

NOVEMBER GREETINGS

We have been blessed with a beautiful autumn: sunshine, warm temperatures, and a bountiful harvest. And....fabulous baseball! Our Bluejays are making us proud and reminding everyone that they are indeed a force to be reckoned with.

Another year is quickly coming to a close and we find ourselves wondering where the time has gone. Sit down with your coffee or tea and actually go back through the months and be proud of what you accomplished this year and bask in the memories of times spent with family and friends. You will be surprised at what you have managed to cram into these 10 months, and we're not done yet! We need to be thankful for the freedoms we have and the peace that we enjoy. Take time to reflect and appreciate the sacrifices that so many have made and continue to give so that we may enjoy life as we know it in Canada.

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 or if you have something to contribute or celebrate. Please share our news with neighbours and friends.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

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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/>

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

2-Daylight Saving Time ends

2-Worship @ 9:30

2-Ladies Group at Bobier Villa Tearoom @ 1:30

3-Happy Birthday Matt Woods

4-Happy Birthday Hailey McWilliam

6-Happy Birthday Steven Minnema

8-Crinan Drive Thru Beef Dinner. A few tickets left. See Barb

10-Happy Birthday Jackson Woods

11-Remembrance Day

12-Session Meeting @ Largie @ 7 pm

12-WMS Ladies Meeting @ 1:30

14-Happy Birthday Ryan McLeod

14-Playgroup @ 10

16-Worship downstairs @ 9:30 followed by Coffee Hour

19-Crinan WI Euchre Party @ Crinan CC @ 1 pm

18-Happy Birthday Isabel Reid

19-WI Euchre Party @ 1 pm @ CCC

23-Worship @ 11 @ Crinan. Celebrating 100 years together. No worship in Largie

27-Happy Birthday Gina Harris

28-Happy Birthday Carrie Woods

28-Playgroup @ 10

30-First Sunday of Advent, Candle of Hope

SESSION UPDATE - Submitted by Paul McWilliam



We have been blessed with a great Fall and are continuing to enjoy this beautiful weather.

As we move into November, we must take time to pause and remember those who sacrificed so much in the past, including their lives, so we are able to enjoy the life and freedom that we do today.

Largie and Crinan are looking forward to celebrating 100 years as a joint charge with a special Anniversary service in Crinan November 23 at 11am with Rev Don McCallum as the guest Minister. We look forward to this celebration with Crinan.

Next communion will be December 14th.

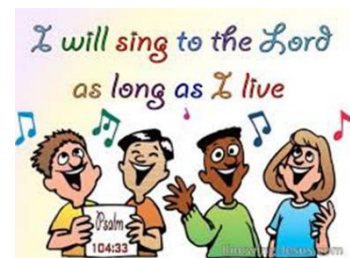
So everyone can plan, the Christmas Eve service will be in Crinan at 7pm and service times will change January 4, 2026 at Largie to 11:00.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed fall as we start looking forward to the Advent season.

**Paul McWilliam
Session Clerk**



PRAISE SONGS



Here's this month's picks. Click and enjoy!

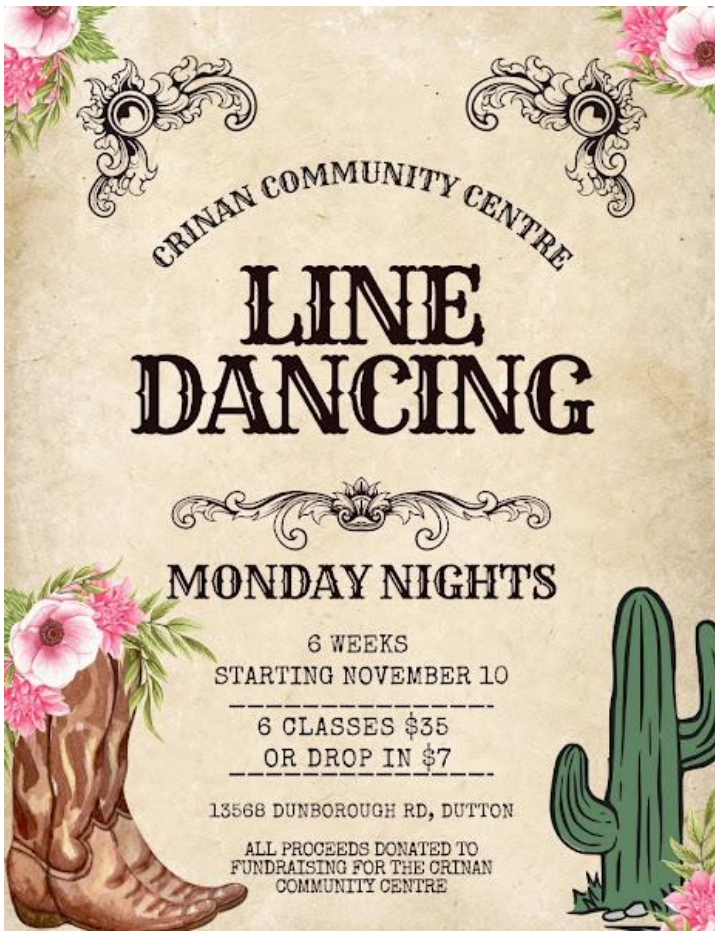
[Thanks and Praise](#)

[Amen, Praise the Lord](#) – Children's Praise Song

[He's Got The Whole World In His Hands](#) – Children's Praise Song

[10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\) - Matt Redman \(Best Worship Song Ever\) \(with Lyrics\)](#)

COMING EVENTS



CRINAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

LINE DANCING

MONDAY NIGHTS

6 WEEKS
STARTING NOVEMBER 10

6 CLASSES \$35
OR DROP IN \$7

13568 DUNBOROUGH RD, DUTTON

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO
FUNDRAISING FOR THE CRINAN
COMMUNITY CENTRE



Join the Crinan Women's Institute

For a morning of learning and Remembrance
at the Dutton Dunwich Cenotaph in Sons of Scotland Park
Saturday, November 8, 2025 @ 10am

Featuring a talk by local historian and Chair of the Dutton Dunwich
Cenotaph Project, Blair Ferguson
regarding the new cenotaph and North Dunwich veterans

All welcome

Hear about the Cenotaph Project and the North Dunwich veterans whose names are inscribed on the monument. All are welcome! Meet at the Cenotaph on Saturday, November 8 at 10 am.

Contact Sue McWilliam @ 519-318-3020



CRINAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

AUTUMN DRIVE THRU ROAST BEEF DINNER

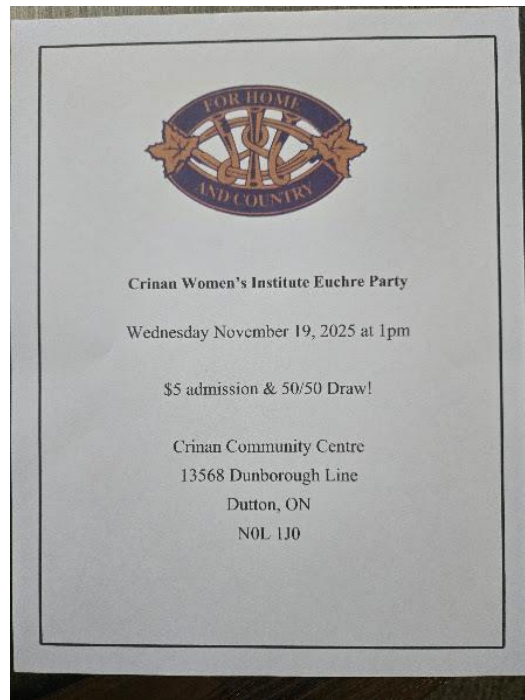
Saturday, November 8
\$25 per ticket

Saturday November 8 Pick up 4:30-5:30 at Largie Church 13125 Largie Road Dutton

Roast Beef & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes & Veggie
Salad & Roll
Dessert

Limited tickets until Nov. 5
Barb (519)878-9736
Alan (519)768-2759

Proceeds to Crinan Community Centre. Previous profits were used to paint and replace flooring.



FOR HOME AND COUNTRY

Crinan Women's Institute Euchre Party

Wednesday November 19, 2025 at 1pm

\$5 admission & 50/50 Draw!

Crinan Community Centre
13568 Dunborough Line
Dutton, ON
N0L 1J0

Contact Barb Ross @ 519-878-9736 for tickets.



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS – Lynda Drummelsmith

Regular meetings for the Ladies groups were held in September and October.

Kathy and Lynda were on the W.M.S. program for September. Their theme was Autumn. Kathy opened with the poem “September”, followed by the singing of “Wonderful Words of Life. Lynda then had scripture in the form of an old fashioned sword drill, looking for verses in the Bible which celebrated the Autumn season. This was followed by prayer. She then had a short devotion which told of Autumn being a time for - new beginnings, children going back to school, leaves changing colour and harvest from field to garden being done. A time to devote more of our precious time to those in our lives who need that time more than we do. Kathy then had a fun Fall Trivia which really tested our knowledge of the Fall/Autumn season. She closed the meeting with a poem entitled “The Clothesline”. A delicious lunch was served by Marguerite and Isabel and we all enjoyed a social time.

October W.M.S committee was Lin and Jackie. Their theme was “Thanksgiving” from the W.M.S. Thanksgiving program developed by Mary Anne Carr. Their meeting opened with a responsive reading, followed by the singing of “Now Thank we all our God”. Jackie read scripture from Psalms – 65 vs 5-13, Philippians 4 vs 4-9. Lin shared a devotion “Begin with Thanks”, selected parts from the worship service. “Do not be anxious” this is the least obeyed and most repeated message throughout both the Old and New Testaments. We should begin all requests to God with Thanksgiving. Thankfulness is the antidote for anxiousness. When we take our requests/prayers to God, begin with what we are thankful for. Her devotion was followed by prayer. Hymn “ All Things Bright and Beautiful” was sung. Lin closed the meeting with a Benediction. A delicious lunch was served by Kathy and Barb. A social time was enjoyed.

The ladies were busy throughout September and October. They had a luncheon after the Church Anniversary September 23. The meat, buns, beans, salads and cake were generously donated by Grant and Jade McMillan. October 3 was our beef drive thru supper. This was a great success with over 160 meals being sold. Thanks to Isabel Reid for donating the 90 pounds of potatoes for this. October 19, the ladies had a coffee hour after the Communion Church service. The ladies also prepared and served luncheons following a Celebration of life and a Funeral.

Our ladies were saddened by the passing of Rose Paton, a longtime member of our groups. Her contagious laugh, sense of humour and her willingness to help with all our events will be sorely missed.

Reminders of events for our ladies:

-Mission Day at Knox Presbyterian Church Fingal – October 23, coffee at 9:30

-Largie ladies will look after the Tea Room at Bobier Villa November 2.

-The Bobier Villa fall bazaar and Bake sale is November 8. Our ladies will look after the bake table.

-Next coffee hour after church will be Sunday November 16

On Sunday, November 23 Duff Church Largie will join with Argyle Church Crinan in a joint service in Crinan at 11:00 a.m., celebrating 100 years together as a joint pastoral charge. Former minister Rev. Don McCallum will be the guest Minister. The service will be followed by a lunch.

Next meeting November 12, 2025 –

Program – Kathy Minnema, Marguerite Boyd

Lunch – Jackie Leitch, Dianne Lilley



- 1. Who built an ark to survive a great flood?**
- 2. Who was swallowed by a big fish?**
- 3. What's the first book of the Bible?**
- 4. Who was Jesus' mother?**
- 5. What animal tempted Eve?**
- 6. How many commandments did God give Moses?**
- 7. 7. What did Jesus use to feed 5,000 people?**
- 8. What garden did Adam and Eve live in?**

Answers are later in the Newsletter



**A warm welcome to
Tyler, Katie and Noah Ross
as they move into our community.**

NEW PROJECT



During our October Coffee Hour, we heard a report on the Parable of Talents fundraiser. The project raised \$671 from the following ventures: selling homemade coffee cakes, running a lemonade stand, collecting cans, selling garden produce, beef, and homemade roasted tomato soup. Thanks to all who participated.

Until our goal of \$11,136.15, we will continue to fundraise and accept donations. To date, we have raised \$7241.46. What a great start.

Installation of the sign began October 27 and here's what it looks like. It's two-sided and is visible to traffic travelling East and West.



