DUFF LARGIENEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

We have enjoyed some beautiful weather the last couple of weeks and when talking to people the consensus is "we will take as many of these days as we can get"! We switch up our wardrobe this time of year, look at some "comfort food recipes, and rekindle our relationship with our crockpot! I canned myself silly in September and am quite proud of how full my shelves look in the basement. The garden is stripped, rototilled and waiting for some natural fertilizer to go on top. The trees are quickly putting on a beautiful colour show and the crops are looking like harvest will be soon. We pray for good weather and that our farmers and their families stay safe.

There are two new community events for you to mark on your calendars. Dutton Baptist Church is hosting the Alpha Course at the Dutton Community Centre beginning October 8 and Dutton Knox St. Andrews church is planning a Community Christmas Pageant on December 19. Details on how to get involved are in the newsletter. How exciting to have these events in our community.

Enjoy the autumn season and take a few minutes to enjoy the wonders of nature.

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/ We also have a Facebook page! https://www.facebook.com/people/Duff-Presbyterian-Church-Largie/100070608482586/

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

2-4 Wallacetown Fair

4 Worship at 11

8 Alpha course begins (see info in newsletter)

9 Playgroup at 10. Thanksgiving theme

11 Worship at 11

12 Happy Thanksgiving

14 WMS Meeting @ 1:30

18 Coffee Hour @ 10:30. Downstairs church. Communion

20 Joint Session at Largie @ 7 pm

21 Crinan WI Euchre Party @ CCC @ 1 pm

25 Worship @ 11

30 Playgroup @ 10. Hallowe'en. ***N*ote date change****

30 Hallowe'en Party at CCC 6:30 pm

31Sunday School Hallowe'en Treat Event. Pick up treat bags @ church 5:30-6:30



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



4th Emily McWilliam

5th Sandy McLeod

8th Kathy Minnema

11th Lin McCann

17th Amelia Veenema

23rd McKenna McArthur

26th Nathan McLeod

27th Carl McLeod

27th Ron Ross

29th Wesley Veenema

Birthday Blessings to You



SESSION UPDATE

Submitted by Paul McWilliam

We had a great anniversary on September 20th. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the service and lunch after.

As we prepare for fall with Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, we pray for a safe harvest. We also are grateful and thankful for the many blessings God has given us all.

Next communion is October 18th.

There is a joint session meeting October 20 at 7pm in Largie.

Wishing everyone a blessed Fall.

Paul McWilliam

Clerk of Session



Sunday School started up again on September 5. It has been a slow start with many of our families still trying to re-establish back to school schedules and routines. We hope that you make us part of your routine as we miss you and the joy that you bring to our building.

We are going to try something new on the Sundays that we have church downstairs. From October to January, our focus during those Sundays for both the adults and the children will be on the miracles that Jesus performed. On these Sundays, children in Grades 4 and under will come to Sunday School as usual while children in Grades 5 and up will stay with the adults and play an active role in the service, whether it be reading scripture or whatever else Pastor Wilma has up her sleeve! Although the message will be geared to younger minds, we all will be able to find meaning and maybe even remember what was said after we go home! We look forward to starting this new venture and welcome your feedback. As was mentioned in the September newsletter, we are asking one parent to come and help the teachers during Sunday School, simply as a pair of extra hands. If you are wishing to have your child baptized, please talk to Paul McWilliam, Clerk of Session.

The Sunday School teachers will be handing out Hallowe'en treats on Saturday, October 31st in the church parking lot from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 11 (Harvest Sunday; Coming Out Day; International Day of the Girl Child) We pray for farmers who work tirelessly during this harvest season to provide food for our communities, and for those around the world for whom hunger is a daily reality.

Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks to God for the gifts of creation and pray for the wisdom to be faithful stewards of God's resources.

Tuesday, October 13 We give thanks for the farm staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre as they celebrate another year of abundance on the culinary farm.

Wednesday, October 21 We pray that the personal stories, letters, photographs, and other recordings of war continue to be preserved and accessible for the next generations. May these records serve as a reminder of the cost of war and honour the memory of the people harmed by conflict.

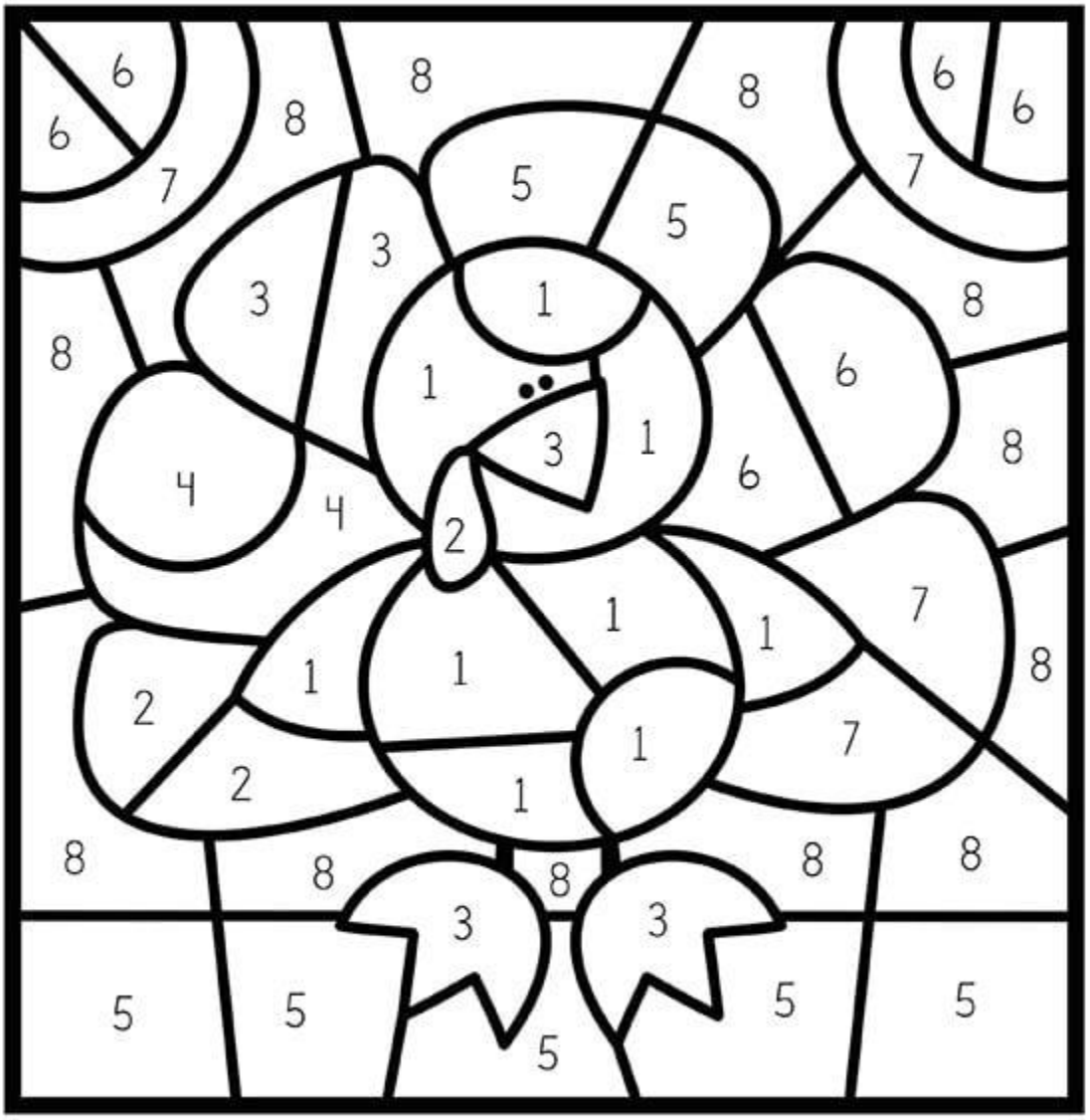
Thursday, October 22 We pray with grateful hearts that we may be faithful stewards of all that has been entrusted to us, using our gifts, resources, and lives for God's glory and the good of our neighbours.

Friday, October 23 May we be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, using our minds with discernment and our hearts with compassion, so that all we say and share reflects your love.
Source: https://presbyterian.ca/resources/mission-moments/

https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/thanksgiving-color-by-number/

Thanksgiving

COLOR BY NUMBER



1 – brown
2 – dark red
3 – yellow
4 – blue
5 – purple
6 – pink
7 – green
8 – orange

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OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday, December 19th @ 6 pm

This event is being organized by Knox St. Andrews and all community members are invited to participate.



The pageant begins in the McIntyre lot where we meet the shepherds and then moves to the Gazebo where we find the Baby Jesus.

After the event, everyone is invited back to Know St. Andrews church for hot chocolate and cookies.

All are welcome to participate…children and adults.

Please let Pastor Wilma or a Sunday School teacher know if you would like to be part of this awesome community event so we can keep you updated.

LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

September saw our Ladies groups back to regular meetings. We had a successful Drive Thru Beef Supper on September 11. Big thank you to everyone who helped – from the apple peelers, potato peelers & mashers, meat cutters, apple crisp makers, those who helped hand out the meals, clean up etc. Many hands make light work!

A coffee time was held on Sunday, September 13 prior to the service downstairs.

Duff Largie Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, September 9 in the church classroom with 10 present. Prior to the meeting apples were peeled and sliced, and kitchen organized in preparation for the Drive Thru Supper Sept 11. Lots of fun along great socializing made it fun! Special thanks to the extra hands which made the jobs easy and quick.

A short business meeting was held along with lunch - muffins, cheese, coffee and tea was enjoyed. The meeting opened with President Lin reading the "The Happiness Rule" followed by the "Land Acknowledgement". Minutes were read and approved.

No update regarding the Bobier Villa Silent Auction. Two Quilts were donated, so our donation for Supper tickets was not needed. The silent auction was for 2 donated quilts, so the ladies donation for supper tickets was not required.

The ladies decided to purchase new Corelle luncheon plates. Barb will look after getting them.

Lunch following the Church Anniversary was discussed – ladies decided on: beef on a bun, beans, pickles, apple crisp, tea, coffee and juice.

A challenge collection for Daffodil is once again being spearheaded by Dunwich United. We are collecting items, to be at church by September 27.

Lin thanked today's committees -

Program – Lin, & Marguerite (for organizing the apple peeling and preparations for the Drive Thru)

Lunch – Lynda & Isabel

Reminder – Committees for October

Program – Barb & Jackie

Lunch –Isabel & Barb

Jackie shared a letter and photos she received from Arlene McCallum. We were pleased to hear about and see photos of her and Dorothy, as they celebrated Dorothy's birthday.

Meeting was adjourned. Social time continued.

ALPHA?

Explore life, faith and meaning together.

Alpha is a multi-week course that creates a space where people come and discuss life's big questions in a friendly, open an informal environment.

This is being offered by the Dutton Baptist Church at the Dutton Community Centre,

1 Scotland Street, Dutton.

The next Alpha course is:

October 8 – November 26 (Thursdays at 6 pm)

To register, see the Dutton Baptist Church website:

Dutton Baptist Church Alpha Registration (click on this link)

OR

https://duttonbc.com/alpha/

Don't delay.....it starts soon!



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 Pulpit – Pastor Wilma Boyce

Thanksgiving for fitness

As we approach Thanksgiving, there are so many things to be thankful for, but sometimes what turn out to be the greatest gifts don't seem like gifts at all because we have different ideas about what we want for a gift, or perhaps what a gift is; there could be many reasons ….

A theologian named Helmut Thielicke once wrote,

"In the last analysis we know very little about our real needs, about what we lack and what we need. So often we pray for foolish things, when what we need is something totally different. We are naked, and instead of praying for clothes we pray for bonbons. We are imprisoned by certain passions…and instead of praying for freedom we pray for a Persian rug for our cell. So often we pray for senseless things that have no relation to our needs. And the reason is that we do not know the deepest wants and necessities of our life at all."

Luke 17: 11-19 tells the story of the ten lepers who are healed. They call out to Jesus to have mercy on them and he does; Jesus calls back to them "Go show your selves to the priests." To the lepers this could only mean one thing – they were going to be healed; You see, the lepers had to go show themselves to the priest in order to be allowed back into the community - to get a clean bill of health as it were.

They took off like a shot – trusting they would be healed and allowed back into their community. But only one stops in his tracks when he noticed he was healed: he ran back SHOUTING praises to God – a public display of thanks, and bowed prostrate before Jesus.

It is important that Jesus asks, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Because this directs our attention to the problem: the people of God are not giving thanks to God.

Still, all ten were healed even though only one returned. God is faithful even when thanks is not given, unlike what we might often experience with people. Why express gratitude to God if Jesus continues to heal regardless of our gratitude?

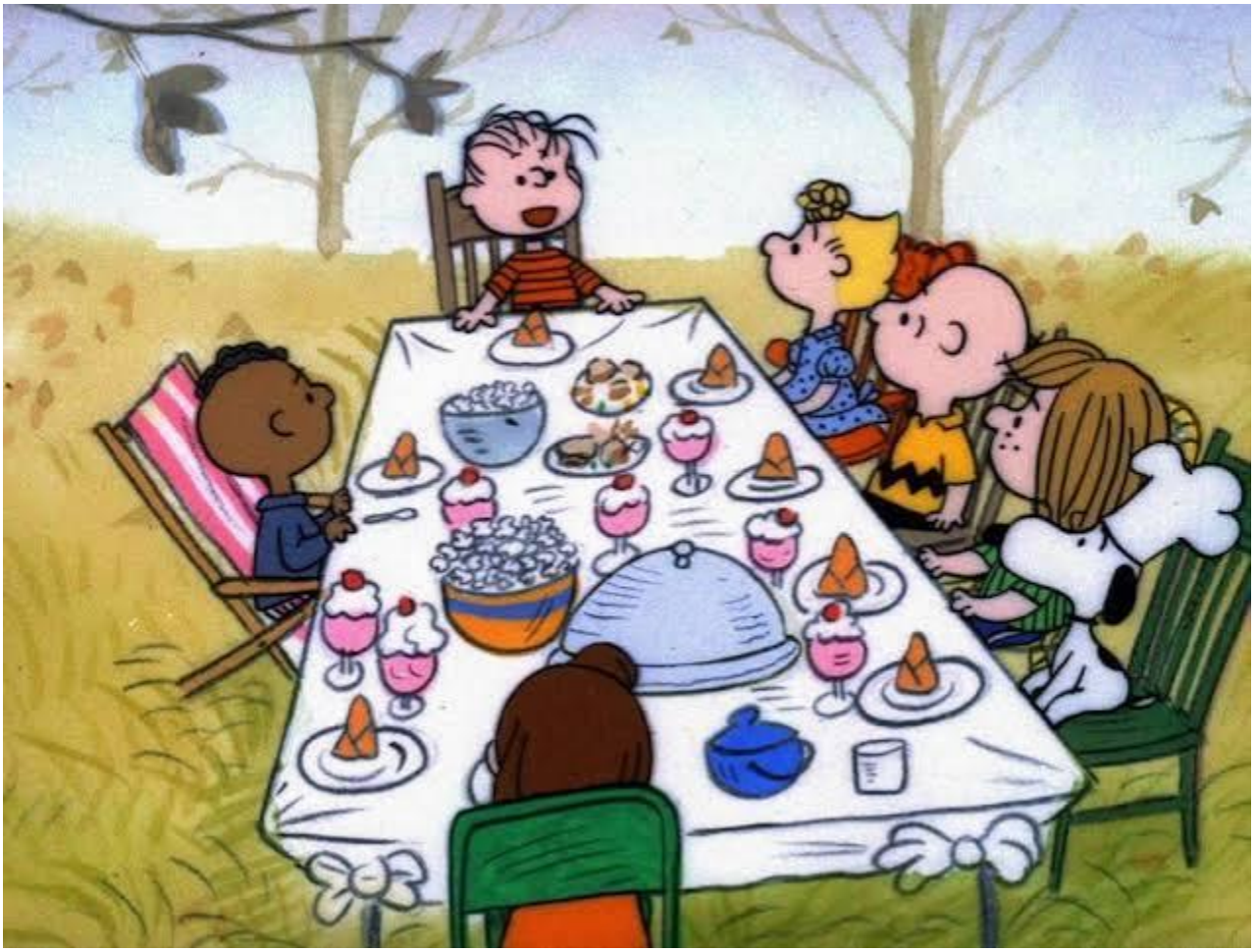
Because expressing thanks is good for us. It's like body building for our spirit and character. The 'one' who returned filled with gratitude 'saw' like the others did not; and he grew in faith, wonder, and thankfulness for the grace of God as he experienced it.

Giving thanks to God is a gift in itself. It builds relationship with God. For those who become aware of God's grace, all of life is filled with a sense of gratitude.

Blessings for a happy and thankful October!

Pastor Wilma





At the end of each day write something that you are thankful for.





Miracles of Jesus Word Search

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Ascension
Resurrection
Bartimaeus
Centurion's Son
Raising Lazarus
Jairus' Daughter
Withered Hand
Ten Lepers
Casting Out Demons
Feeding Five Thousand
Walks on Water
Water Into Wine
Paralyzed Man
Stills The Storm
Healing The Blind

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Spicy Maple Grilled Chicken Sandwich With Smoky Bacon Corn

https://www.halfbakedharvest.com/spicy-maple-grilled-chicken-sandwich-with-smoky-bacon-corn/

Ingredients

- ▢1/2 cup real maple syrup
- ▢1 tablespoon sambal oelek *(spicy chili sauce)*
- ▢2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ▢kosher salt and pepper
- ▢1 pound boneless skinless chicken tenders (I used breasts)
- ▢4 slices thick cut bacon, chopped
- ▢4 ears corn, kernels removed from the cob *(about 4 cups total)*
- ▢1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ▢1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- ▢2 green onions, chopped
- ▢1/2 cup shredded cabbage
- ▢1/2 cup fresh blueberries
- ▢4 ciabatta rolls, toasted
- ▢1/2 cup plain greek yogurt
- ▢1/4 cup basil pesto
- ▢1 avocado, sliced



Instructions

1. Stir together the maple syrup, sambal oelek, olive oil, and a pinch of salt in a small bowl. Add the chicken to a large ziplock bag and pour half the maple mixture over the chicken. Let sit for 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium heat and cook the bacon until crisp, about 5-8 minutes. Stir in the corn, paprika, and pinch each of salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes and then add the basil, and green onions. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly. Stir in the cabbage and blueberries.

3. Preheat an outdoor grill or grill pan to medium heat. Oil the grates.

4. Add the chicken and grill for 5-8 minutes per side, basting the chicken with the reserve maple mixture until the chicken is cooked through. Remove from the grill and drizzle any remaining maple mix over the chicken.

5. Mix the yogurt and pesto together in a small bowl.

6. To assemble, spread the yogurt pesto mix onto the bottom of each bun. Top with chicken, corn, and avocado. EAT!

****This is yummy. The corn, bacon and cabbage is delicious by itself!**









The Drive Thru Dinner Prep Crew

It was great to see everyone again at Playgroup. The face of our group has really changed with all of the children now under the age of 2. So….we will sing a little more, have some board books, have a very simple craft, and…play a lot! We hope our older children will return when they can. We have a great time and the friendships being formed is amazing. We have moved into the church classroom because everyone is on the move and we outgrew the small area of the Sunday School room.



On September 11 we read, with sliders, rhyming text and an apple core craft and had theme on September 25 and There are some very good Playgroup! In October, we Friday, October 30th, NOT October 23. Note the change in date.



<u>Peekaboo: Apple</u>, an interactive book a mirror on the back page. We made apples for a snack. We had an autumn painted a tree with leaves on it. artists and crafters in the Largie will meet on Friday, October 9th and









SEPTEMBER'S PLAYLIST



I Will Follow You - Chris Tomlin

This is Amazing Grace - Acoustic

Thanks and Praise

Children's Praise Song - Sing and Shout - Matt Redman

Here's one that we haven't sung yet, but I reallllly love it! Have a listen..the message is good for us all.

Love Can Turn the World





DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 29 FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE