

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Greetings from the Great White North, eh! I looked back at the previous year's newsletter to see what was going on and to my surprise, the first comment was how cold January was in 2025! Imagine that! However, I think January 2026 trumps last year in the number of consecutive days of frigid temperatures and amount of snowfall. And a year later, I still prefer this to the mud and temperatures that hover around freezing. We bought snowshoes last year and although we didn't get to use them much, we have certainly made up for lost time this year. Getting out to the bush twice a day, with our "rent a dog" has been great. Hank has given us a reason to use them to exercise and get some fresh air. Walking and shovelling is keeping us in shape. Although we grumble, we are so blessed to be able to experience four seasons. Dress warmly and embrace our Canadian winter.

There's lots going on between now and June, so mark your calendar and bring someone new or someone who hasn't been out for a while to enjoy the hospitality of Largie.

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. Click on the link below:

[Duff Church Largie Website](#)

FEBRUARY GOINGS ON

1-Worship @ 11

2-Groundhog Day

6-Happy Birthday Rachel Vojin

8-Worship @ 11

13-Playgroup @ 10. Wear pink or red

13-Potluck & Games Night @ 6 pm

14-Happy Valentine's Day

14-Happy Birthday Matt Minnema

15-Worship @ 11. Coffee Hour @ 10:30. Wear Red or Pink

16-Family Day

17-Largie Session meeting @ 2 pm

18-Happy Birthday William Minnema and Pastor Wilma Boyce

18-WI Euchre Party @ Crinan CC @ 1 pm

22-Worship @ 11. Communion. Potluck lunch followed by Annual Meeting

27-Playgroup @ 10 am.

27-Last date to purchase Lasagna Dinner tickets

28-Happy Birthday, Evan, Kayla and Morgan Ross



FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce

For God so loved the world ...

It's February, time to take down the Christmas wreath and replace it with a heart, or hearts, or something that says Valentine's Day is coming. And, in keeping with the theme of love for February, I'd like to share this quote with you from a book called Love Does written by Bob Goff:

...love is never stationary. In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does.

We're part of God's much bigger plan for the whole world. Just like God's Son arrived here, so did you. And after Jesus arrived, God whispered to all of humanity ..."It's your move."

Bob is talking about how God chose you and me, ordinary people to get things done; to love as God loves us and thereby express God's creative presence to the world. Maybe the next step is to pick up the phone, send an email, write a letter, ...or just show up.

Blessings and Happy Valentine's Day!



Pastor Wilma



JANUARY'S PLAYLIST

Light of the World

Go Light Your World

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) - Matt Redman (Best Worship Song Ever) (with Lyrics) - YouTube

Jesus Bids Us Shine



SESSION REPORT

A reminder that regular Sunday morning worship for 2026 in Largie is 11:00 am.

There will be Largie Session meeting February 17th at 2 pm.

The Congregational annual meeting will be February 22, 2026 following the morning (Communion) service.

Session is recommending the congregation accept a mission allocation of \$1,500 to be approved at the congregational annual meeting.

Joint Largie and Crinan Session meeting March 3, 2026 at 7 pm in Crinan.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Year, as Christ continues to guide us on this wonderful journey with him.

Paul McWilliam

Session Clerk

GOD PAINTS A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE



As we begin our day



And as we end our day

For you bagpipe lovers, have a listen to this:

[Dawning of the Day - Bagpipes](#)



BURNING BUSH AND LADIES AID GROUP

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

Regular meeting for the Ladies groups was held January 14, 2026.

Christmas care packages were prepared and delivered to those in our community, before Christmas. They included Shepherd's Pie and a plate of cookies.

Donations to organizations and charities in 2025 included- Daffodil Welfare, Barrie Hospice, Quad County, Fresh Start, Velora Place,

Samaritans Purse (Canadian communities) Breakfast Club-W.E.S.S., Dunwich Dutton School Snack Club. The executive for 2026 will remain the same as 2025.

Coffee hours are planned for most months. Third Sunday of the month when the service is held downstairs. The ladies are planning a Beef drive Thru' Supper September 11 (more details to come). They hope to do other fundraisers throughout the year. Keep tuned for updates of what, where, when.

