

Where did the summer go? Here's hoping you were able to check off all of the activities, summer projects, books to read, people to visit, and events to attend that you had set out to do in June. Unlike the past few summers, it was very hot and very dry. Just when we thought we were going to dry up and not be able to salvage anything, the rains came and greened everything up allowing another growth spurt for the gardens and crops.

September and October are busy months with fall fairs, canning, harvest, and general tidy up before the cold weather sets in. There's lots going on, so be sure to mark your calendars, especially the dates where there is a drive thru dinner. Let someone else cook!

This newsletter contains information for September and October as Ron and I are travelling to Croatia this month. Enjoy the colours and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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

We also have a Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Duff-Presbyterian-Church-Largie/100070608482586/>

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

1-Labour Day

3-Happy birthday, Gerald Boyd

6 -Crinan WI Annual Cornhole Tournament

7-Worship @ 9:30

8-Happy Birthday Simon Vojin

8-Joint Session meeting @ Largie @ 7 pm

10 -Ladies Meeting @ 1:30

12- Playgroup @ 10 am

12-15-Rodney Fair

14 – Worship @ 9:30 downstairs followed by coffee hour

21- Duff Largie 170th Anniversary Service @ 11 am

26-Happy Birthday Natalie Vojin

26-28- Wallacetown Fair

28-Worship @ 9:30

30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- 3-Largie Drive Thru Dinner**
- 4-Happy Birthday Emily McWilliam**
- 5-Happy Birthday Sandy McLeod**
- 5-Worship @ 9:30**
- 8-Happy Birthday Kathy Minnema**
- 8-Ladies Meeting @ 1:30**
- 10-Playgroup @ 10.Thanksgiving/Autumn theme**
- 11-Happy Birthday Lin McCann**
- 12-Worship @ 9:30. Givings this week are dedicated to the church sign. Mark your envelope "Sign"**
- 13-Happy Thanksgiving**
- 15-Crinan WI Euchre Party @ Crinan CC @ 1 pm**
- 17-Happy Birthday Amelia Veenema**
- 18-West Lorne Optimist Euchre Tournament @ West Lorne Legion**
- 19-Worship @ 9:30 downstairs. Communion. Coffee hour with Parable of Talents Show and Tell**
- 23-Happy Birthday McKenna McArthur**
- 24-Playgroup @ 10. Halloween Theme**
- 24-Hallowe'en Party @ Crinan CC @ 7 pm**
- 26-Happy Birthday Nathan McLeod**
- 26-Worship @ 9:30**
- 27-Happy Birthday Carl McLeod and Ron Ross**
- 29-Happy Birthday Wesley Veenema**
- 31-Sunday School Hallowe'en Treat Event. Pick up treat bags @ church 5:30-6:30 pm**



DRIVE THRU BEEF DINNER DUFF CHURCH LARGIE 13125 Largie Road



Friday, October 3
Pick up time 4:45 – 5:45

\$25

ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 24

Menu
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Corn
Cole Slaw
Roll
Dessert

Get Your Tickets \$25
Kathy 519-868-7245
Lin 519-859-2534
Lynda 519-673-8512
Last date for tickets is September 24



Our outdoor service in June was well attended and there were lots of people dressed in Western attire. Thanks to Sue McWilliam and Joe Windl for leading us in song and to those who brought their tractor. We strayed from the traditional skit this year and instead had the children and a few adults sing and perform actions to the song, Fruit of the Spirit. It was fun to do and observe. Check it out on YouTube. Next time maybe

we will have costumes!

Fruit of the Spirit with Actions

During the sermon, the children used sidewalk chalk to make stained glass windows on the sidewalk by the North door. After the service, everyone enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, and fries from the West Lorne Optimist Club food van compliments of the Sunday School.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to Sunday School on September 7. A Sunday School meeting with teachers and parents is planned for October. We welcome parent input and would love for them to join our team.

The Sunday School teachers will be handing out Hallowe'en treats on Friday, October 31st in the church parking lot from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Outdoor Service Pictures





SESSION UPDATE

Submitted by Paul McWilliam

I hope that everyone had a great summer holiday, it was a hot one. As children return to school we wish them a happy and safe return to the classroom.

We welcome everyone back to regular Sunday morning Worship service at 9:30.

Largie Anniversary service will be September 21st at 11:00. We will be having Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee from camp Kintail as our guest Minister. We look forward to celebrating our Anniversary with her. There will be a lunch provided following the service.

Communion dates are October 19 and December 14.

Crinan and Largie are planning a celebration Service on November 23 celebrating 100 years as a joint charge. Details to follow.

As fall approaches we wish everyone a safe Fall and blessed harvest.

Paul McWilliam

Session Clerk



The children should be able to answer these as we have learned these stories in Sunday School. Answers are later in the Newsletter.

- 1. How many days did God take to create the world?**
- 2. How many days and nights did it rain when Noah was on the ark?**

- 3. Name the city where Jesus was born?**
- 4. What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?**

- 5. What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his siblings?**
- 6. How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?**
- 7. Name the city where Jesus was born?**
- 8. Where did Jesus' family go when Herod wanted to harm him as baby?**
- 9. Who baptised Jesus?**
- 10. How many disciples did Jesus choose?**



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

The ladies Groups did not meet during the month of August. Here are some of the highlights and events.

In May our ladies had a guest speaker to our meeting. Kwaku Asumado from Ghana, studying in Canada, and is currently a member of Oakridge Presbyterian Church, London. He came from a family of 7 kids. His father passed away leaving his mother to raise the family. He had high praise for his Mother who was Pentecostal and his Grandmother who was Presbyterian, and helped his mother out. Kathy read the scripture that he requested from 2 Timothy vs. 5, showing how his desire to follow Jesus is part of his legacy. University was where he had an experience with the Lord which led to his decision to help lead people to Jesus. He got excited just talking about Jesus. He talked about helping out with a 92 year old man near the end of life and how the family asked "what will become of Grandfather?". He told the family of Jesus death and resurrection. Barb read John 20, Kathy read Isaiah 57 vs 1,2 which gives hope to those at end of life. Kwaku, encouraged us to leave a legacy of peace and faith in Jesus, to our children and grandchildren.



In June some of our ladies attended the London Presbyterial Retreat at Backus Page Museum. Guest speaker was Rev. Nick Wells. He was very knowledgeable about the history of the Anglican Church beside the Museum and was very interesting to listen to. Our ladies were responsible for refreshments, which were thoroughly appreciated by all who attended. Thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the refreshments.

Our group also looked after the Bake Sale table at the Bobier Villa Tea.

Our group donated towards the vacation Bible School held at Dunwich United, the first week of July, which was well attended with some of our children attending.

A Supper Committee was formed with the Date for the Beef Drive Thru Supper being Friday, October 3rd. See newsletter for cost and

where to get tickets.

Sunday, September 21 will be the Church Anniversary service. The guest minister will be the Rev. Theresa Lee-McDonald from Camp Kintail. A lunch will be served after.

Dates and Committees for September and October meetings

September 10, 2025 –

Program – Lynda Drummelsmith and Kathy Minnema

Lunch – Marguerite Boyd, Isabel Reid

October 8, 2025 –

Program – Lin McCann and Jackie Leitch

Lunch – Kathy Minnema, Barb Ross



FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Submitted by Ron Ross

All the exterior doors have been completed and the frames around them painted. It looks awesome and sure gives a fresh look to the building. Thanks to Upper Canada Outfitters for doing such a great job. It was well worth the wait. They even painted the rosette above the large doors facing Largie. Thanks also to the Sunday School for giving the flower beds a facelift. Things are looking good.

The Board of Managers met in August and we have a couple of projects on the books. Details to follow.



When I'm in the kitchen I enjoy listening to music. I like to vary what I listen to. I tell myself I am multi-tasking...looking for new titles for Praise Time while cooking. Here's some that I have found. Hope you enjoy them and who knows, maybe we will sing them in church!



[Praise](#) this one will get you moving. It's okay if you start to dance a bit!

These songs will mellow you out!

[Holy Forever - Chris Tomlin](#)

[Because He Lives \(Amen\) Matt Mayer](#)

[The Blessing](#)

NEW PROJECT



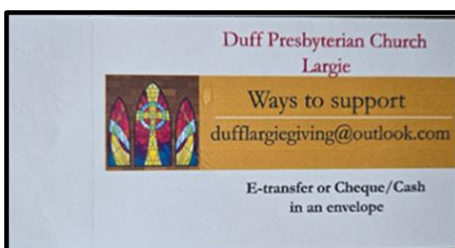
As mentioned in the June newsletter, a congregational meeting was held after the Outdoor Service on June 22 to review the quotes received to install a new outdoor sign. Lin and Barb presented the information and fielded questions. People were able to vote after the presentation or the following Sunday after church. Chap's Signs from Komoka has been awarded the job and fundraising has been ongoing since March. To date, \$5871 has been raised toward the \$11,000 primarily through weekly givings and a generous donation from the Ladies Aid. The committee also proposed a Parable of Talents fundraising effort where people can use their various talents to raise money and then donate their profits to the church. Some suggestions were to sell produce from your garden, set up a lemonade stand, have a yard sale or whatever venture makes the best use of your talents. All projects are to be completed by October 12 and any money raised submitted to Lin. During our October 19 Coffee Hour, we will have a "Show and Tell" where people can share how they used their talents. I'm pretty excited to see what people have done. We have a very creative group, so I'm sure we will be amazed at what has been done.

The sign design that was chosen is below and will be installed where the existing one currently sits. The sign board has 5 lines available with 6" letters. Messages can be printed on both sides and will be visible to traffic travelling East and West. If you would like to support this project, you can mail a cheque or e-transfer. Please indicate "Sign" on your donation. We are hoping that the sign will be installed this fall.



We have raised (\$5871) half the cost of the sign so far. We could use your help to raise the other half.

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Thanksgiving Riddles

- Why did the turkey join the band?
- What kind of key can't open a door?
- What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
- Why did the scarecrow win an award?
- Why did the cranberries turn red?
- What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?
- What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient chicks?
- Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"?
- What do you call a running turkey?
- What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
- Why did the pilgrims' pants always fall down?
- How do you keep a turkey in suspense?

1. The letter "g"!
2. Because they saw the turkey dressing!
3. He got the stuffing knocked out of him!
4. Because they wore their belt buckle on their hat!
5. I'll tell you at Thanksgiving!
6. If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!
7. Because they never learned good table manners!
8. Fast food!
9. Because it had the drumsticks!
10. A turkey!
11. Pumpkin π (pie)!
12. Because he was outstanding in his field!



Playgroup took on an agricultural theme in June. Our first visit was to Isabel Reid's farm to see the baby chicks. The children toured the coop and saw the eggs in the incubator and the adult chickens too. They enjoyed a story on the grass and ended their time blowing bubbles. Thanks, Isabel for hosting.



On June 27, we were happy to welcome some new children and Mom's to our group as we made our annual walking trip to Bill and Sue VanDam's farm to see the donkeys, horses, goats, and cats. We were quite a sight walking from the church up Largie Road..a steady stream of strollers and wagons! The children enjoyed feeding the goats their sweet feed. I'm not sure who was happier, the goats or the children! We ended our morning back at the church and enjoyed an ice cream treat before saying good bye. Thanks Bill and Sue for allowing us to visit.

Farm Visit to Bill and Sue VanDam's



We had two pool parties for our summer time Playgroup, one in July and one in August. Everyone enjoyed the water, including the adults! Before going home, we had freezies and ice cream. What more could you ask for?



Playgroup will meet only once this month on Friday, September 12 at 10 am. We will return to our regular 2nd and 4th Friday in October. On Friday, October 10 our theme will be Thanksgiving/Autumn and on Friday, October 24, our theme will be Hallowe'en. Wear your costume and we will have Hallowe'en songs, stories and games. All are welcome, and we especially hope our new families will continue to join us. Our graduates are welcome to return on PD Days.

We hope that William has a great year in Junior Kindergarten.



FRESH PEACH CRISP

Yield: 10-12 servings

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE FILLING:

6 to 8 c. sliced fresh peaches {peeled}

2 T. cornstarch

1/3 c. granulated sugar

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 T. fresh lemon juice

pinch salt

FOR THE TOPPING:

1/2 c. all-purpose flour

1/2 c. old-fashioned oats

1/2 c. brown sugar

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 c. butter, melted

INSTRUCTIONS:

PREPARE FILLING: Spray a 9x13" baking dish with cooking spray. Place sliced peaches in the bottom of the pan. Whisk together cornstarch, sugar, and salt. Sprinkle over peaches. Add cinnamon and lemon juice. Toss together until well combined. Spread peaches in an even layer in the pan. Bake peaches at 375°F for 15 minutes.

PREPARE TOPPING: While peaches bake, combine flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl. Add melted butter and toss until well combined.

Remove peaches from oven and sprinkle topping evenly over peaches. Bake at 375°F for an additional 40 minutes or until peaches are bubbling along the edges and topping is golden brown.

*If you like extra topping, double the topping recipe.

<https://www.thekitchenismyplayground.com/2018/07/fresh-peach-crisp.html>





BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 6 days
2. 40 days
3. Bethlehem
4. A rainbow
5. A coat of many colors.
6. Put him in a basket in the river.
7. Bethlehem
8. Egypt
9. John the Baptist
10. 12 disciples



DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 26 FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE