

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Oh, the glorious sound of March! It gives us feelings of hopefulness as we greet the beginning of spring and wave farewell to winter! The days are getting longer and the sun is getting stronger. Time for seed starts, garden planning, and if you haven't tuned up your lawnmower or machinery, then chop chop! Today in Largie, the sun is shining brightly, the birds are chirping (no robins that I've seen) and the clock is ticking to finish the newsletter so I can get outside.

Hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and make note of some of the upcoming events, take time to wish Happy Birthday to this month's celebrants, and if you can, pay us a visit either for worship or at an event. Our door is always open!

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](#)

MARCH GOINGS ON

1-Worship @ 11

3-Joint Session Meeting @ Crinan 7 pm

4-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

6-Lasagna Dinner (SOLD OUT)

6-World Day of Prayer @ Dunwich United 2 pm

8-Worship @ 11

8-Daylight Savings Time begins

13-Playgroup @ 10

**15- Worship @ 11 downstairs.
Coffee hour @ 10:30**

17-Free skate @ Bo Horvat CC 2:30

17-Happy St. Patrick's Day

18-WI Euchre Party @ CCC @ 1 pm

20-First Day of Spring

21-CCC Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner. Pickup at Largie Church. \$25

22-Worship @ 11

27-Playgroup @ 10

29-Palm Sunday Joint Sevice with Crinan @ 11. Palm Sunday Brunch @ 10. All are welcome



Burning Bush and Ladies Aid Group

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

There was no regular meeting for our groups in February. Items continue to be collected for the Raffle Box for the Bobier Villa silent auction. There will be a coffee hour March 15th at 10:30 before the service.

Our ladies are taking part in the World Day of Prayer Service at Dunwich United Church on March 6 @ 2:00 p.m. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The World Day of Prayer goes back to the 19th century when Christian women of Canada and the United States became involved in missions at home and world wide. If you are interested, follow the link below for more information about the World Day of Prayer

[World Day of Prayer](https://wdpcanada.ca/world-day-of-prayer)

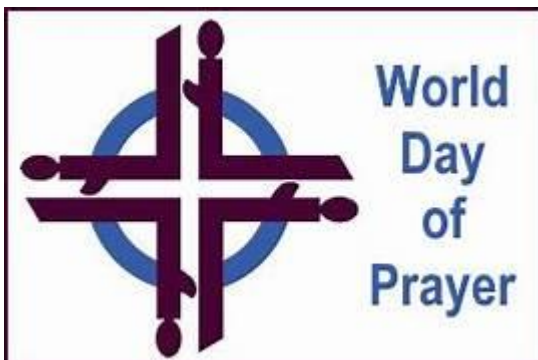
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The ladies groups are reminded of our next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 4 @ 1:30 p.m.

Program Committee – Lin McCann, Lynda Drummelsmith

Lunch Committee – Lin McCann, Isabel Reid

All ladies welcome!



Friday, March 6, 2026

Dunwich United Church

2:00 pm

All are welcome

SPRING TIME PICK ME UPS



Found this song by Holly Starr, [Sunshine - Holly Starr](#). You can click to listen while you read some of these quotes.

"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow." – Proverb

"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer." – Anita Krizzan

"You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way. - Walter Hagen

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." - Virgil A. Kraft

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." – Mark Twain

"Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy. Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry. Sunshine on

the water looks so lovely. Sunshine almost always makes me high." - John Denver

"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring."– Lilly Pulitzer



Session Update – Paul McWilliam, Clerk of Session

As winter is starting to draw to a close we all anticipate spring and warmer temperatures.

There is a joint session meeting March 3rd in Crinan at 7pm.

We will be starting to prepare for the Easter season with a joint Palm Sunday service March 29 at 11 in Largie. Joint Good Friday service in Crinan at 10 am on Friday April 3rd with regular service times on April 5th.