Monday, October 27

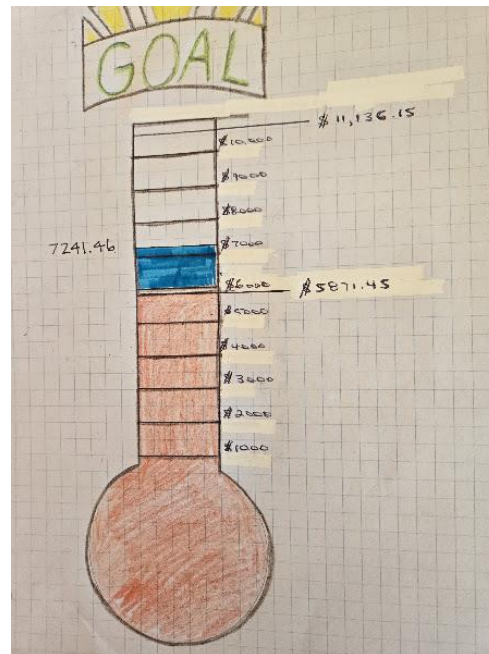


Wednesday, October 29 (AM)



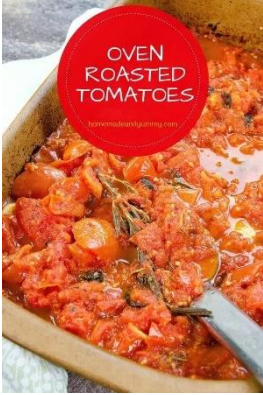
Wednesday, October 29 (PM)

We are still accepting donations. You can mark your envelop, cheque, or e-transfer "Sign" if you would like to contribute. Thanks to all and we look forward to letting everyone know "what's happening in Largie".



Answers to Bible Trivia Challenge

1. Noah
2. Jonah
3. Genesis
4. Mary
5. A serpent
6. Ten
7. 5 loaves and 2 fish
8. Garden of Eden



OVEN ROASTED TOMATOES FOR FREEZING

Submitted by Barb Ross

Ingredients

6 pounds tomatoes (I used Roma). Leave seeds and peel on if you like.

6 cloves garlic (or more if you like)

¼ cup olive oil

1 ½ teaspoons salt

1 teaspoons pepper (I used spicy garlic)

1 teaspoons Italian seasoning

½ teaspoons garlic powder

- **fresh herbs (basil, oregano, rosemary)**

Instructions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400° F**
- 2. Wash tomatoes, and cut into chunks. You can also just cut in ½ or leave whole if you prefer. The large the pieces, the longer they take to cook.**
- 3. Divide the tomatoes into 2 roasting pans (you don't want to crowd them)**
- 4. Divide the oil and seasonings between the two pans, distribute and mix well to coat.**
- 5. Add garlic cloves and fresh herbs to each pan.**
- 6. Roast for about 1 ½-2 hours. **Depending on the size you have cut your tomatoes, the amount of tomatoes you have placed in your baking vessel, and the heat of your oven, you may need to reduce the temperature to 375° after 30 minutes to avoid burning****
- 7. Depending on the amount of moisture you still want in the tomatoes, the time will vary slightly. Also if you removed the seeds, you will have less moisture to cook out.**
- 8. Be sure to mix several times during roasting.**
- 9. Once done, remove from oven.**
- 10. Remove any large stems from the herbs.**
- 11. If you like, you can leave your tomatoes in large chunks, or mash slightly with a potato masher. Mash the garlic cloves too. You can also use an immersion blender.**
- 12. When cool, measure into your desired amount, place in the freezer bags, seal, date, and place in freezer.**
- 13. DONE!**

Can use fresh or measure into 2 c freezer containers. If using for soup, thaw and add milk, cream or water until desired consistency. Can also be used in sauces, chili, spreads, etc.



FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce

The Value of a Friend

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹ And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4: 9, 10, 12 NRSV, Anglicised)

I like the way the Message translates verse twelve to show how important community is:

¹² By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped.

Can you round up a third?

“The good old days”, do you ever hear older people talking about those? I use to role my eyes whenever my parents talked about what they had to endure as children growing up, like walking five miles to school, uphill, This was in response to their children complaining about how hard life was.

And now, I find myself thinking about the things I really miss, like phone books, of all things. But I don't think of myself as old – LOL. Yet for me the Bell phone books were a must have because as long as I had a name I could find an address and phone number when I wanted to connect with someone. We really can't blame Bell for not distributing them anymore because very few people have a 'landline', so there's not much point in having a phone book sent out, is there. So how do you round up a third if you can't get their contact information?

