

No more lazy days of summer. No more sleep ins. No more unstructured days. It's back to the morning alarms and for some just general chaos! Although we do love the freedom of summer schedules, there is something to be said for routine and that's not a bad thing! I hope your summer was full of laughter, evening camp fires, camping trips, afternoons under a shade tree, bountiful wheat and hay harvests, and of course crossing some summer projects off your "To Do" list. Every season is a blessing that offers its own beauty, celebrations and activities to enjoy. In our farming community it is definitely a very busy time with fall fairs, harvest, canning and preserving, and preparing our gardens for winter.

We have two celebrations this month. Join us the morning of September 20 for our 171st Anniversary service and then celebrate Carl McLeod's 80th birthday at the Shedden Complex in the afternoon from 12-4. Why not make a day of it!

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. 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/>

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

3–Happy birthday, Gerald Boyd

6-Worship at 11

7-Labour Day

8-Happy Birthday Simon Vojin

9-WMS Ladies Meeting @ 1:30

10– Playgroup @ 10 am. **Thursday**

11-Roast Beef Drive Thru Dinner

12-Crinan WI Corn Hole Tournament

13-Worship @ 11 downstairs. Coffee Hour @ 10:30

18-20-Rodney Fair

20-80th Birthday Party for Carl McLeod @ Shedden Complex 12-4 pm

20- Duff Largie 171st Anniversary Service @ 11 am

25-Playgroup @ 10

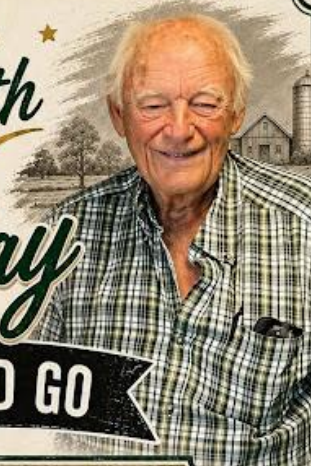
26-Happy Birthday Natalie Vojin

27-Worship @ 11

30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



80th Birthday
COME AND GO
SEPTEMBER 20
at the
SHEDDEN KEYSTONE COMPLEX
12-4PM
for
Carl McLeod
★ NO GIFTS PLEASE ★




DRIVE THRU BEEF DINNER
DUFF CHURCH LARGIE
13125 Largie Road



Friday, September 11
 Pick up time 4:45 – 5:45
 \$30

ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY
 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3

Menu
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable
Beans
Cole Slaw
Roll
Dessert

Get Your Tickets \$30
Barb 519-878-9736
Kathy 519-868-7245
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Lynda 519-673-8512
Last date for tickets is September 3

CRINAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
CORN HOLE
Tournament
SEPTEMBER 12 **\$50/TEAM**
 (2 PEOPLE)
 10:30am registration



- Lunch included in ticket price
- All proceeds to support the Crinan Women's Institute
- To register: email/text Delany 519-871-0395 or delanyleitch@gmail.com by September 4

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Challenge to Collect 2026



Dunwich United Church is issuing a challenge to area churches:

In a friendly competition, let's see which church can collect the most, by weight, non-perishable food, to be donated to our local food bank, The West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary-Welfare.

On the four Sundays in September, collect non-perishable food items at your church, then bring them to Dunwich UC parking lot on Monday, September 28, to be weighed before being donated.

Bragging Rights will go to the church which collects the heaviest donation.



Our outdoor service in June was well attended and there were lots of people dressed in Western attire. Thanks to those who brought their tractor and Model T.

Our Children's Story was called Faith for the Journey - Abram's Journey. God told Abram to leave everything behind and to move to a new country. He didn't even tell him where the country was. He just said, "Go to the land that I will show you." They didn't know where they were going or what they would find when they got there. It was like they were wearing a blindfold, but they trusted God and had faith in him. One brave child in our crowd volunteered to walk blind folded from where they were sitting to about 100 metres away with only verbal instructions to get there. They had to trust the speaker that they would guide them safely to their destination without tripping over anything or anyone. They were able to gain a small appreciation for how Abram and Sarai felt. During the message, the children painted rocks and built an altar on the south side entrance with Pastor Wilma. We appreciate being able to participate in the service.

After the service, everyone enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, and fries from the West Lorne Optimist Club food van compliments of the Sunday School.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to Sunday School on September 6.

As our Sunday School grows and the needs of the children change, we are asking for some help. We need one caregiver to come down each Sunday to lend a hand. The families can either pick a Sunday that they would like to volunteer or decide the Sunday that they are in church, who will join us. We simply need one more set of hands!







SESSION UPDATE

Submitted by Paul McWilliam

I hope everyone had a great summer. Now we are getting back to routine. Wishing everyone the best as school gets underway, an exciting time for our young people.

Largie September 6 will return to 11:00 am services for the remainder of the year.

Largie Anniversary will be celebrated Sept 20th at 11:00 am with Rev Mavis Currie as the guest minister.

The next communion is Oct 18th.

Wishing everyone a Blessed September.

**Paul McWilliam
Session Clerk**



- 1. How many commandments are there?**
- 2. How many of each animal went on Noah's Ark?**
- 3. What were the names of the first two people in the Bible?**
- 4. What town was Jesus from?**

- 5. Who received the 10 commandments?**
- 6. What language was the Bible first written in?**
- 7. What part of Adam did God use to create Eve?**
- 8. True or False: Genesis is the first book in the Bible.**
- 9. How many days of rain fell during the story of Noah's Ark?**
- 10. Who is the earthly mother of Jesus?**

Source: <https://www.womansday.com/relationships/family-friends/a61205647/bible-trivia-for-kids/>



Presbyterians
Sharing

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, July 12

Thanks to a grant made possible through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown, PEI has now added a modern elevator to their 113-year-old historic building. This new addition provides those with physical challenges access to the Doreen Gray Youth Centre and Sunday School classrooms located on the second floor. Additionally, the lower level of the building, where many meetings and dinners take place, has now become accessible to the many seniors who have, until now, missed out on many congregational events because they could not navigate the stairs. This welcome upgrade has revitalized Zion Church's social, educational, and community programs, ensuring all members can engage more fully.

Tuesday, September 1 (Labour Day) We pray for presbyteries as they gather after a summer respite to continue caring for congregations and ministers and for their clerks and moderators as they prepare to offer leadership.

Wednesday, September 2 We pray that God will sustain and inspire Christian educators as they accompany and nurture God's beloved children in a complex world.

Thursday, September 3 We pray for Palestinian Christians who worship and pray in the context of apartheid and genocide.

Friday, September 4 We pray for groups and members of the Women's Missionary Society as they continue to serve the mission of the Church.

Saturday, September 5 We pray for God's church, that it may be wise, brave and diligent in seeking out those gifted to serve and provide an outward call through affirmation.

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



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

Duff Largie Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, July 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 a short reading “Grace”. The minutes of the June meeting were read by

Marguerite Boyd, and approved.

New Business

Beef Supper update: September 11, 2026, Drive thru Beef Supper, tickets to be purchased ahead of time. Menu: Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, brown beans, bun, dessert – apple crisp. Supper committee will meet July 20.

Anniversary lunch Committee will meet sometime.

The meeting then switched to the W.M.S. portion of our meeting.

No New Business.

Lin thanked today’s committees -

Program –Lin & Jackie Lunch – Marguerite & Kathy

Reminder – Committees for September 9, 2026 regular meeting.

Program – Lin & Marguerite Lunch – Lynda & Isabel

Roll Call – was answered by 6 ladies – “What plans do you have for the summer?” Meeting was then turned over to the Program committee.

Topic for the program - “Summer Spiritual Time”

Hymn #98 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”(was sung A capelo)

Jackie read the Scripture – Lamentations 3:23-33, followed by Prayer. Lin shared a reading “ Summer”

Summer is the season of growth in nature as well, as spiritual growth. Spiritual growth occurs by reading the Bible, involvement in devotions, quiet reflection, etc. Getting in touch with nature is helpful in the summer. We have weeds in the garden that compete for water, sunlight and nutrients. The story of the Parable of the Sower exemplified this. What “ weeds”, do we need to remove from our lives? Use some of the strengths God gave you to enjoy summer e.g. Doing art, reading , writing, etc. Read a chapter of your Bible every day, commune with God to help spiritual growth in the summer.

Jackie shared the poem “What God has Promised” by A. Johnson. A very inspirational poem letting us know that He has not promised that our path will be easy. We will have troubles, ups and downs. But, He will be there with us, with strength, and undying love.

Lin then led an activity. We each made a card to send to someone who needs a lift. Hymn #1 “ For the Beauty of the Earth” was sung. The meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

A delicious and refreshing lunch of strawberries and ice cream was served by Marguerite and Kathy. A social time together was enjoyed!

Note: Supper committee met in July and price for our Drive Through Beef supper will be \$30.00 - Advance tickets only, by September 3. See further ticket information on website.



FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Submitted by Ron Ross

The weeping bed at the manse was upgraded in July. Quotes have been approved to install eavestroughs and downspouts on the Sunday School room and to have the island in the kitchen repaired.



Here are the praise songs that we sang in June.

[This is Amazing Grace - Acoustic](#)

[Love the Lord Your God](#)

[This is the Day](#)

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

[Go In Peace - Sunday School](#)

[Alive for Evermore](#)





In June we took our annual trip up to Bill's farm to see the goats, donkeys and cats. We formed quite a convoy of strollers and wagons up the hill of Largie Road. The children love this trip. We rewarded ourselves with an ice cream treat when we returned to the church. We met for a pool party in July where we had 13 swimmers and caregivers enjoying the water. In

August we had a few less, but had just as much fun.

Good luck to Blake and Savannah as they head off to school. We will miss you! Please come back to visit on PD Days.





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Goulash

Source: <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas>

Ingredients

- **2 Tbsp.** extra-virgin olive oil
- **1** medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- **2** garlic cloves, finely chopped
- **1 lb.** ground beef
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- **1 Tbsp.** tomato paste
- **1 (15-oz.)** can diced tomatoes
- **1 (15-oz.)** can tomato sauce
- **1 1/4 cups** low-sodium beef broth
- **1 tsp.** Italian seasoning
- **1 tsp.** paprika
- **1 1/2 cups** elbow macaroni
- **1 cup** shredded cheddar
- Finely chopped fresh parsley, for serving



Directions

Step 1 In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 7 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute more.

Step 2 Add ground beef, season with salt and pepper, and cook, breaking up with a spoon, until no longer pink, about 6 minutes. Drain fat, if needed.

Step 3 Add tomato paste and stir to coat, then pour in diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and broth. Add Italian seasoning and paprika, then stir in macaroni. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until pasta is tender, 10 to 15 minutes.

Step 4 Stir in cheese until melted; season with salt and pepper, if needed. Remove from heat. Top with parsley



BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. 10**
- 2. Two**
- 3. Adam and Eve**
- 4. Nazareth**
- 5. Moses**
- 6. Hebrew**

- 7. Rib**
- 8. True**
- 9. 40**
- 10. Mary**



DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 26 FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE