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[Duff Church Largie Website](#)

MAY HAPPENINGS

1-Happy Birthday Tyler Ross

3-Happy Birthday David Reid

3-Worship @11

3-Largie Ladies at Bobier Villa Tea Room

5-Happy Birthday Noah Ross

8-Largie Playgroup @ 10

10-Worship @ 11

10-Happy Mother's Day

12-Happy Birthday Ken McArthur

13-WMS Meeting @ 1:30. All ladies welcome

**17-Downstairs Worship @ 11
Coffee Hour @ 10:30**

18-Happy Victoria Day

20 WI Card Party at CCC @ 1 pm

22-Largie Playgroup @ 10

24-Worship @ 11. Communion

26-Happy Birthday Kent McLeod

31-Happy Birthday Herman Minnema





LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS (Lynda Drummelsmith)

The regular meeting of Duff Largie Ladies Aid was held on Wednesday, April 8 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom with 6 ladies present. The meeting opened with President Lin reading the “Land Acknowledgement”, followed by “April Thought”

Lin gave a Bobier Villa December report –

- Auxiliary paying for entertainment**
- Silent Auction – many good items were donated. Draw was held April 2, with the Auxiliary making about \$900.**
- Tea Room in May 3 will be hosted by our ladies.**

Old Business-

Lin Thanked everyone who helped with the March coffee hour. The next coffee hour is April 19, before the service which will be held in basement.

The making of fruit pies as fundraiser was discussed.

- We will revisit at the July meeting to set kinds of pies, prices etc.**
- Plan to sell them in the fall.**

New Business-

- Price to charge for funeral luncheons was discussed.**
- It was moved by Marguerite Boyd, second by Kathy Minnema that prices be set at \$15 for buns, cold meat, pickle tray, salad, desserts of assorted cookies and squares. Tea, coffee, water.**
- \$18 for sandwiches- ham, egg, salad, salmon, (brown & white bread) salad, pickle tray, assorted cookies & squares. Tea, coffee, water. “Carried”**
- Mangers are levelling one of the islands in kitchen area, and asked the group if they would pay for the repair. Moved by Kathy Minnema, second by Jackie that the ladies cover the cost. “Carried”**
- Tea Room May 3 – Marguerite and Lin volunteered to work at it. – Lynda & Jackie volunteered to provide cookies.**
- November Tea room – Barb & Kathy volunteered to work at it.**
- Our ladies have been invited to the Kensington Club Tea, May 6 @ 7:15 p.m. Held at Lawrence Station Community Hall.**

W.M.S Business- no upcoming events.

Roll Call – “Spring Cleaning Jobs” was answered by 6 ladies. Lin thanked today's committees: Program – Barb & Kathy and Lunch – Barb & Marguerite

The meeting was turned over to Barb and Kathy

Theme for their meeting was: HOW TO SPRING CLEAN YOUR HEART AND MIND

Meeting was opened with the singing of hymn “I've Been Redeemed” Barb shared -PROPS: rake, clippers, garbage bag, wheel barrow, garden gloves,

Look at all the stuff we have brought with us today: a rake, clippers, garbage bag, wheel barrow, and garden gloves. It looks like we are ready to do some spring cleaning in our yard. (We all thought we were going to have to do yard work for the meeting.)

She asked -Do you do any yard work at your house? Spring is a good time to get the outside jobs done from last fall, get rid of a lot of junk you don't need, and freshen your outdoor living space. With the first day of spring comes longer warmer days making everything bloom almost while we watch. Everything begins to be reborn and renewed. It's the perfect time to clear away the rubbish and make everything new. With all this newness popping up, it means lots of yard work and spring cleaning. Our “to do” list triples. After months of cold, dreary weather and right before the full-blown blossoming of the grass and trees, is the perfect time to clean out the dust and clutter that accumulated over the cold winter. It's time for spring cleaning.

Barb and Kathy took turns sharing with us thoughts for spring cleaning – our homes, and ourselves.

Spring cleaning is always a big project. The better weather is our invitation to get outside and clean out debris collected in corners of the yard through the fall and winter: maybe leftover piles of leaves to rake and burn, shrubs and trees to trim, repairs, and general cleaning out and getting rid of things. It's a big project. The yard looks so good after all the work is done, plus it's rewarding to see the “to do” list shortened.

Our heart often needs a little spring cleaning as well. Sometimes dusty worn out thoughts get stuck in the corners. Words like “I'm not good enough” or “I can't.” Once these negative thoughts lay around for a while, they take up residence occupying the space where truth should live. Other debris gathers as well; words like, “I can't trust anyone,” or “I'm so disappointed.” Unfortunately, life can throw us storms that leave debris laying around that if not cleaned up and repaired,

become a messy, dusty, dirty thought that eventually migrates to our hearts. These untended thoughts in our hearts turn into anxiety, bitterness and sometimes anger. That's why our hearts need a little spring cleaning.

How can we clean up and declutter our hearts and minds? Here are some steps to help you spring clean:

You can't do it alone. It is very difficult to clean up the yard alone. The work often requires someone stronger and with more skills than ourselves. In the same way, decluttering our hearts and minds also requires the help of our Creator who is faithful and able to do the hard work. We must ask God for help. Inviting God into our hearts to help us renew our minds makes the work so much easier and eternal. Will you let God create a new heart for you?

Recognize negative and hurtful thoughts. Sometimes it's hard to see what needs to be done until you focus on the project. Once we start cleaning the yard, we often find all kinds of little things that need attention. The same is true for the thoughts that seep into our hearts. Recognizing the problem is the first step to cleaning out the clutter. Consider what you tell yourself about yourself. Do you compare your life to others then think, "I'll never measure up," or "Why can't I be like her?" If so, you may need to start replacing and repairing what you tell yourself. What does God say about you and about who you are? His are the words of truth we need to repeat to ourselves.

Replace and repair with truth. Scripture is resplendent with the truth about how God loves His children. The truth of God's Word is always stronger than the lies of the enemy, and it mends broken places. Make a list of scripture that reminds you of God's love for you, and every time you think you are not enough, or can't do something or bitterness rises above offering grace and forgiveness, read these words of truth God offers instead. Keep it handy. Any time a negative thought about who you are pops into your head, repeat your list as many times as it takes to push out the clutter.

Upkeep is a must. Once the yard is cleaned up and ready for summer, it's important to keep an eye out for weeds and unwanted critters and water when things get dry. In the same way, our relationship with Jesus must receive our undivided attention. We must keep watch for cluttering thoughts that do not align with God's truth. We must focus on to whom we belong and sweep away any thought that tries to tell us otherwise. The warm spring renews the earth and our annual task of doing yard work. The longer days and more light is a great time to clean out and get rid of the broken and dirty rubbish and the things that hinder

instead of help. The same is true from our hearts and minds. Take some quiet time with our Creator and allow Him to create in you a clean heart.

Scripture Relevance

John 2:13-22 tells us about when Jesus did some spring cleaning. This is the passage about Jesus Cleansing the Temple.

It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus traveled to Jerusalem. When he arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple. He couldn't believe his eyes. There in the temple area he saw people who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a carnival than a house of worship.

Jesus did not like what he saw. He was so angry that he made a whip from some rope and he drove the cattle and sheep and those who were selling them from the temple. He went to the tables of the money changers and turned them over, scattering coins all over the temple floor. To the ones who were selling the doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market."

I think we can all agree that Jesus did some spring cleaning in the temple that day!

Prayer

Our Father Creator, thank you for the changing seasons that signal renewal and revival. Create in us a clean heart and a renewed mind filled with the truth of your love for us. Help us to get rid of the debris thinking that hinders our focus on You.

Amen

A delicious lunch was served by Barb and Marguerite and we all enjoyed a social time.

Committees for May 13-

-Program -Barb Ross, Jackie Leitch

-Lunch- Lynda Drummelsmith, Kathy Minnema



MISSION MOMENT

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Sunday, May 3



With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbytery of Assiniboia's Messy Church meets eight times a year across three congregations: First (Regina), Trinity (Grenfell), and Knox (Weyburn). Coordinated by the synod's Youth Coordinator, the Rev. Devon Pattemore, each session features crafts, a themed story, worship, and a shared meal. Designed to engage families unable to attend Sunday worship, it has revitalized

struggling congregations, built confidence, and drawn both church members and local families. In some locations, attendance now surpasses traditional services. Messy Church offers flexible, informal faith formation, strengthens community connections, and provides a creative, welcoming space for intergenerational ministry.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, May 3 - We pray for congregations offering programs like Messy Church that connect with families in fresh and creative way.

Monday, May 4 - (International Firefighters' Day) We give thanks for career and volunteer firefighters who serve their communities, and for all who labour in tasks of danger and difficulty to protect and preserve life, property, and the environment.

Tuesday, May 5 - We pray for the participants in the PCC's Guidance Conference (May 4 – 8), where students certified for study have an opportunity to discern further their call to ministry.

Wednesday, May 6 - We give thanks for the faithfulness of congregations that participate in the mission of the church with prayers and financial gifts to Presbyterian Sharing.

Thursday, May 7 - We pray for Knox College and those graduating in 2026 as they prepare for the Convocation ceremony and events on May 13. We ask for a joyful celebration of academic inquiry and an affirmation of a call to serve.

Friday, May 8 - We give thanks and pray for interim moderators, who provide vital support and assistance to congregations that do not have a minister.

Saturday, May 9 - We pray for seminary students beginning their placements through the Rural and Remote Ministry summer program, and ask that they are a blessing to the communities they are called to serve.

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

**Here's
an
interesting
thought....**



What we see as *obstacles*
may be spiritual speed
bumps *keeping* us in step
with God's timing.

Shirlee Abbott



- 1. Which mom puts her baby in a basket to save him?**
- 2. Which mom prayed for a baby while she visited a temple?**
- 3. What mom saw her son die on a cross?**
- 4. Name the mom of John the Baptist?**
- 5. Who was the first mother on earth?**
- 6. Who was Joseph's mother?**
- 7. Which evil mother taught her daughter to dance seductively and ask for John the Baptist's head for a prize?**
- 8. Who called herself, "The Mother of Israel?"**
- 9. Whose mother brought him a new coat each year?**
- 10. What does the law say you should do when you find a bird on its nest?**

Source: https://www.kidology.org/zones/zone_post.asp?post_id=15112

Answers are on the second last page.



We were happy to welcome back some more children now that their winter activities have come to an end. They have been missed! This month started with the Easter Story. We then continued with our New Testament lessons on the loaves and the fishes, the good Samaritan, and the Lord's Prayer. We are using many of the same lessons as last year and it is

rewarding when the children remember the story. That tells us that we have done a good job and also gives us a chance to have deeper discussions. As teachers, we also feel proud when the children are able to say the Lord's Prayer on their own and recognize Jesus in a colouring picture. We are truly helping God do good things!

We continue singing a children's praise song after Pastor Wilma's Children's Story using both traditional and contemporary music.

The Sunday School held a card making fundraiser on Friday, April 10. Seven ladies made beautiful cards to share. Hand made cards are the best!

The Sunday School's next big event will be our Outdoor Service on June 7 at 11 am with the West Lorne Optimist food truck providing lunch, compliments of the Sunday School. Bring your family and friends and let's fill the parking lot! We will stick with the Wild West theme!



SUNDAY, JUNE 7

11 am

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TRACTORS WELCOME

WEST LORNE OPTIMIST FOOD TRAILER

COOKING UP BURGERS, HOTDOGS & FRIES

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



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[10,000 Reasons](#)

Children's Worship

[Love the Lord Your God](#)

[Alive for Evermore](#)



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.

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FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Ron Ross

Quotes to repair and replace the eavestroughs and gable vents along with the serving counter in the kitchen have been approved. Work to be completed in the coming months.