May God bless us as we watch His creation show us signs of new life again this Spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brought to you by your Sunday School



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

SOLD OUT! SOLD OUT! SOLD OUT



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



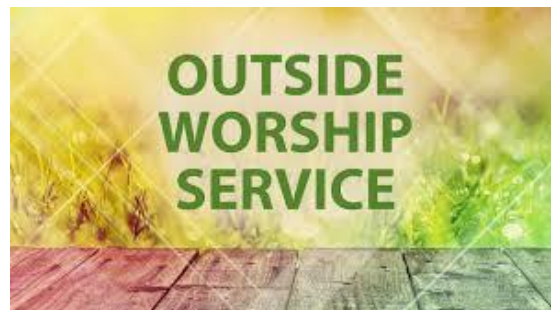
Palm Sunday
Service &
Brunch

Sunday, March 29
Brunch @ 10 Service to follow @ 11
Joint service with Crinan



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 compliments of
Sunday School.
Tractors welcome



FEBRUARY'S Praise Songs

Just click on the title and enjoy!

[Go Light Your World](#)

[Shine Jesus Shine](#)

[This Little Light of Mine](#) (Kid's version with actions)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month in Sunday School we read the story about Jesus visiting the temple as a young boy. What an experience for such a young person! On Valentine's Day and Family Day, we read stories by Lisa Tawn Bergren, [God Gave Us Love](#) and [God Gave Us Family](#). We ended the month with the story of Jesus' baptism. As hockey and winter sports wind down, we are hoping that our Sunday School numbers rise again. The Sunday School is involved in planning the Palm Sunday service and we need lots of children to help us!

All children, their families and friends are invited to our free skate on Tuesday, March 17 from 2:30-4 at the Bo Horvat Community Centre.

A big invitation is extended to bring your family and friends to our Palm Sunday brunch and service on March 29. Hope you can worship with us.



Red and Pink Day – February 8



The theme this month in Playgroup was “Love. We celebrated Valentine’s Day with a story by Lisa Tawn Bergren, God Gave Us Love. As Little Cub and Grampa Bear’s fishing adventure is interrupted by mischievous otters, the young polar bear begins to question why we must love others . . . even the seemingly unlovable. Grampa Bear tells Little Cub about the different kinds of love that is shared

between families, friends, and mamas and papas. Grampa explains that all these kinds of love come from God and that it is important to love others because “Any time we show love, Little Cub, we’re sharing a bit of his love.”

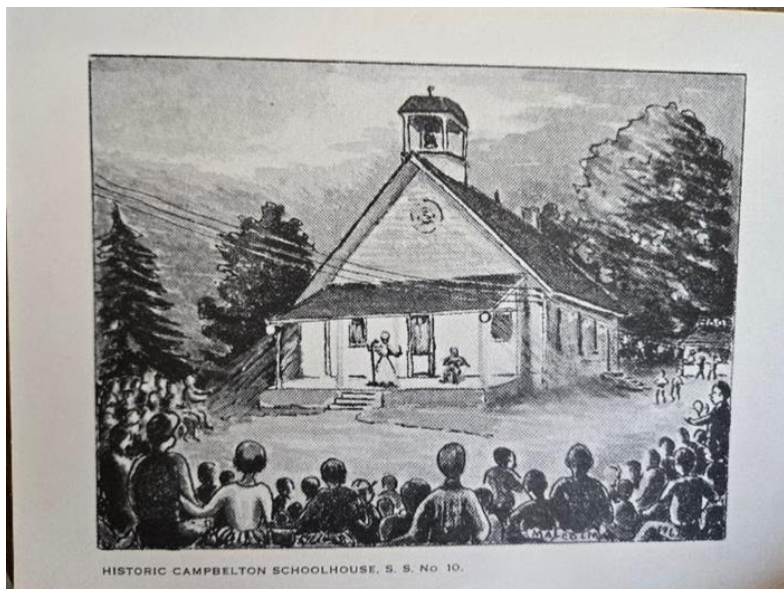
During our second time together, we read The Snow Rabbit by Georgiana Deutsch. Bear was always grumpy and none of the other forest animals wanted to go near him. Snow Rabbit knew just what he needed and went on a mission to cheer him up! With a little bit of love and friendship, Bear was no longer grumpy and decided that “It feels good to have a friend”.



Calling all Largie and Campbelton History Buffs...