The wisdom literature of the Bible, printed above, Ecclesiastes 4: 9, 10 & 12, tells us that God wants us to be connected not only with God, but with friends, including our community of believers. A wise friend commented, “thankfully God doesn't need a phone book to locate us, or a phone to connect with us”. But we often do need that extra help. How can we stay connected with one another? By the exchange of information needed to connect

Staying connected makes us stronger in a good way. It can be a source of encouragement and support in ways we had never imagined - a way of sharing God's love and building community. Imagine the possibilities! Maybe you already have a story to tell.



This past week I was reminded of one of my favourite re-connections and one way the blessing of friends 'lifted me up' by helping to restore something rundown into something new and useful - the Kid's Cottage: a great place to gather!

Blessings, Pastor Wilma

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND POTLOCK



Join us on December 7 for our Sunday School Family Christmas service. We will have lots of music, interaction, and lessons celebrating the season! Let's fill the pews! Bring your favourite food for the potluck after.



Sunday School started up again in September. With the beautiful weather, local fall fairs, and the return to extra-curricular activities, we have experienced a slow start to getting all of our children back. We miss you and hope to have all of you back soon. Your smiling faces and enthusiasm bring us so much joy. We are hoping to re-schedule a meeting with our caregivers to get some feedback on how we are doing, new ideas, and we hope that they can join our awesome team. It's not a huge commitment, (usually 1 Sunday a month) and the lessons are planned. We also have had some pretty awesome fundraisers over the years. New people equals new ideas!

We continue to have a Children's Praise song after the Children's Story. "Jesus Loves Me" is an all-time favorite that everyone knows and enjoys singing. We are trying to balance Contemporary and Traditional music. Our Praise Song last week was [Amen, Praise the Lord](#). It was pretty difficult not to want to "move with the music". The tune is catchy and the lyrics are easy! Click on it...hope you enjoy listening to it.

Our Sunday School lessons these past few weeks have included: manna, Zacheas, Jesus Chooses His Disciples, Jesus welcoming the children, and The Good Samaritan.

Let's help fill
Directory. She
know how best
with you.



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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**Pastor Willma's
would love to
to get in touch**



FALL FUN FACTS

Submitted by Lin McCann

Fall is a good time to store some Root Veggies while maintaining your Health Benefits at the same time.

VEGETABLE	BENEFITS
Spaghetti Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotes eye and skin health, contains Vitamin A • aids in wound healing, high levels of Vitamin C • supports bone health, high Calcium levels • helps combat inflammation, contains Omega 3
Parsnips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rich in Vitamin C, dietary fibre • can aid in weight management • enhances heart health natural antioxidants • aids in managing blood pressure
Turnips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • source of Vitamin C, Vitamin K • source of Potassium, Folate • low in calories • contains antioxidants
Carrots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contains beta-carotene • source of Vitamin A, maintaining good health in eyes, bones, teeth and skin • improves digestion • improves Kidney function



LARGIE PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has met 3 times since our last newsletter. On September 12, our first time back after summer break, we welcomed 4 babies to our group! We are so excited to share our time with so many young families. We really do have fun...you never outgrow the love of singing and reading stories. Thanks to our older children for being so kind and gentle with our new friends. We read a story about the first day of school. Mom and Dad were maybe a bit more nervous and anxious than their child. Hmmm, maybe some of you can relate! On October 10, we invited our Playgroup Grads back as it was a PD Day at school. We read a story about Thanksgiving and then went outside to enjoy the beautiful weather, do a scavenger hunt, and play some games. Before going home, we enjoyed an ice cream treat. What's October without a Hallowe'en Party? Eight children and some of our leaders donned their Hallowe'en finery on October 24 and we read a story about Gus the Dinosaur Bus, and sang some songs including Five Little Pumpkins. We played ring toss, hoola hoop toss, and carried a ball on a racket around a pylon. Before getting the toys out, we each decorated a pumpkin to take home. Thanks to Candace, Charlie, Olivia and Kyra for donating the pumpkins. Children are reminded to stop at the church Hallowe'en night to get a treat bag.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month a 10 am in the church basement. All children and their caregivers are welcome to join us. Come along and bring a friend!





Enjoying an ice cream treat after a Scavenger Hunt and games.



Hallowe'en Party and pumpkin decorating



HALLOWE'EN TREAT BAGS AT THE CHURCH

Glad to see so many trick or treaters come out on a windy night. Lots of great costumes and not one the same!



**Deadline is November 27
for the
December Newsletter**