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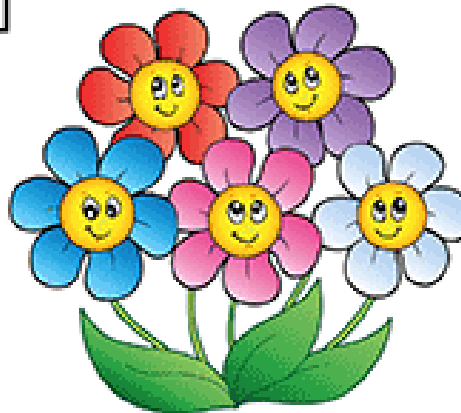
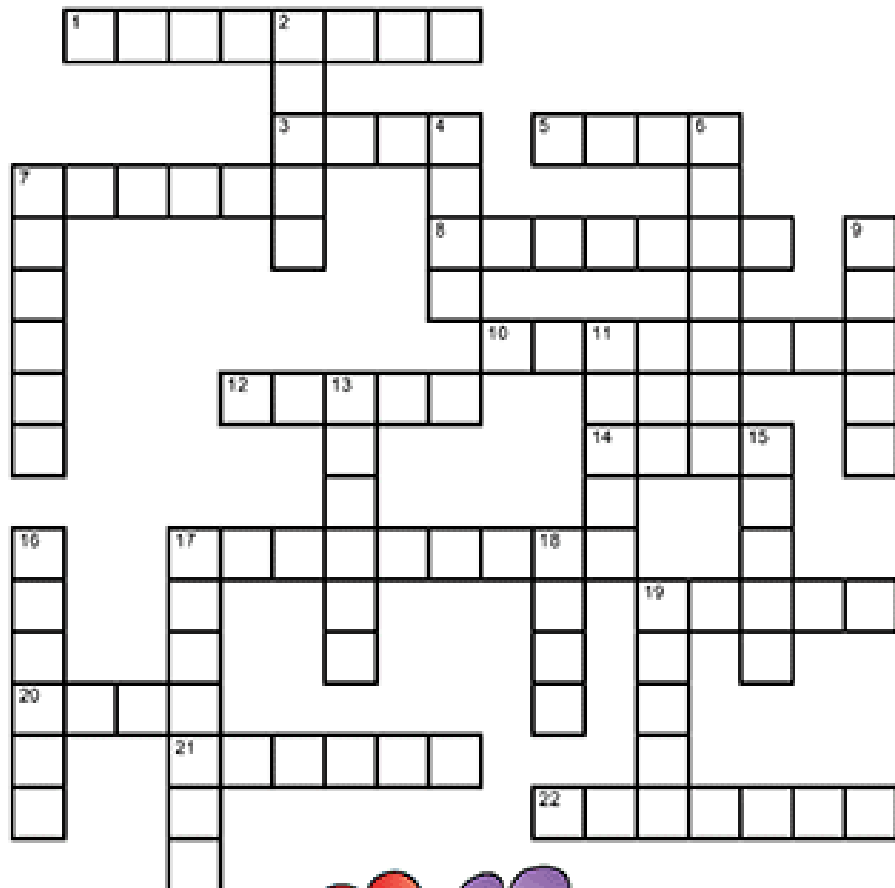
Spring is Here!

Across

1. It warms and brightens everything.
3. Warm up from a freeze.
5. They make honey.
7. Meal in the park.
8. Colorful arc in the sky.
10. It keeps the rain off you.
12. The color of spring grass.
14. Where a bird lives.
17. An adult caterpillar.
19. A baby chicken.
20. What chicks hatch from.
21. It comes after winter.
22. Red insect with black spots.

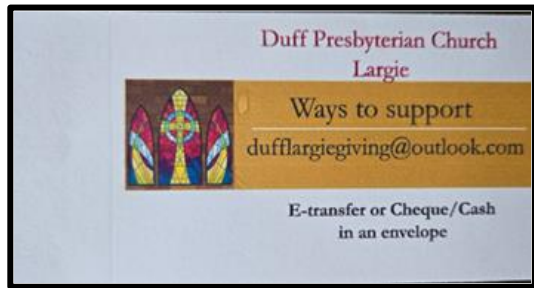
Down

2. Come out of an egg.
4. Wiggly creature that lives in the ground.
6. Short rainfalls.
7. Small pool of rain.
9. What the lawn is made of.
11. Another name for a rabbit.
13. A spring holiday.
15. Holland is famous for this flower.
16. Just a little wind.
17. Flower on a tree.
18. It is green and on a plant.
19. It might hide the sun.



Word Bank: Bees, Blossom, Breeze, Bunny, Butterfly, Chick, Cloud, Easter, Eggs, Grass, Green, Hatch, Ladybug, Leaf, Nest, Picnic, Puddle, Rainbow, Showers, Spring, Sunshine, Thaw, Tulip, Umbrella, Worm

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- ✓ **Weekly Envelopes**
- ✓ **E-transfer or**
- ✓ **Cheques can be mailed to our Treasurer:**

**Monique Lunn
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Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad

Submitted by Kathy Minnema

2 c. each broccoli & cauliflower

1 medium sweet red pepper diced

1/4 c. diced onion – green

1/4 c. dried cranberries

Bacon bits & sunflower seeds – your amount

Mushrooms – optional

Salad Dressing:

1/3 c. mayo

1/3 c. sugar

1/4 c. vinegar

1 1/2 tsp. poppy seeds

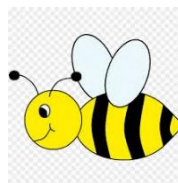
Mix dressing and add about 4 hours ahead of serving time.





Our themes in Playgroup this month were Rain and Bugs. We read A Good Day for Ducks on April 10 and made a picture of clouds and raindrops.

The school children had a PD Day on April 24, so we had some extra friends join us to read about Bugs! We started with a bug hunt to find the match to the laminated bugs on our magnetic white board. The children enjoyed searching for the bugs and some were able to read the names on the cards. We sang the Itsy Bitsy Spider, Over in the Garden and the paraded around singing The Ants Go Marching! Our story, The Very Greedy Bee was about a bee who did not like to share and after spending all day gobbling pollen and guzzling nectar found he was too heavy to fly home. Thankfully two kind fireflies offered to lead him home. All was well until they came to a stream. The bee thought he was doomed until a tiny ant with a big leaf offered to float him across the water. The ants, together with the fireflies, made their way to the bee's home on the other side of the stream. The very greedy bee was grateful to his friends and threw a party to celebrate, vowing to share his best honey with them. What a great lesson the bee learned and a wonderful reminder for us all, that not only is sharing important, but also when we work together, we can accomplish amazing things! We then made a bee and the children enjoyed playing together.



Busy Bees!



Playing with toys or playing the bug matching game





FROM THE PULPIT - Pastor Wilma Boyce

Gratitude and Prayers

Just two things to ponder this month:

Gratitude makes us joyful and therefore resilient and strong. So let us share the things we are thankful for.

Prayers remind us that we are never alone. God knows us and loves us more than we could ask or imagine, so to talk to God is a wonderful thing! I think our friends always appreciate when we tell them what's happening even if they already know, so it follows that God would too, doesn't it. And God always has a plan, ... for good.

Prayer is one of the best supports we can offer to one another.

Have a wonderful May celebrating mothers and all of your relationships!

Blessings,

Pastor Wilma



As we welcome Spring we look forward to Summer planning. Here are a few dates to keep in mind.

May 24 is communion

June 7 is outdoor service in Largie at 11

June 14 is Crinan anniversary at 11:00 and Largie will be closed to join with them in their celebration

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

There will be no services on July 28 or August 2

Paul McWilliam, Session Clerk



Bible Trivia Answers

- 1. (Yocheved) Exodus 2**
- 2. (Hannah) 1 Samuel 1:10**
- 3. (Mary) John 19:25**
- 4. (Elizabeth) Luke 1**
- 5. (Eve) Genesis 2**
- 6. (Rachel) Genesis 30:25**
- 7. (Herodias) Matthew 14:6**
- 8. (Deborah) Genesis 35**
- 9. (Hannah) 1 Samuel 2:19**
- 10. (Let the mother go free.) Deuteronomy 22:8**



God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.
He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.
God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.
And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.
The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.
And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.



— George W. Wiseman



MAY 29 FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

The June Newsletter will be the last until September