I had a visitor last week who delivered this picture to me. Wondering who the artist is. In the lower RH corner is the name MALCOLM and I think the date is 1967. I’m assuming this is capturing one of the many Garden Parties that were held at the Campbelton School. You can email your info to me and I’ll include it in the April Newsletter.

And....if anyone is wanting a copy of Norman McWilliam’s, The Station at the River, I have some. It’s a great history of the Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie.



FEBRUARY PLAYGROUP PICTURES





FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce

Lent and New beginnings

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly [a] with your God. Micah 6:8

This time we are in leading up to Easter, called Lent, is in imitation of Jesus fasting in the wilderness and led by the Spirit for 40 days before he was tempted by Satan. Jesus emerged spiritually strong and fully able for God’s mission. This is where the practice of fasting or ‘giving up something’ for Lent comes from.

For some Lent may be about giving up ‘stuff’, for others it may be about increasing prayer time, reading Scripture more, or breaking down barriers that are soul destroying; still others find that adding some new act of kindness or giving is appropriate. The purpose for doing these things is to strengthen us spiritually, to bring us into good relationship with God and with people. Ultimately observing Lent is about giving up ‘self’ to be part of God’s mission.

And what is God’s mission for people? The prophet Micah tells us, “to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God”.

Lent is a time to reflect, to repent or turnaround, it is a time for spiritual renewal, ... and it is meant to be life giving.

God is doing a new thing!

Blessings,

Pastor Wilma



If you have prayer requests, would like a pastoral visit or would like to get in touch with Pastor Wilma.

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Play the I Spy Game and fill in the boxes at the bottom of the puzzle.

Source: <https://www.mapleplanners.com/download/st-patricks-day-i-spy-game>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY I SPY GAME

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Cream of Celery Soup

Submitted by Marguerite Boyd

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| 3 tbsp. butter | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. chicken broth |
| 5 ribs celery, finely chopped | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. milk |
| 1 medium onion, finely chopped | $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt |
| 3 tbsp. flour | Dash of pepper |



In a medium saucepan over medium low heat, melt the butter. Add the celery and onions and cook until soft, about 10 minutes. Stir in the flour and cook 1 minute. Gradually add the broth, stirring constantly. Stir in the milk, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. If too thick, add a little more milk.

YIELD: 2 large or 4 small bowls.

Apple and Squash Soup

Submitted by Donna McWilliam

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| 1 tbsp. vegetable oil | 3 c. chopped, peeled apples
(Empire, Gala, McIntosh) |
| 2 c. chopped onion | 4 c. chicken or vegetable stock |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cream or milk |
| 1 tsp. dried thyme | Pinch nutmeg |
| 4 c. chopped peeled butternut
squash | Salt and pepper to taste |



In a large saucepan over medium heat, heat oil. Add onions and cook about 7 minutes or until softened, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic and thyme; cook 1 minute. Stir in squash, apples and stock. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes or until squash is tender. Puree in small batches in blender or food processor. Return puree to saucepan and add milk; reheat. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

YIELD: 12 servings

The source for this month's trivia is Easter Trivia. One person can read the question and the answer is right below. It's a free site. There's a second page we can do next month.



Easter Trivia

Who did the Jews want released instead of Jesus?
Barabbas

At the Last Supper what does the bread represent?
Jesus' Body

Who rolled back the stone?
An angel of the Lord

To whom did Pilate send Jesus?
Herod

What city did Jesus enter on Palm Sunday?
Jerusalem

What did the people bring who arrested Jesus?
Lanterns and Torches and Weapons

What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?
A Donkey

What did the Chief Priests do with Judas' money?
Bought the Potter's Field

Why was the tomb sealed?
So the disciples didn't steal Jesus' body and claim that he rose from the dead.

Who helped Jesus carry the cross?
Simon of Cyrene

What was odd about Jesus' sweat in the garden?
He sweat blood

What happened from the sixth hour until the ninth hour?
Darkness covered the land

What did Peter do to the soldier with his sword?
Cut off his ear

What did Jesus do to his disciples at the last supper?
HINT: Peter said, "You shall never [do that]!" Jesus washed their feet

Why was Barabbas in jail?
He was a murderer

What happened to the curtain in the temple?
It was torn in two starting at the top

What did the centurion say after the earthquake and what took place? "Truly this was the Son of God."

