

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Be on guard for April Fools! There are lots of tricksters out there looking to pull a fast one on you for a good chuckle! We don't have anyone at home so I don't have any victims to prey on! I didn't get any response from the photo from last month's newsletter of the Campbelton school. Still curious about the artist. March was a busy month in Largie beginning with the famous Lasagna dinner, free skate and Palm Sunday Brunch and Service. Crinan Community Centre used the kitchen facilities for a drive thru roast beef dinner fundraiser on March 21. Great to have community working together and to have our building in the centre of it.

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

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APRIL HAPPENINGS

1-Happy April Fools!

**3—Good Friday Joint
Worship @ 10 @ Crinan**

**5-Easter Sunday Worship
@ 11**

6-Easter Monday

8-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

10-Playgroup @ 10.

**10-Card Making with Lin
@ 6. Preregister please**

12-Worship @ 11

**15-WI Euchre Party @ CCC
@ 1 pm**

**19-Worship @ 11
downstairs. Coffee @
10:30**

**23-Happy Birthday
Ryleigh Alderton**

24-Playgroup @ 10.

26-Worship @ 11

**30-Happy Bithday Paige
McWilliam**



March was a busy month for the Sunday School. We hosted a Lasagna Dinner on March 6 selling a total of 129 meals with half dine in and half take out. We had a great evening of delicious lasagna, garlic bread, salad, cake and fellowship. We rounded the evening out with our very own Largie Jeopardy hosted by David Reid. People are as excited about playing Jeopardy as they are about eating the meal! We have created a great evening! There was a good variety of questions; some made us really scratch our heads and think while others generated a good laugh.

On March 17, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by hosting a free skate at the Bo Horvath Community Centre from 2:30-4. We had just under 20 children and adults take their blades to the ice. Snacks, drinks and colouring activities were available in the warm room before heading home. What fun!

This month in Sunday School, we read the following New Testament stories: Jesus Chooses His Disciples, Fishers of Men, Jesus' First Miracle and the Palm Sunday story.

On Sunday, March 29, the Sunday School hosted our annual Palm Sunday Brunch at 10 followed by our regular service at 11. The Sunday School teachers led the Children's Story about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the children paraded around the sanctuary with their palm branches before heading off to Sunday School.



PICTURES FROM OUR LASAGNA DINNER



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FREE SKATE



March Praise Songs

Just click on the title and enjoy! These are the praise songs we sang in March before Worship

[Lead Me Lord](#)

[What a Beautiful Name](#)

[10,000 Reasons](#)

Children's Praise Songs

[This Little Light of Mine](#)

Here's some that I like listening to:

[The Lord's Prayer - Matt Maher](#)

[Together - Chris Tomlin & Russell Dickerson](#)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Easter Day

Word Hunt

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



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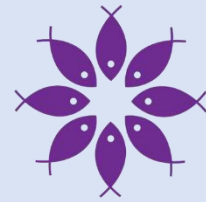




MISSION MOMENT

Prayer Partnership • April – June 2026 • presbyterian.ca/worship

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In 2022, the Rev. Konnie Vissers launched Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco Justice, creating four urban children’s gardens in Guelph and Hamilton through local congregations. By 2023, summer camp and Sunday School programs integrated eco-theology and gardening, reaching over 90 campers. Last summer, a children’s garden at Kortright PC in Guelph hosted workshops and a five-week class on sustainable gardening, food justice and creation care. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, upcoming plans include a greenhouse garden and a fruit tree guild.

By combining faith, practical skills, and positive coping strategies, this unique mission teaches children to connect with God, care for creation, and support local food security. These programs offer hope, cultivate love for nature, and empower young people to engage in meaningful climate action while taking home free, organic, produce to share with their communities.

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



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

Duff Largie Ladies Aid, Burning Bush Group

The regular meeting of Duff Largie Ladies Aid was held on Wednesday, March 4 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom with 7 ladies present.

The meeting opened with President Lin reading the “Land Acknowledgement”, followed by a thought “March is the month of coffee”. Lin gave a Bobier Villa December report –

- Auxiliary paying for entertainment**
- Silent Auction – March 2 to April 2 (Draw will take place on April 2)**
- They needed our basket for the auction by March 2**
- Tea Room in April is April 12 not April 5 (Easter Sunday)**

Old Business-

Lin Thanked everyone who helped with the January & February coffee hours, and Lunch for the Church Annual meeting. The next coffee hour is March 15 (committee already set), before the service which will be held in basement.

The making of fruit pies as fundraiser was discussed.