The meeting was turned over to the program committee - Lin & Jackie. They opened the meeting with singing hymn "We Gather Together" vs. 1,2. Jackie read Scripture from Matthew 2 vs 13-22, followed by prayer. Lin shared interesting ideas about New Year's - time for new ideas, resolutions, time to open our minds, don't worry about the old year, try conversations with God - He only can CHANGE things. Increase friendships, forgive yourself. Words of action to make a part of your everyday life - Love, Forgiveness, Kindness, Faith, Happiness, Beauty, Have courage. Pray always, it helps keep the World in tune.

Lin then had a Craft - making a party favour - making an envelope from a square piece of paper (size can vary), into which a favour of candy, chocolate, small object can be placed. What a great idea!

Meeting closed with the singing of Hymn "O God Our Help In Ages Past" vs 1,3

A delicious lunch, served by Dianne and Lynda, (featuring Dianne's homemade baking!). A social time was enjoyed by all.

No February meeting.

March Meeting - Committees - Program - Lin & Lynda

Lunch- Isabel & Lin.



The dog days of winter with Hank enjoying the snow. Perhaps he is getting ready for spring training!



Marry Me Chicken

How's this for a Valentine Recipe?

Submitted by Barb Ross

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

2 tbsp. olive oil	¾ c. chicken stock (no or low sodium)
1 c. mushrooms sliced	½ c. heavy cream
6 chicken thighs or 4 chicken breasts	½ c. sundried tomatoes chopped
Salt & pepper	2 tsp. capers (or pitted green olives quartered)
3 garlic cloves minced	½ c. freshly grated parmesan cheese
1 tsp. thyme leaves	1 c. baby spinach leaves
1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes	¼ c. fresh basil cut into ribbons

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F**
- 2. Heat oil in a large skillet (oven-safe) over medium high heat.**
- 3. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring until mushrooms are tender and brown, and liquid is cooked off about 5 minutes. Remove mushrooms to a plate.**
- 4. Season chicken with salt and pepper on both sides.**
- 5. Add chicken to the skillet. Sear until golden brown on both sides (about 4 minutes per side). Transfer chicken to a plate.**
- 6. Drain or wipe out any excess fat from the skillet. Add garlic, thyme and red pepper flakes to the skillet. Cook for 1 minute.**
- 7. Reduce heat to medium and stir in broth, cream, sundried tomatoes, mushrooms, capers and parmesan.**
- 8. Allow sauce to come to a simmer.**
- 9. Return chicken to the skillet. Transfer skillet to the oven. Bake until chicken is an internal temperature of 165°, 15-20 minutes. Remove skillet from the oven and stir in spinach leaves until wilted. Garnish with basil and serve.**



Marry Me Chicken (here's the link)

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a46330/skillet-sicilian-chicken-recipe/?visibilityoverride>



SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month in Sunday School, we learned about the Wiseman visiting Jesus after he was born and the important role they played in foiling King Herod's plan to kill the Baby Jesus. We will be focussing on the New Testament stories until the end of June and then will look at some Old Testament stories in September. Our Praise Song during January was Jesus Bids Us Shine.

On Monday, January 12, the Sunday School teachers met to plan Sunday School lessons and events for 2026. We have a great team ready to plan activities for our church community. See the poster in the Newsletter for the events and dates from now until June. Be sure to mark your calendar and please bring along your friends and family. The more the merrier!

Friday, February 13 – Potluck and Games Night. Come for a social time at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm and then stay for an evening of games. Bring your favourite dish along with your favourite board game or card game. Invite your friends and neighbours for a fun evening. All are welcome!

Friday, March 6 – Lasagna Dinner. We will offer both Dine In and Take Out for this popular event. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased from any Sunday School teacher before February 27. Limited number available.

Tuesday, March 17 – A free skate at the Bo Horvat Community Centre from 2:30-4. All are welcome to come skate or watch. Bring your friends and family for a fun March Break activity.

Sunday, March 29 – come for a Palm Sunday Brunch and special worship service. We will meet at 10 for brunch, complements of the Sunday School, with Worship to follow at 11. We are pleased to have our friends from Crinan join us.

Friday, April 10 - Card Making with Lin at 6. We will make 12 cards plus a surprise. Cost is \$30. Please bring scissors, glue or tape. Register with Lin by April 3rd.



- 1. Who built the ark during the great flood?**
- 2. What sign did God give Noah that He would never again destroy the Earth by flood?**
- 3. Who was thrown into a den of lions?**
- 4. Which woman became queen of Persia?**
- 5. What was the name of the sea that Moses parted?**
- 6. What mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments on?**
- 7. How many people were saved in Noah's ark?**
- 8. How many days did Jesus fast in the wilderness?**
- 9. What animal swallowed Jonah?**
- 10. What animal did Jesus compare himself to in John's Gospel?**

SEE ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER

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

















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Highlights Hidden Pictures

Can you find these objects hidden in the picture?

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-  comb
-  sailboat
-  snail
-  mallet
-  needle
-  mitten
-  mug
-  paper clip
-  leaf
-  drumstick
-  crown
-  crescent moon
-  elf's hat
-  candy cane



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Brought to you by your Sunday School



**Potluck &
Games Night**

**Friday, February 13
Social time 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm**



**Lasagna Dinner
Friday, March 6
Drive Thru or
Dine In
Lasagna Dinner
Tickets \$25
Available until
February 27**



**Free Skate –
March Break
Bo Horvat
Community Centre
Tuesday, March 17
2:30-4**

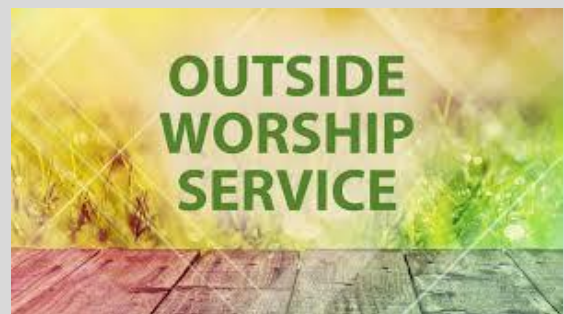


**Palm Sunday
Service & Brunch**

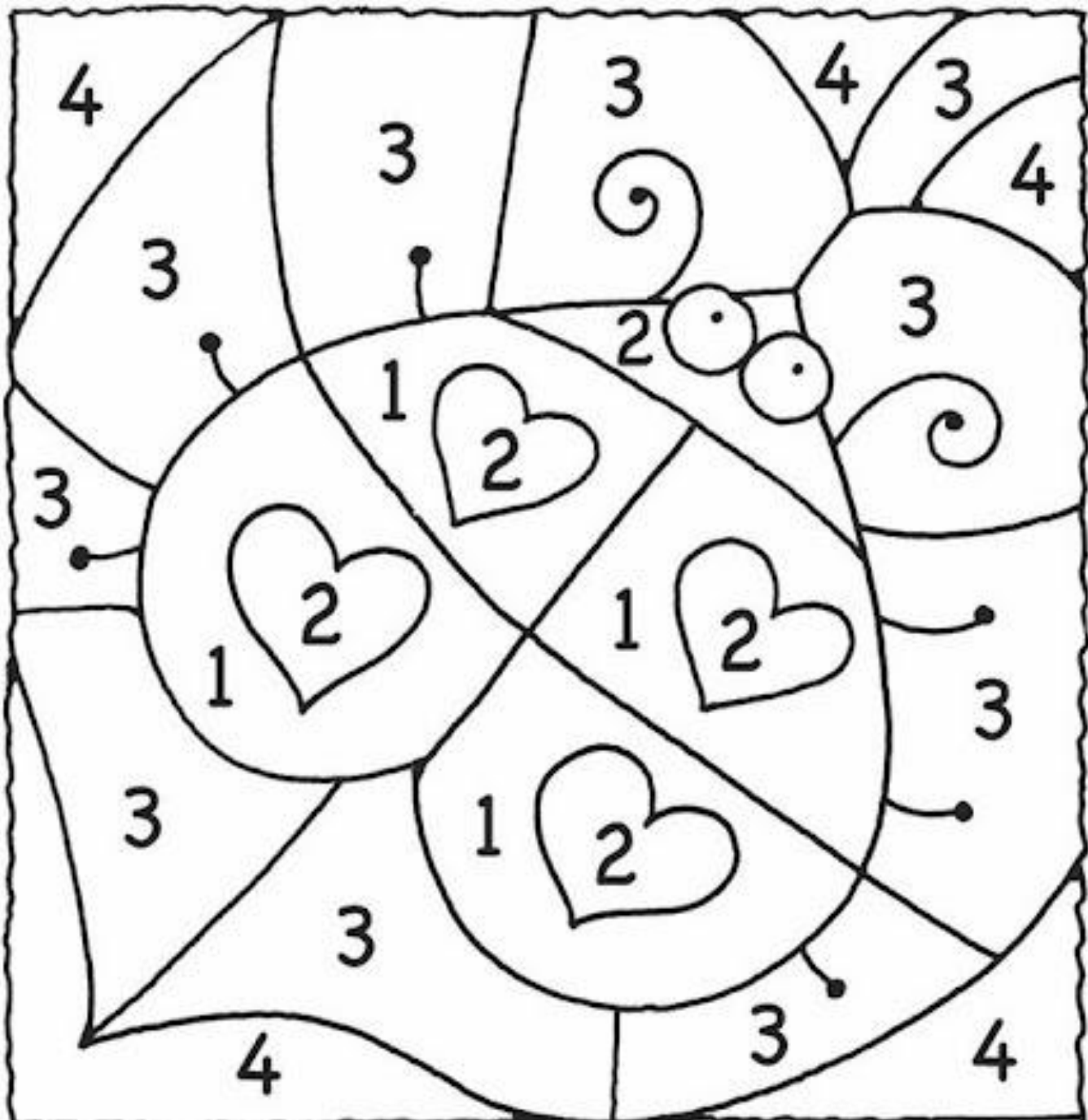
**Sunday, March 29
Brunch @ 10 Service to follow @ 11**



**Card Making – Friday, April 10 @ 6 pm
Pre-register with Lin by April 3rd
Cost is \$30
Limited spaces**



**June 7
Outdoor Service @ 11
Food Truck lunch complements of
Sunday School.**



1 = red

3 = green

2 = purple

4 = blue

Who should be treated like a "lady" on Valentine's Day?
Find out by following the code to color in the picture.

PLAYGROUP

It was great to get back together after the Christmas season. Our first story of 2026 was Just A Snowman, by Mercer Meyer. It's a snow day, and Little Critter is excited to make a snowman, but first Little Sister needs help with her boots, Dad needs a hand with the shoveling, and his friends have a long list of other things they want to do in the snow. Poor Little Critter! The children made snowflakes to take home.

During our second time together we read A Very Merry Snowman by Joanne Barkan. This was a cute story about a snowman who kept thinking about colder things so he wouldn't melt. The children then made snowman picture frames and got their pictures taken. Next month's theme will be about love.

If you know a Mom or Dad or Grandparent in the area who would enjoy bringing their pre-schooler to our Playgroup, please invite them to join us. We have a great time and all are welcome.





WINTER OLYMPICS

WORD SEARCH

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BOBSLED
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FIGURE SKATING
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GAMES
GOLD
HOCKEY

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MEDAL
RACE
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SKIING
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SNOWBOARD
SNOWY

SPEED SKATE
TEAM
TORCH
WINTER

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, February 22

Amidst a war, political upheaval, and various challenges, a congregation in the Reformed Church of Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been providing nourishment and service to their community. The Reformed Church of Chop operates a social kitchen that serves weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly members of the community. Since 2023, Presbyterians Sharing has helped purchase ingredients and tools as well as monthly stipends for those serving in the ministry. Through grace, the number of served meals has doubled, and the community has experienced communal, physical and spiritual sustenance.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 22 (1st Sunday in Lent; Heritage Sunday; Coldest Night walks) We pray for the 26 social kitchens operating within the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine as they provide weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly community members.

Monday, February 23 We pray for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as the Women's Missionary Society works together for local and world mission through study and fellowship.

Tuesday, February 24 As we begin our personal Lenten journeys, we pray for all Atlantic Mission Society members as they reflect on the scriptures, pray and remember Christ's sacrifice.

Wednesday, February 25 We pray for those currently serving as General Presbyters. May God's grace and wisdom be with them as they carry out their presbytery responsibilities.

Thursday, February 26 God calls us into unity even amid diversity. May we listen well to those of other Christian traditions and other faiths, that we might build bridges of understanding, respect and peace. May our common work for justice and reconciliation witness to God's love.

<https://presbyterian.ca/resources/mission-moments/>

**ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. **Noah**
2. **Rainbow**
3. **Daniel**
4. **Esther**
5. **Red Sea**
6. **Mount Sinai**
7. **Noah, his wife, his 3 sons and their wives**
8. **40 days**
9. **A great fish (whale)**
10. **A lamb ("Lamb of God")**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**