

Church Sign:

The fact that there is a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven tells you a lot about anticipated traffic.

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.



July 20th, 2025

**Led by: Mary Gillett, Anne Griffin,
Marilyn Mitchell, Anne Morrissey,
Ellen Palmer, Darlene Towers**

Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin



Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2:15-28

Luke 10:25-37

Led: Marilyn Mitchell



Acknowledgement of the Land

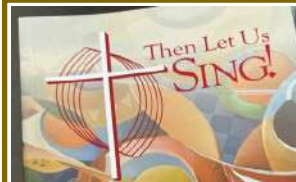
A territorial acknowledgement seeks to acknowledge the Indigenous peoples with historical ties to a particular territory. To that end, we would like to mention the Anishinaabe, Chonnoton, Haudenosaunee, Huron, and Lenape Peoples.

An acknowledgement also recognizes the treaty relationships between settler and Indigenous peoples that were entered into in respect of that land. We are on territory that is the subject of McKee Treaty #2. It was signed in 1790, by John McKee (for the Crown), and Village and War Chiefs of the Nations of the Ottawa, Chippawa, and Potawatomy and the Huron Indians Nations of Detroit. Did you know that the Dutton did not officially become a town until nearly a century later, in 1885?

As Christians, we also offer our gratitude for the opportunity to share the land with Indigenous peoples as members of a Church that has a conflicted history with Indigenous peoples, and we commit ourselves to the ongoing process of reconciliation. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

“When we begin to realize that ‘the poor’ are not a different species, but just ‘us’ after a hardship, we will have come a long way toward ending the discrimination that is associated with poverty.”

(Derek Cook, CWP (Canada Without Poverty)
Board Member for Alberta).



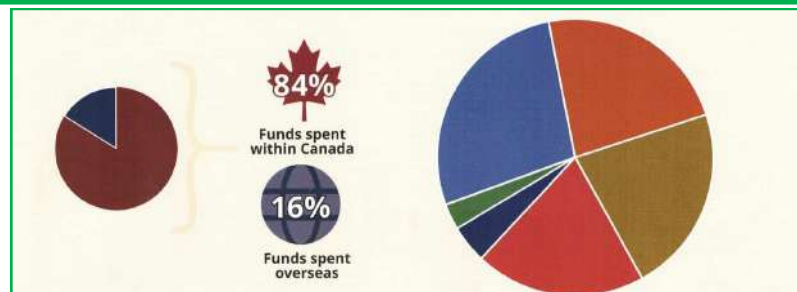
Save the Date!

Moving Forward in Song

Come Sing with Us! A free event celebrating 100 Years of Great Hymns, and Introducing “Then Let Us Sing”, the new United Church of Canada’s hymn supplement.

Sunday, October 5, 2:30–3:30 pm

Sponsored by Calvary, Riverside, Wesley-Knox, and White Oaks
United Churches | Hosted by Wesley-Knox
Wesley-Knox United Church,
91 Askin Street, London, ON N6E 1E7



Mission and Service Report 2024

Transform lives.

Inspire meaning and purpose.

Build a better world.

In 2024, The United Church of Canada committed just over 23 million to the work of the church, supporting those in need in Canada and around the world. 84% was spent within Canada and 16% was spent globally. Much of the increase in the amount spent in Canada is due to a grant of \$474,000 given to “Bringing the Children Home”.

27.7% **Embolden Justice**

22.0% **Invigorate Leadership**

23.0% **Journeying Indigenous Pathways**

19.8% **Strengthen Invitation (Growth)**

4.6% **Nurture the Common Good**

2.9% **Deepen Climate Integrity**

2024 saw the continuation of ongoing conflicts like the war in Ukraine and the one in Israel and Palestine. Your support has enabled our partners to continue to support those most affected by war and those who are displaced as refugees. In 2024, approximately \$416,000 was sent to support the work of our partners and bring aid to those affected. Families and children who are fleeing war are provided with food, clothing, shelter, medical supplies, and safe housing. Your Christian compassion is making this possible.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

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.

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.



The West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Welfare (Foodbank) is a vital part of our Community. It is operated by Volunteers and donations are from everyone including individuals, families, businesses, Service Clubs, Churches, events, etc. These donations are monetary, food (cans and packages), garden produce, meat, and new gifts.

Our area is from Iona Road to Kerr Road and from the lake to Thames River. It includes the town of Dutton, West Lorne, Wallacetown, Iona, and Eagle.

During the summer we receive fresh produce from individual gardens, farms, our Community Gardens at Salus. We encourage fresh and do not pack canned veggies unless requested. Last summer we saved about 350-400 canned products.

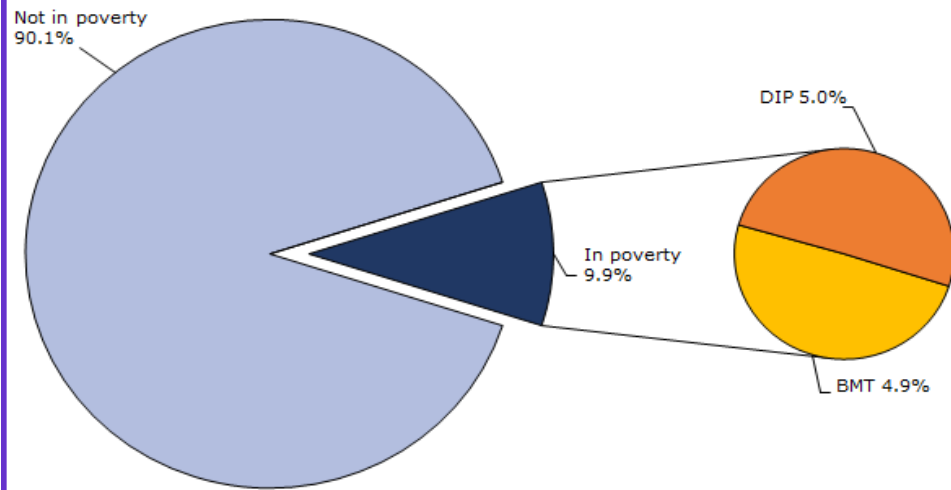
Daffodil is also involved in the food rescue from Harvest Hands and Second Harvest. This provides extra items for each hamper in an ongoing basis.

At Christmas we distribute more than 100 hampers including single, couple, and families.

Everyone receives socks, hat, gloves/mitts and a gift if available. School children receive Christmas gifts.

A HUGE thank you to each and everyone who routinely and faithfully donates to the Foodbank, your support is crucial to keeping the Foodbank operating. Any donation is appreciated. We have never had to refuse a client a hamper due to food not being available. That is testament alone to the support Daffodil receives. Lin McCann

Chart 1
Poverty rates by type of poverty, Canada, 2022



Notes: DIP = deep income poverty. BMT = between the Market Basket Measure and the DIP threshold.
Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Income Survey, 2022.

In Canada, the poverty line is defined by the Government of Canada in the Poverty Reduction Act as the Market Basket Measure (MBM). Living under this poverty line means being unable to buy a standardized basket of goods and services, which includes food, clothing and footwear, shelter, transportation and other essential items adjusted according to family size and area of residence. It means that a family or an individual does not have enough disposable income to live according to a modest, basic standard of living.

The **MBM** is based on the cost of a specific basket of goods and services that represent a modest, basic standard of living. It includes the costs of food, clothing, footwear, transportation, shelter and other expenses for a reference family. These costs are compared with the disposable income of families to determine whether they fall below the poverty line. In 2022, 9.9% of Canadians were living in poverty.

Deep Income Poverty (**DIP**) refers to having an income below 75% of the poverty line. In 2022, 5.0% of Canadians, or roughly 1.95 million people, were in DIP.

The **BMT** category refers to individuals who are not living in DIP but are living in poverty according to the MBM. A family in the BMT category cannot afford all the items in the MBM, but can afford many of them. In 2022, 4.9% of individuals were living in poverty but not in DIP. These individuals were in a state of “shallow poverty.” Therefore, in 2022, about half of those in poverty were in DIP, while half were in the BMT category.

“When the pandemic first happened, we often heard the phrase ‘we are all in the same boat.’

In fact, we are not all in the same boat. Inequities that existed long before COVID have been exacerbated since the onset of the pandemic. Now is the time to implement a structure of justice making and justice keeping that no longer excuses, rationalizes, and tolerates poverty.”

—Moderator Carmen Lansdowne

Poverty entails more than the lack of income and productive resources to ensure sustainable livelihoods. Its manifestations include hunger and malnutrition, limited access to education and other basic services, social discrimination and exclusion, as well as the lack of participation in decision-making.
-The United Nations

Poverty is a violation of the most fundamental human rights possessed by every person. However, not everyone is equally susceptible to living in poverty. Historically marginalized groups such as Indigenous, racialized people, recent immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, single-parent families, seniors, youth, and 2S-LGBTQ+ communities are more likely to live in poverty.

Poverty statistics exclude people living in Hidden Poverty, which occurs when an individual earns above the poverty line, but cannot afford adequate food, hydro bills, childcare, or other basic necessities. Hidden poverty also encompasses undocumented people in Canada and people who are the brink of poverty.

Basic Facts About Poverty in Canada

- In 2020, 1 in 4 children were living in poverty.
- Single adults are more likely to live in poverty.
- 30.7% of single adult males living in poverty, and
- 35.5% of single adult females living in poverty.
- Poverty is highest among working-age unattached singles (have the highest rates of poverty at 31 per cent in 2022, up nearly five percentage points from 26.2 per cent in 2021).