What was the angel at the tombs' appearance when he saw Mary?
Like lightning, his clothes were as white as snow

Who lost his garment as he fled the garden?
John

What time of day was it when Jesus was arrested?
Nighttime

At the last supper what does the wine represent?
Jesus' Blood

Did the Chief Priests go to Judas, or did Judas go to them?
Judas went to them

What did Jesus call Judas when he betrayed him?
Friend



But first we Craft

More than how many legions of angels could Jesus have had at his disposal?
Twelve



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

MISSION MOMENT Sunday, March 1

After Susheela Devi's husband died from a chronic illness, she struggled to support her four daughters while running a small cosmetic shop. To ease her financial burdens, two of her daughters were forced into early marriage, and one tragically died during childbirth, leaving Susheela to care for the newborn. With insufficient government aid, her remaining daughters dropped out of school. Through the Karuna Project in India, PWS&D provided resources to help Susheela revive her cosmetic business, enabling her to support her family. The project also educated her on the dangers of child marriage, prompting her to re-enroll her daughters in school and invest in their futures. Determined, she says, "I will make them study well so they are capable of taking care of themselves."



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 1 (2nd Sunday in Lent) We pray for people who have taken on a lenten discipline as they come by the Holy Spirit to know God more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow Christ more nearly.

Monday, March 2 We pray for the wisdom, strength and health of the ministry staff and volunteers of each of the eight ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, as they walk with and support people in the communities they serve.

Tuesday, March 3 We pray for the Women's Missionary Society's regional groups as they prepare programs for their upcoming annual meetings.

Wednesday, March 4 We pray for openness and honesty, and the willingness to change, for the sake of the future that God is bringing for the church of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, March 5 We pray for church partners in Taiwan and give thanks for our years of cooperation in ministry.

Friday, March 6 (World Day of Prayer) Let us pray for peace and act peaceably, let us pray for justice and act justly, let us pray for love and be loving. May our prayers inspire us to faithful action.

Saturday, March 7 We pray for children in Haiti who are receiving the malnutrition treatment they need to thrive and lead healthy lives at the PWS&D-supported St. Marc Hospital.

Source: <https://presbyterian.ca/>

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
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diagonally.

Palm Sunday

Word Search

BLESSED
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CLOAKS
DISCIPLES
DONKEY
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FEAST
GOSPELS
HERO
HOLY WEEK
HONOR

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JESUS	ROAD
KING OF ISRAEL	ROMANS
PALM	SACRIFICE
PASSION OF CHRIST	SALVATION
PEACE	SCRIPTURES
PEOPLE	SUNDAY
PRAISE	WORSHIP

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3 – Savannah Alderton

March 4 – Matthew Vojin

March 8 – Blanche McMillan

March 15 – Delany Leitch

March 17 – Hannah Veenema

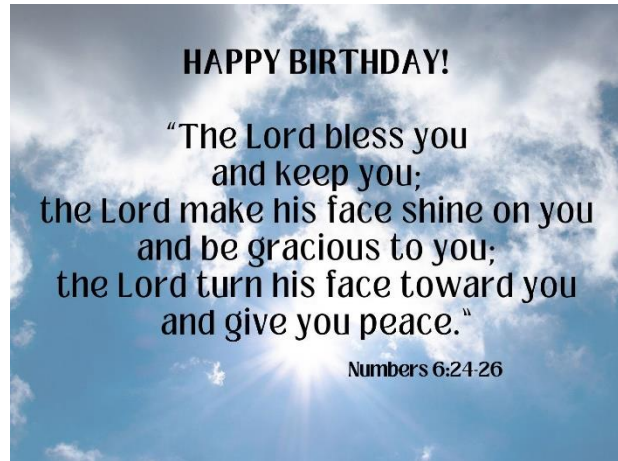
March 21 – Victor McMillan

March 22 – Becky Gillan

March 24 – Oaklynn McMillan

March 25 – Ally Brittain

March 29 – Maribel Leitch



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026