

Church Sign:

Are you too busy acting
like a Christian to be
one?

At Dunwich United Church all are welcome.
We are open for in-person worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Please join us for
Coffee & Conversation after service.

Watch for news and messages on Facebook and the website.

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Welcome

Dunwich United Church

274 Currie Road, Dutton, Ontario

Mission Statement:

Worship, discipleship, service, and fellowship

Vision Statement:

*To grow to be a more vibrant and relevant
presence in our rural community as a welcoming,
joyful, and spiritual church family.*



June 15th, 2025

**Trinity Sunday, Father's Day, and 100th
Anniversary of United Church**

**Led by: Rev. Larry Schneider
Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin**

Leading us next week: Rev. Phil Schuyler



Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42, 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39



Acknowledgement of the Land

As we gather here today, let us take a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we stand and the Indigenous Peoples who have stewarded this land from beyond memory.

We recognize their care and offer respect and gratitude to: the Anishinaabe (the Chippewas on the Thames First Nation are Anishinaabe), the Haudenosaunee (the Oneida Nation of the Thames are Haudenosaunee), the Huron (currently not in this area), and the Lenape Peoples (the Delaware Nation at Moraviantown and the Munsee-Delaware Nation are both Lenape). All these people lived lightly and with respect upon this land, a territory upon which we now live.

Loving God, help us on the journey to reconciliation with the land, the water, and the air, and among the peoples. Today, we reaffirm our commitment of living into right relations with all.



[Image credit: Courtesy of DSPR.]

Recently the 45th Parliament opened, with a new prime minister at the helm of government, and fresh opportunities for faithful Canadians to bring justice priorities to the attention of a new Cabinet. The Moderator, The Right. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, and the General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair, wrote Prime Minister Mark Carney to request an urgent meeting to outline The United Church of Canada's justice priorities, and urge the government's action.

Key priorities include:

- 2S and LGBTQIA+ peoples' rights
- Advancing racial equity
- Indigenous Peoples' right to truth, justice, and reparations
- Acting for climate justice
- Standing for global solidarity, peace, and respect for international law

In a significant move, marking the one-year anniversary of the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage, the United Church also joined KAIROS Canada and other denominations (representing over four million Canadians) in a collective letter to Prime Minister Carney. This letter calls on Canada to take a principled stand on Gaza by respecting international law, working to end famine, responding to the plausible genocide, and building conditions for a just peace.

The United Church Women (UCW) have also supported a petition by Palestinian Christian women on the use of starvation as a weapon of war in Gaza.



Dunwich U.C.W. will meet on
Wednesday, June 18th, 2025
At Talbot Trails Restaurant,
12:30 p.m.

This will not be a formal meeting, but rather a luncheon get-together.

Please RSVP Jane Johnson, 519-762-3419.

Safe and Respectful Environments Policy 2025

The Ministry and Personnel team have reviewed Dunwich United policies:

- Violence and Harassment Policy (2013) and
- Policy for Handling Concerns Raised within Dunwich Pastoral Charge (2016) along with
- the recently published Creating Safe and Respectful Environments policy by the United Church.

The updated Safe and Respectful Environments Policy was approved by Dunwich United Church Council at the last meeting and is posted on the bulletin board.

This includes the handling of complaints and/or concerns which are to be submitted to Ministry and Personnel Chair, Minister, or Chair of Council, in writing and signed.



Prayer Request:

I submit the name of:

for prayers of love,
blessing, and healing.

Our newly revised prayer cards are now available. If you would like Rev. Larry and the congregation to pray for someone, please fill in a card and leave it in the offering plate. It will be passed to Rev. Larry.

Can you help?

West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary needs our help keeping the shelves stocked for their many clients.



Collection box for donations of non-perishable food items to West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary will be at our entrance. Mid-week groups are encouraged to donate.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Coming Up—Theological Open House.
We discuss thought-provoking topics.
Your opinions are hardly welcome.



Dutton Vacation Bible School



New friends, Amazing experiments, Creative games
Super-fun snacks, Surprising adventures,
Incredible music
Hosted by your local churches

Location:

Dunwich United Church, 274 Currie Rd, Dutton

Save these dates:

July 7 – 11, 2025

The fun happens from

July 07-11, 2025, 9 AM – noon

For ages:

5-12 years old by end of 2025

For more information, contact: Bonnie Rowe, Registrar
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Recognizing Disinformation and Misinformation

Online workshop June 24th 2025, 10:00-11:30 a.m,
We will be streaming it live in the Sanctuary.

Or you can register in advance:

https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/0v6pJo-sR_aP0qRFJ5ENmQ

If you choose to register, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

There is no fee. Costs of this workshop are covered by the Discipleship and Justice Commissions of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls, and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils.



Read all about it!

But we can't read about it if you don't submit it!

Deadline to Submit: Monday, June 16, 2025.

The summer edition of our Newsletter is coming!
Please share news and pictures of your family events.
Reports from all the Committee and Team Chairs are also appreciated.

Please submit to Sharon Mannering at: mannering2@gmail.com

Search Team Training

Volunteers needed for ad hoc Search Team

If you would be interested in sitting on this committee,
please speak to Jackie.

Training is available and is mandatory.

Has your church begun looking for a new Minister? Have
you formed a team? If yes, training is mandatory.

Training can happen in two ways:

- With your liaison
- Online with Micol Cottrell, Pastoral Relations Minister. If you have a liaison, please invite them to attend with you. Online training is two hours.



Danica and I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Value Village fundraiser. We filled a 6' x 10' trailer, diverting over 60 bags and more than 50 boxes of stuff from landfill. Talk about an environmentally friendly fundraiser. The money raised will help send Danica to the Girl Guides World Centre in Sangham, India to celebrate their 60th anniversary in August 2026.

Thanks for all the support! (Andi McKillop)