- we will plan to make them in the fall - (a November project)**

New Business-

-information regarding Vacation Bible School was shared-

-To be held at Dunwich United, July 6-10, they hope to have 60 children attend, theme – Rainforest Falls. Moved by Kathy Minnema, second by Marguerite Boyd that the ladies donate \$250 to the V.B.S. (cheque to be made out to Dutton Baptist)

W.M.S Business- Reminder World Day of Prayer service at Dunwich United, March 6, Lynda will represent our ladies and take part in the program.

Roll Call – “Favourite sign of Spring” was answered by 7 ladies. Lin thanked today's committees

Program –Lin & Lynda

Lunch – Lin & Isabel

The meeting was turned over to Lin & Lynda

Theme for the meeting was “I will give you rest” from the World Day of Prayer 2026 program written by Christian women in Nigeria.

Lynda began the program with a short synopsis for the World Day of Prayer movement. Next year 2027 will be the 100 years of World Day of Prayer, will be celebrated on March 5, 2027. Imagine 1.5 million Christians speaking 90 different languages, in 150 countries gathering in spirit and uniting in prayer for relevant issues affecting women and children.

Lin and Lynda alternately shared information regarding items from Nigeria-

-vibrant textiles -embodying the rich tapestry of Nigerian cultures, each pattern and colour telling a story of heritage and identity,

-rice – grains of rice symbolize the interconnected burdens of poverty and despair,

-olive oil representing Nigerian's complex history with crude oil, reflecting both potential for prosperity and the weight of global exploitation. Represents the challenging balance between economic development and environmental stewardship, reminding us to pray for global equity and for innovative solutions that allow all nations to thrive sustainably.

Hymn “This is My Father's World was sung.

Responsive Scripture -Matthew 11:28-30 was led by Lin.

Background and History of Christian women in Nigeria was shared by Lynda. Women's participation in politics has gradually increased over the years, although significant gaps still exist. Efforts have been made to address gender imbalance, including implementation of the National Gender Policy of 2006 and Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill.

Nigeria is known for its religious diversity – includes religions Christianity, Islam, traditional African religions and a small percentage of adherents to other faiths. Impact of Christianity extends beyond spiritual practices, playing a vital role in the development of education and healthcare infrastructure through missionary schools.

Religious coexistence and tolerance are essential aspects of Nigerian society, as the country strives to maintain peace and harmony among its diverse populations. Interfaith dialogue, religious organizations, and government initiatives have been instrumental in fostering understanding, promoting religious tolerance, and mitigating religious conflicts.

World Day of Prayer movement began in 1961. Initially embraced by member churches of the Christian Council of Nigeria, including Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist, and others. Since then the WDP Nigeria has continued to grow as an organization by establishing zonal structures across the country.

Lin shared a story of a mother in Nigeria, Jato, a Christian mother living in northern Nigeria. Jato tells of young girl who was the same age as her daughter is now, 14 years old, when she was taken from her school 8 years ago. A girl steadfast in her faith, refusing to deny Christ. She is still held captive. Jato thinks “what if that were my daughter?”

Living under the shadow of religious persecution is not easy. There are areas where Christians are killed for their faith. Where she lives, by God's grace they live alongside their Muslim neighbours, like family. It is not the same everywhere. She tells how her faith calls her to love her enemies and pray for those who persecute them. Not easy. Such conflicts were in Jesus time, but Jesus showed a different way. Love those who have no regard for life. A very hard thing to bear. Each day Jato prays for her daughter when she leaves for school, that she will safe and that she will have the strength to stand firm in her faith. She says, "This is how we find rest in God – not by harbouring hatred of intolerance, but by letting Christ's love flow through us, even in the face of persecution. It is daily choice, a daily surrender. But making this choice, we find that our burdens truly do become light, and in God, we find our rest."

Lynda led a responsive "Call to action", affirming our commitment to be Christ's hands and feet in a world longing for hope and rest. The last response was "Be a light in the world"

Meeting closed with hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus"

A delicious lunch was served by Lin & Isabel and we all enjoyed a social time.

Committees for April 8-

Barb & Marguerite -Program

Barb & Kathy -Lunch



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Daily Practices For Holy Week For Families



The Presbyterian Church in Canada {HolyWeek Practices for Families}

Using simple daily practices to journey through the story of Jesus in his last week on earth is an excellent way for families to deepen their faith life together. Each evening, read, tell or discuss the next day's story in an age-appropriate way. Then, challenge yourselves by choosing one way you will honour that story the next day through your words and actions.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1–11)

- Jesus was welcomed in Jerusalem by excited people who laid their coats on the ground for him, waved palm branches in the air, and shouted "Hosanna!"



