

**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.**

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ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**The only thing some people give up for  
lent is their New Year's resolutions.**

Rev. Felix A. Lorenz Jr., Northville, Michigan  
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**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.***



**“Winter Scene with  
God’s Sky**

**By J. Witmer**

**February 22nd, 2026**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Led by: Rev. Alana Martin**

**Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin**

## Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

**Exodus 24:12-18**

**Psalms 2 or Psalm 29**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Leading Worship Next Week:**

**Rev. Larry Schneider**

U B J E S U S I L A  
H J R V W F S G A Q  
C H I L D R E N U E  
S C K T O I L I G C  
F U N Z G E Z N H H  
M D L Y X N Z R T U  
P A R T Y D U A E R  
F G A M E S P E R C  
G C H U A C H L O H  
N P F A M I L I E S

Children Laughter Friends  
Games Jesus Learning  
Families Puzzles Party  
Fun God Church

Source: A. Morrissey's Mind  
I gave my permission!

Message on a sign outside a  
Protestant Church:

**BEAT THE EASTER RUSH.  
COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY.**

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On their way home from attending an Ash Wednesday service, little Johnny asked his mother, "Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust like the minister said tonight?" "Yes, darling," his mother answered. "And is it true that we go back to dust again when we die?" "Yes, dear," his mother replied. "Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I saw someone who was either coming or going."

Dennis R. Fakes, Points with Punch,  
Holy Humor pg.36 Used with permission.

## Acknowledgement of the Land

By: Natasha Pearen, Trinity-St. Stephen's U.C., Amherst, N.S.

As we gather, we take a moment to remember that the land we call Dunwich-Dutton is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg (specifically the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation), the Haudenosaunee (specifically Oneida Nation of the Thames), and Leni-Lenape (specifically Munsee-Delaware Nation and Delaware Nation at Moraviantown). We also recognize the historic presence of other First Nations here and across Turtle Island.

We seek to learn about past wrongs, act with justice in the present, and pray for a better future together in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.



"I thought sure this would be the Lent when his long-dormant spiritual values would come to the fore."

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The observances of the church concerning feasts and fasts are tolerably well kept, since the rich keep the feasts and the poor keep the fasts.

Tobias George Smollett  
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## 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)

## Heartfelt Thank You!

We have received gracious thank-you notes from both the Daffodil Auxiliary and Our Daily Bread Ministries, Canada for our donations to both.

World Day of Prayer  
Friday, March 6  
2:00 p.m.  
at  
Dunwich United  
Church

Join area churches  
in worship  
prepared by the WDP  
Committee of Nigeria



## From the United Church of Canada

We are so excited to announce Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator, a new six-part video series coming this Lent exploring food, faith, and the power of invitation, hosted by the **Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath**.

Drawing inspiration and recipes from the United Church's Lenten devotional, Bless Break Share: Recipes for Faithful Living, we're getting in the kitchen with guests from across the church, including book contributors, United Church youth, and the Moderator's own family.

The series debuts with a Shrove Tuesday pancake feast in the Moderator's home kitchen on February 17, with new episodes following each Sunday throughout Lent, and concludes with a special Easter message from the Moderator.

These spirit-filled conversations will invite you each week to reflect on how food can nourish both body and soul, and how in joining around the table, we connect to something deeper than ourselves. They remind us that around a table, barriers fall and stories flow, that God meets us in ordinary moments of sharing bread and conversation.

Episodes will be shared each week on the **Kitchen Conversations webpage and The United Church of Canada YouTube channel** — subscribe today to stay up to date. We'll also be sharing printable recipe cards to use in your own kitchen, as a Lenten reminder, or to share with friends and family. Churches can include them in worship bulletins or use them at fellowship meals.

Bless Break Share, featuring inspiring devotions and prayers for each day of Lent, along with recipes from throughout the United Church, is available online today, along with the matching mug and apron you'll see featured in Kitchen Conversations.

These Kitchen Conversations videos are separate from the online Lenten study led by Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett, which you can join on CHURCHx beginning February 24. Signing up gets you a discount code for 15% off your purchase of Bless Break Share. This structured learning experience invites participants to use Bless, Break, Share as a framework for conversation and reflection on food and hunger throughout the season of Lent.

Join us as we embody the gospel of welcome, and continue to create A Place at the Table for all.



The inevitable finally occurred — a potluck with nothing but baked beans.  
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Next Sunday is the Annual General Meeting immediately after the Service. It will be followed by a Pot-Blessed Lunch.

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Our church is looking for volunteers!

**Before Service:**

To be greeters and hand out bulletins

**During Service:**

To read some prayers and the Scripture

Please see any member of the Worship Team to volunteer. We appreciate your involvement in our Services.

## Lenten Lunches

Starting Wednesday, February 18th and continuing every Wednesday through the season of Lent, we will be serving a simple lunch of soup, crackers, fruit, and tea and coffee.

Held from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Dunwich United Church, this "Pay What You Can" lunch will have proceeds going to support The Pantry.

The Pantry is a self-serve food cupboard at West Elgin Community Health Centre that supplements meals as needed.

Lenten Lunches are sponsored by the Visioning and Stewardship Team.

**If you could volunteer to make a pot of soup or come to help set up and clean up, it would be appreciated.**



## Seniors' Cards

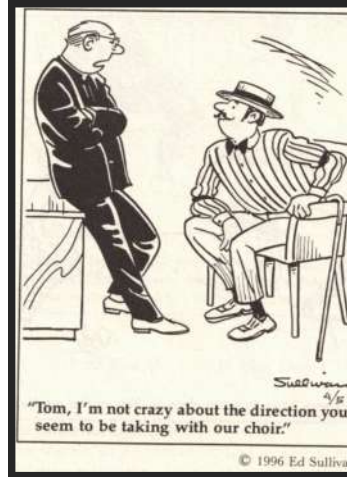
Every Tuesday at 7-10

Every Friday at 1-4

All are welcome.

## Heart to Heart – a Collection of Women's Hygiene Products

In the month of February, the V & S Team will be collecting women's hygiene products. The collection box is by the meeting room door – please donate as you are able.



"Tom, I'm not crazy about the direction you seem to be taking with our choir."

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No fear about Anne's direction for the choir ... why don't you see for yourself?

Practices are Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

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# You're Invited!

to the 2026 Seniors' Spring Fling

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

3-8 PM

DUTTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Registration Required

Vendor show with live program demonstrations

3-4:30pm

Live musical entertainment from The Erie Shores Singers

4:30-5pm

Complimentary dinner and dessert provided

5-6pm

Dance with live music performed by the Back Pages

6-8pm

For more information or to  
reserve your spot, please call  
519-768-1715 ext. 2399  
Limited spots available!



## Go Team Canada!

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Dunwich U.C.W. Meeting  
Monday, March 09<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
at 1:30 p.m. at the church

Worship Program by  
Barbara Woolley and Velvette Sandford

## Liturgical Colour for Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday

Purple is a cool colour on the colour wheel, reflecting divinity, wisdom, dignity, mystery, and creativity. Dark purple is a penitential colour, evoking sadness and deep reflection. In the first century CE, purple dye was hard to come by, so only the wealthy could afford purple garments.

Source: *Gathering, Lent/Easter 2025*

Vacation Bible School  
 (July 06-10 at Dunwich United Church)  
 is looking for adult and student (12 years +)  
 volunteers to run the program this year.  
 High School students can earn  
 volunteer hours.  
 Please speak with Rose or Sharon  
 if you can help.

### God's Answering Machine



"For a church service schedule, press one. For office hours, press two. For the forgiveness of sins, press three. If you want to pray alone, hang up."

Rev. Larry is available by appointment.  
 Sec. Anne is in the office Thursday mornings, 9-11

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Knox St. Andrews P.C.  
 Kids In Christ (KIC) meet at 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
 on the last Tuesday of every month.  
 There is a different theme each month.

February 24<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day theme

March 24<sup>th</sup> - an Easter theme

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day theme

Please pre-register with Rev. Sonia  
 ([rev.sonia@outlook.com](mailto:rev.sonia@outlook.com))



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 February Schedule:  
 February 26 Baking Stir, bake, and share something sweet



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