on earth?**
- 6. Who was Joseph's mother?**
- 7. Who called herself, "The Mother of Israel?"**
- 8. Whose mother brought him a new coat each year?**



## **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 1980-1983, and personal remembrances of Young People's Society Members)**

**This will be the last instalment of the Duff Largie Young People's Society History. If minutes or records are found for the group after 1983, I would be glad to add that to a future newsletter. If you have been following along you will realize that the Young People's Society of Duff was an important part of church life in Largie. "It was the connecting link for the youth of the congregation as they progressed from children in the Sunday School to full adulthood. Through the years, an active and vibrant young people's organization has been a useful training-ground in Christian witness and service. It has also provided leadership in innovative and progressive thinking that has always been the trade-mark of young people." (quote from "Station by the River" Norman McWilliam).**

**Some important firsts by the Y.P.S. group through the years – The group was the first to use the organ in their meetings in the basement of the church. One year later the congregation agreed to the introduction of the organ for use in its regular worship. The influence of the young People in this decision was considerable. Again in 1922 a piano was purchased by the Young People's Society to be used in the basement, an innovation not fully approved by older members. In the seventies the guitar was introduced and first used in divine worship by the young people, another innovation met with some disapproval by some of their elders. (on a personal note I vividly remember my grandmother, being one who fully supported the young people and the use of the guitar in worship)**


**Many of the Y.P.S. members have gone on to become strong leaders in their church and community, wherever their life's path has taken them. The ties are strong to the home church that gave them the foundation and roots of their faith. In fact, several who had been a part of the Y.P.S at any of their singing events, through the seventies and eighties reunited to sing once again at the Corner Stone opening of Duff Church in 1995.**

**(Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the church building) The music and the beat was still strong! It is our hope that as we see more children in our Sunday School and congregation, that the Young People's Society will be reactivated, and resume its vital role in the life of the church!**

**This is the wrap up of the history of Largie Y.P.S. If you find 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 Please stay tuned in the Fall of 2025 when the history of another of our Duff Largie groups is shared in future newsletters.**

## ANSWERS TO MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE TRIVIA

1. (Yocheved) Exodus
2. (Hannah) 1 Samuel 1:10
3. (Mary) John 19:25
4. (Elizabeth) Luke 1
5. (Eve) Genesis 2
6. (Rachel) Genesis 30:25
7. (Deborah) Genesis 35
8. (Hannah) 1 Samuel 2:19



FREE  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERT


MAY 24, 7.00 P.M.

CONCERT WITH JAZZ, FOLK AND CLASSICAL  
VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL  
MUSIC WITH REFRESHMENTS

An evening full of music and community! Come and enjoy the many talented musicians. From Bagpipes to Oboe, from solo singing to quartet, from sacred to secular, a wide variety is present.

Guthrie celebrates this year and wants to celebrate with the entire community. We open our doors for the community, so we can meet each other and enjoy the arts of music and have fun together.

Guthrie Presbyterian Church, 3256 River St Alvinston



*Celebrating  
150 Years!!!*



**MAY 29 FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER**