

**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](http://dunwichunited.ca)

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**ARWRC**  
ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

**Church Sign:**

Never interpret the silence of  
God as the indifference of God.

(Joyful Noiseletter)

**Dunwich United Church**  
**274 Currie Road, Dutton, Ontario**

***We are one in this space, in this building, in this community, in this world. We are one through the generations, through song and word, through worship. We are one just as we are. All are welcome here.***



**“Welcome”  
By  
M. Gillett**

**January 11th, 2026**  
**Baptism of Jesus**

**Led by: Rev. Larry Schneider**

**Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin**

## Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

**John 1:49-52**

**Leading Worship Next Week:**

**Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler**

**Hearing Assistance Available —See Gord**

### Acknowledgement of the Land

I value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations on Turtle Island and commit to learning more about our shared history and values.

There are four Indigenous Sovereign Nations near Dunwich United Church. They are: Chippewas of the Thames First Nations, Delaware Nation at Moraviantown, Munsee Delaware Nation, and Oneida Nation of the Thames.

### Rev. Larry's Office Hours By Appointment

Secretary Anne's Office Hours:  
Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Phones and emails answered regularly.



**UCW Meeting  
Tomorrow,  
January 12, 2026  
1:30 pm at the church  
Program: Lois Martin  
Velvette Sandford**

## Ten commandments for a happy New Year

(Editor's note: *JN* consulting editor Tal Bonham did not live to see 1992. But here are "Ten Commandments for a Happy New Year" which he passed on to us before his death. They were passed on to him by Rosalee Mills Appleby, a Baptist missionary.)

- (1) Accept and appropriate for the inner life the peace brought by the Christmas Christ.
- (2) Find gladness in the memory of every great experience through the past, in the glow of every present blessing, in the hope of all future joys.
- (3) Be humble and lowly of heart; always ready to forgive; quick to recognize your faults and slow to take offense.
- (4) Center the thoughts each day on how much love, service, and kindness can be given, instead of what material things are lacking.
- (5) Seek earnestly divine guidance. Wait on the Lord and run not ahead of His plans. No blunder can ever be made when life is lived within His will.
- (6) Love, and there will be no room for envy. Trust, and there will be no place for worry. Have faith, and there will be no doubts.
- (7) Magnify the things of eternal value and minimize the temporary. Put aside the petty cares that pass with the passing day.
- (8) Refuse to let jealousy, covetousness, greed, and envy preoccupy your mind and short-circuit your prayers.
- (9) Steady life by having a lofty purpose. Lift its horizon by contemplating the needs of all mankind. Widen your vision by loving the world as God loved it.
- (10) Rest in Christ. He is the secret of the abundant life, the fulfillment of every worthwhile dream and desire.



It's time to blow your own horn!

The next Newsletter is coming. Please submit any photos and stories to Sharon by Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Sharon's email address is [manner2@gmail.com](mailto:manner2@gmail.com). Team and Committee Reports are welcomed.



When Fear  
Knocked,

Imagination  
ran wild!

Courage hid

Confusion  
sprang up

Embarrassment  
came

Guilt emerged

Hope  
diminished

Shame  
arrived

Patience  
ran out

Panic  
took over

But Faith  
answered...

And no one  
was there.

The editor's reflection on something that effects us all in the new year, and each new day:

## Fear Knocked...



Last evening, I was sitting at home, reading, the first opportunity I'd had to just relax, in my own thoughts, finally calm.

Suddenly **fear** knocked at the door. I could tell it was **fear**, I could smell it, I just knew. It tried to sound reasonable, even innocent. Knocking on my door.

With each knock, **imagination** ran wild, showing me exactly why **fear** knocked, giving me a long list of reasons — my failures, my insecurity,

my inadequacies, my irrational thoughts which, of course, are not irrational when we are thinking them.



As **imagination** ran wild, **courage** then hid behind a couch of **excuses** and in a closet of anxieties.

When **courage** hid, **confusion** sprang up, triggered by everything **imagination** was saying.

In the midst of **confusion**, others began appearing.



Embarrassment. Over there by the sink, the sinking feeling that is. The feeling that as an adult I ought to be over this. The sense that I wished it would just go away.

