

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.

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

Watch for news and messages on Facebook and the website.

Web: dunwichunited.ca

Calendar: www.dunwichunited.ca/calendar

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ARWRC
ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Antler River Watershed Region:
<https://arwrcucc.ca/>

Church Sign:

Feed your faith and
doubt will starve to death.

Dunwich United Church
274 Currie Road, Dutton, Ontario

Welcome

*Are you looking for something you can believe in?
Please come in and have a seat.
Are you looking for a community that you can truly belong to? You have found a place here.
Are you looking for a connection with other people who are searching, just like you? Welcome.
Everyone is welcome here.*



*Photo: "Clouds Over Fields"
by N. Carroll*

August 17th, 2025
Led by: Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler
Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin



Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 5:1-7

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Led by: Worship Team



Acknowledgement of the Land

I acknowledge that the territory that Dunwich United Church is on and which the Antler River Watershed Region covers is in the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations, is the current home of four sovereign Nations, and I list them now by their community names: Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Delaware Nation at Moraviantown, Munsee-Delaware Nation, and Oneida Nation of the Thames.

They continue to be sovereign Nations and thrive with their own unique languages, cultures, and ceremonies. I recognize that it is my responsibility to learn and unlearn about the shared history and values I have with Indigenous peoples, and I commit to contribute toward Truth and Reconciliation by working together respectfully to build positive communities for all.

Guided by the Word of God, the life of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, I am committed to the principle of putting our land acknowledgements into concrete actions and grow a just and fair future for everyone.

Next Sunday is Music Sunday

Please come early.

A Prelude and a special Surprise Celebration will start at 9:30.



We are always looking for photos for Bulletin and PowerPoint Announcements.

Photo:
"Butterfly on Purple"
by A. Griffin.

Please send to:
dunwich.pastoral@gmail.com



Dunwich U.C.W. will meet on
Monday, September 08th, 2025
at 1:30 p.m.

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Please join us. All are welcome.

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.



Council Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2025
1:00 p.m.

Please submit Team and Committee Reports to Sharon by
Monday, September 15, 2025



A Feast!!

The Visioning and Stewardship
Team is hosting a Corn and
Hotdog Luncheon on Sunday,
August 24th, immediately
following the Service.

They will be offering hotdogs
and buns, fresh sweet corn,
potato salad, and baked beans.

Your \$5.00 contribution will be donated to a charity yet to
be identified. Please join us!



Have you given up your land
line in favour of a cell phone?
Please call the office to share
your phone numbers.
(519-762-3821)

Church Bulletin Bloopers

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Christian Farmers Federation Elgin District

Summer BBQ!

Tuesday August 19, 2025

5:30 PM: Social

6:00 PM: Welcome & BBQ

9:30 PM: Clean up

RSVP by August 10 , 2025

Caleb Dekraker 226-239-2878

Ryan Dykxhoorn 519-860-7332

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Louise Knapp 519-639-3813

Rudy Knaap 226-228-0952

Lance Buis 226-545-0313

Fun for the whole family!
Bring your own lawn chair
BRING A FRIEND



Used Postage Stamps

We have an idea for what
you can do with those used
(cancelled) postage
stamps.

Donate them!

We collect them for the
Canadian Bible Society.
The collection container is
under the Bulletin Board.

Apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ Communities



General Council Presented Apology to 2S-LGBTQIA+ Communities

A special worship service to offer a living apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities from The United Church of Canada was held on Friday, August 08 at Knox United Church, Calgary, Alberta. The Service was livestreamed for those people not able to be there in person..

The road has not been smooth, and the church has not always accepted 2S and LGBTQIA+ people.

The living apology is one way to acknowledge the many shortcomings and the harm the church has caused, while also continuing to build toward a world of radical love and affirming people of all identities.

“The call of Jesus is that we love one other,” says Rev. Aaron Miechkota, Iridesce Project Coordinator and Apology Task Group member. “The apology project was simply one opportunity for us to live this call and promise... this time in a dialogue between the 2S and LGBTQIA+ community and the United Church. It is my sincere hope that the sacred call to love and know each other will continue, with the apology being a touchstone and marker along the way.”

The United Church of Canada affirms that gender and sexuality are gifts of God, and the church welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities as full members. In 1988, the 32nd General Council declared that "all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, who profess their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to be or become members of The United Church of Canada" and that "all members of the United Church are eligible to be considered for ordered ministry." In 2012, “gender identity” was affirmed to not limit participation in membership or ministry. The United Church of Canada was the first denomination in Canada to affirm the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons into the life of the church. While the 1988 decision was significant, there are still many painful stories of exclusion from before 1988, and that continue into the present.

By formally apologizing, the United Church reaffirms its commitment to radical hospitality and full inclusion of 2S and LGBTQIA+ people in all aspects of church life, including leadership, worship, and governance, thereby strengthening the church’s witness to justice and love in action.

Tangible commitments, such as revising policies, providing reparative support, and ensuring 2S and LGBTQIA+ voices are centered in decision-making would help dismantle systemic barriers and foster a church culture where equity is actively pursued.