Take turns shouting words of praise to Jesus, such as "Hosanna" or "Thank you Lord!" See how many different words of adoration you can come up with and who can shout with the most enthusiasm.



Write a letter or postcard of appreciation to someone who is making a positive difference in the world. Pray for that person and send the letter.

Monday – Jesus Cleanses the Temple (Mark 11:15–19)

- Jesus threw the people who were selling things out of the temple. He explained to everyone that the temple was meant to be a "house of prayer for all nations" not a place to make money.



Buy nothing today and donate the money you've saved to charity.



Look at a map together and spend time praying for different countries.

Tuesday – Jesus Teaches on Faith (Mark 11:23–25)

- Jesus tells his disciples that faith in God is powerful enough to do really big things like move mountains. He encourages his followers to pray believing that God will truly answer their prayers.



Around the breakfast or dinner table, invite each person to share one big thing that God has done for them in their lives.



Ask someone today about the biggest thing they would pray for if they knew God would answer it. Tell them that you will pray for it.

Wednesday – Jesus is Anointed with Oil (Matthew 26:6–13)

- Biblical scholars believe that it was on this day that Jesus spent time in Bethany in Simon the leper's home. During that time, a woman came to him and anointed him with costly oil. Jesus praised her for doing such a generous act of service for him.



Do something special for a member of your family today to show your love and admiration.



Go visit a neighbour or friend unannounced and bring along a present for them.

Maundy Thursday – Jesus & Disciples have Passover Meal (Mark 14: 17–25)

- Jesus predicts that one of the 12 disciples will betray him. Then, sitting down to eat with the disciples, he blesses and shares bread and wine with them. He tells them that they should continue to share these things together in memory of the sacrifice he is about to make.



Intentionally go out of your way to serve someone something today: a cup of coffee, a slice of cake, a piece of pizza, etc.



Invite friends to share dinner with your family this evening. At dinner, tell the story of the last supper.

Good Friday – Trials, Crucifixion, and Death (Mark 14:53–15:41)

- Jesus is brought before the council and Pontius Pilate. The crowds insist that he is guilty, and he is condemned to death. The soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and insist he carry his own cross. They crucify him in the morning and later that day he dies while his friends helplessly look on.



Give up technology for the whole evening. Instead, bake hot crossed buns together.



Share one way you think you may have hurt somebody. Pray together for forgiveness. If possible, reach out to the person you've hurt to ask for forgiveness.

Saturday – Jesus' Body Sealed in Tomb & Disciples go into Hiding (Matthew 27:66)

- Jesus' body is sealed in the tomb. The disciples, filled with sorrow, went into hiding for fear that they themselves might also be arrested.



Light candles and pray for people you know who might be afraid.



Talk about things that frighten you. Read Bible verses that remind us not to be afraid (John 14:27, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 23:4, Isaiah 41:13).

Easter Sunday – Jesus Rises & Appears to Disciples (Mark 16:1–8)

- Mary and the other women go to visit Jesus' tomb, but they find it empty. Jesus appears to them. He tells them not to be afraid and to go and tell the other disciples that he has risen from the dead.



Go for an early morning hike and watch the sunrise together.



Replace "hello" with an enthusiastic "Alleluia, the Lord is Risen!" today.



Bird's Nest Cookies

Ingredients

8 oz. semisweet chocolate chips

1/3 c. peanut butter chips

1 Tbsp. creamy peanut butter

27 Chocolate Easter Egg candies

Directions

- 1. In a medium heatproof bowl, microwave chocolate in 20-second increments, stirring between each, until melted and smooth, about 1 minute total. Add peanut butter chips and peanut butter and stir until smooth. Add chow mein noodles and toss to coat.**
- 2. Drop 1/4 cup noodle mixture on a parchment-lined sheet tray. Form into 9 rustic, irregular rounds. Create a small indent in the center, then place eggs in indentation.**
- 3. Refrigerate or place in a cool place to set, about 20 minutes.**



Source: <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a60027518/birds-nest-cookies-recipe/>

Here's the second page from last month's Easter trivia. Use Matthew 26 as a resource.



Easter Trivia

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But first we Craft

		What does Golgotha mean? The Place of the Skull	What did Pilate do to show that he had nothing to do with the matter? Washed his hands	On what day did Jesus rise from the dead? The third	What languages was the sign above Jesus written in? Aramaic, Latin and Greek
Which disciple betrayed Jesus? Judas Iscariot	What meal was Jesus' last supper? The Passover	What did the sign above Jesus say? The King of the Jews	What happened when Peter denied Jesus the third time? The rooster crowed	In which garden did Jesus pray? The Garden of Gethsemane	What did Mary Magdalene call Jesus? Rabboni (Teacher)
Which three disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives? Peter, James and John	Who else was crucified with Jesus? Two thieves	To whom did Judas go to betray Jesus? Chief Priests	Who first saw Jesus alive? Mary Magdalene	How did Judas identify Jesus? With a kiss	Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body? Joseph of Arimathea
What did Jesus say to the repentant thief? "Today you will be with me in paradise."	Who denied Jesus 3 times? Peter	Who was told to take care of Jesus' mother? John	How many pieces of silver did Judas take to betray Jesus? 30	Where did they put the nails to crucify Jesus? Hands and feet	Who helped Joseph of Arimathea to move Jesus? Nicodemus
What was put on Jesus to mock him? A crown of thorns and a purple robe	Who had had a dream about Jesus, and advised Pilate to have nothing to do with him? Pilate's wife	What did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus do with Jesus' body? Wrapped it in linen and spices, and put it in the tomb	What did they do to make sure Jesus was dead? Put a spear in his side	Finish the verse, "Father forgive them..." for they know not what they do	How did the soldiers divide up Jesus' clothes? By casting lots
What did the people wave when Jesus came into Jerusalem? Palm branches	What did Judas do with the money after betraying Jesus? Gave it back to the chief priests and elders.	What time of day did Mary Magdalene go to the tomb? While it was still dark	Where is the Garden of Gethsemane? At the base of the Mount of Olives	What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink? A sponge with wine vinegar	Finish the quote: He is not here, he has risen just as he said. (Come and see the place where he lay.)



As we move into April we are starting to see the signs of new life around us in nature. We are quickly approaching Easter. May we all take time to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus gave for us all and give thanks for the risen Saviour.

Upcoming items:

Good Friday service in Crinan at 10:00 o'clock

Next communion is May 24th

Summer services - July will be in Crinan and Largie in August services at 9:30

There will be no services July 26 and August 2.

Paul McWilliam

Session Clerk



Q: Did you hear the frog's car broke down?

A: It totally croaked. Had to be toad away!

Q: What is seen in the middle of March and April but can't be seen at the end of either month?

A: The letter r!



Welcome Back Birds!

Here's a little snack you can prepare for our feathered friends.

Submitted by Lin McCann

Tie a long piece of string onto the top of a pine cone.

Spread peanut butter on cone.

Dip in bird seed.

Tie to a tree branch. Watch the birds enjoy!



This month in Playgroup, we dressed in green for St. Patrick's Day. The children took part in a matching activity and put together a wee leprechaun puzzle. We read You Shamrock My World and made a leprechaun rainbow hat. During our second time together, we read Minerva Louise and the Colourful Egg. The children made bunny baskets and filled them with chocolates to share with their family.



Next month, we will meet on April 10 and 24th. April 24th is a PD day so we welcome our past Playgroup friends to join us. Our April themes will be "Spring".



FROM THE PULPIT - Pastor Wilma Boyce

Now that Lent is over let's practice gratitude (**WARNING: read in small chunks**)

This month begins in Holy Week, the week Christians are reminded of events leading up to the trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus. In the face of such unwavering and monumental love my thoughts go to the expression of gratitude – how do we show our gratitude for something so overwhelming?

I am drawn to the 12th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans in the contemporary translation called *The Message* by Eugene Petersen. The verses are grouped the way they are because they are a paraphrase from the original Hebrew and Greek. It's a lot to read all at once, but perhaps it is best to read and think about a section each day, or every other day over the month of April, kind of like a daily reading or devotional. Spending more time with each section will help us get the most from it. It's an important reading because gratitude and joy are connected, so ...

Place Your Life Before God, writes Eugene Petersen

Chapter 12 verses 1-2 So here's what I want you to do, **God helping you**: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Verse 3 I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

Verses 4-6 In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

Verses 6-8 If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

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Verses 9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

Verses 11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Verses 14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

Verses 17-19 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Verses 20-21 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

I hope you enjoy this chapter of Romans from the Message as much as I do.

Easter blessings,

Pastor Wilma



Mark your calendar and see Lin to register

Card Making – Friday, April 10 @ 6 pm

Pre-register with Lin by April 3rd



TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026