**Guilt.** About the many times I had bad decisions and to avoid the consequences. **Guilt** about dreams I stopped dreaming, plans unfinished, promises that were broken or remain unfulfilled.



made tried



I left

**Shame.** Just flat out **shame**.

By this time, **patience** just up and ran around long when things control.



And with **patience** running out, **panic** took over. Oh, it has big take-charge abilities; it just does not have much in the way of long-term leadership skills.

When **fear** knocks, let **faith** answer before **imagination** gets started. Then thank God that you are a person of **faith**, and not a slave to **fear**.

You can't knock it.



All the while, **fear** was still knocking at the door.

Finally. Finally, **faith** entered. **Faith** walked over to the door.

**Faith** answered.

And no one was there.

Let that sink in.

**Fear** has a nasty knock, persistent knock, hideous knock.

**Fear** has a phantom knock, in the face of **Faith**.

When **fear** knocks, let **faith** answer before **imagination** gets started. Then thank God that you are a person of **faith**, and not a slave to **fear**.

You can't knock it.

... Faith answered.

Drumming is Happening Again!  
Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.

Dunwich United Church

RSVP to Stacia:

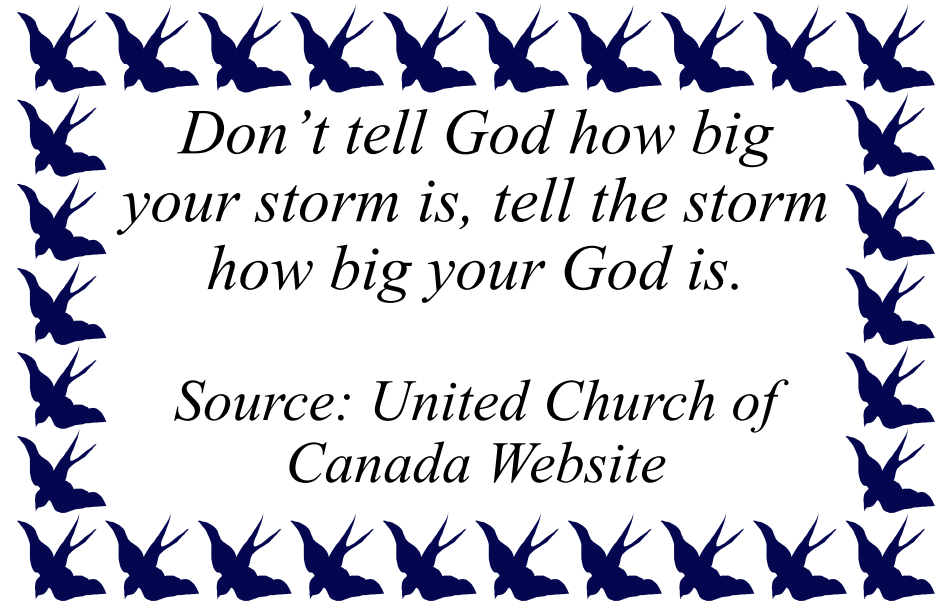
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No experience necessary. Drums are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

All ages, a great family activity.

\$5.00/person (+ food item for Daffodil Auxiliary are appreciated, but not necessary.)



*Don't tell God how big  
your storm is, tell the storm  
how big your God is.*

*Source: United Church of  
Canada Website*



Council Meeting

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 p.m.  
Dunwich United Church

If anyone wishes to have  
Weekly Offering Envelopes,  
please see Sharon.

Knox-St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
Is looking for a Choir Director.

A degree, certificate, or formal musical training in  
piano or equivalent. Experience will be considered.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provide piano accompaniment for Sunday morning  
worship service, including special services throughout  
the year as needed.
2. Lead weekly choir rehearsals and play along with  
Praise Band.

Contact Rev. Sonia Brule at [rev.sonia@outlook.com](mailto:rev.sonia@outlook.com)



**Seniors' Cards**

Every Tuesday at 7-10

Every Friday at 1-4

All are welcome.



Weekly Seniors Programming  
For aged 55 +  
Social Hour Every  
Thursday, 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Free to attend  
Includes an active first hour  
(walks, tours, light activities)  
followed by coffee, tea, and  
community time together.

**Pearce Williams Social Club**  
**January Schedule**  
**Thursdays: 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Seniors Program (55+ years)**

January 08th: Puzzles

January 15th: Trivia

January 22nd: Bookmark Making

January 29th: Tea Cup Bird Feeders