

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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<https://arwrcucc.ca/>

“I have always believed that God never gives a cross to bear larger than we can carry. No matter what, He wants us to be happy, not sad. Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?”

Rose Kennedy.
Holy Humor pg. 55
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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.



Image:
“Daffodils Along a Creek”
by J. Witmer

May 17th, 2026
Worship Team
Guest Speaker: David Burke
Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin

Leading Worship Next Week:
Marilyn Mitchell

Pentecost Sunday

Hearing Assistance Available —See Gord

****NOTE CHANGE****

**Secretary Anne
will not have any Office Hours this week**

**Phones and emails
answered regularly.**

Acknowledgement of the Land

(David Lander, Castleton-Grafton P.C., Grafton, Ont.)
(Source: Pentecost 1, 2017. P.21)

“The United Church of Canada has begun the practice of starting each meeting and worship with an acknowledgement that the territory where we gather was once that of Indigenous Peoples who traditionally called it home for thousands of years. It is a way to continue to live out the church’s Apologies to the First Peoples of North America. And it is one way we can work toward Right Relations, repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came. It is in that humble, thankful appreciation of our history and our nation that we gather here, on the traditional territory situated within the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee, and Attawandaron peoples, the traditional and unceded lands of the Anishinaabe peoples of the Thames, the settled peoples of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy at the Thames, and the Leni Lenape Delaware peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.

INSCRIPTIONS FOUND ON TOMBSTONES

*Here lies the dust
of Marvin Peeper
swept up at last
by the Great
Housekeeper*

*She lived with her
husband
50 years and died
in the confident hope
of a better life*

*Here lies my wife
in earthy mould
who when she lived
did naught but scold.
Good friends, go softly
in your walking
lest she should wake
and rise up talking.*

*Beneath this stone
lies Dr. John Bigelow,
an atheist all dressed up
with no place to go.*

*William Jones
Beloved husband of Elizabeth
Jones
Rest in peace until I come*

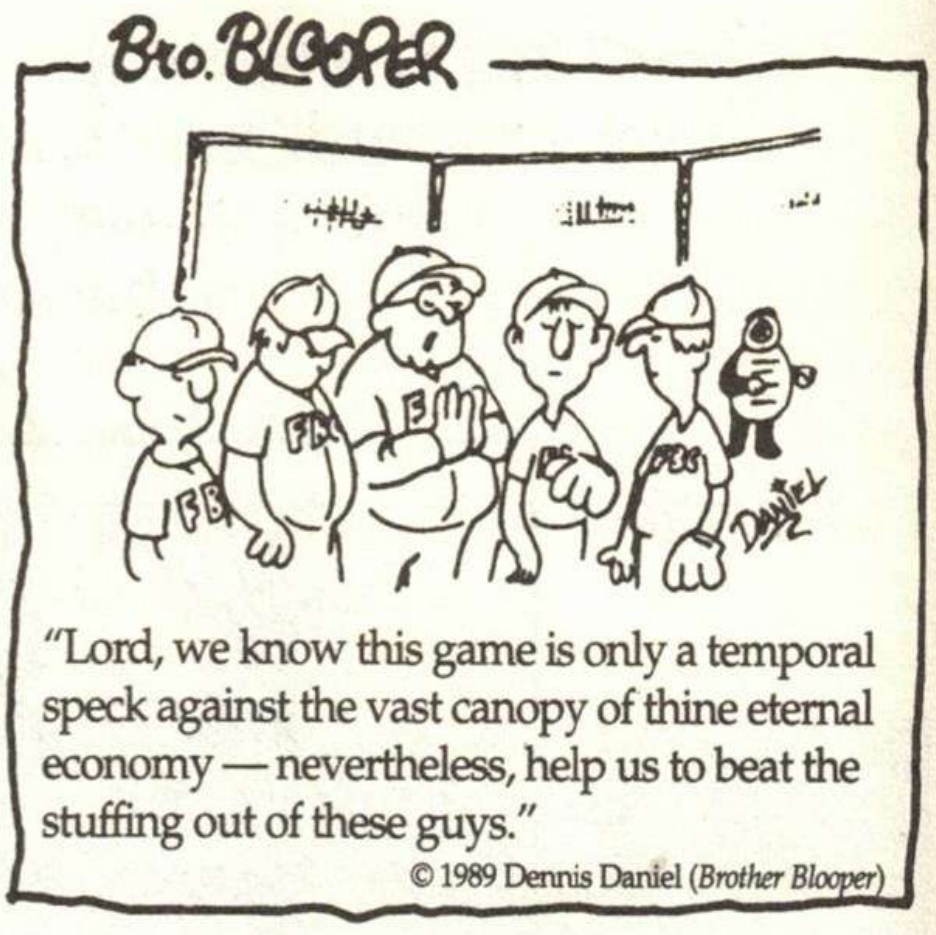
*Inscription on a dentist’s
tombstone:
When on this tomb you
gaze with gravity,
Cheer up! I’m filling my
last cavity.”*

*Epitaph on a waiter’s
gravestone:
“God finally got his
attention.”*

Pastor Ervin G. Roorda of the Third Reformed Church of Holland, MI, passed on the following epitaph found on a 16th-century Scottish tombstone:

*Here lies Martin Elginbrod
Have mercy on my soul, Lord God
As I would do, were I Lord God
And you were Martin Elginbrod.*

FMC member Pastor Joseph LoMusio of Temple Baptist Church, Fullerton, CA, the author of *If I Should Die Before I Live*, reports that he recently heard of a mortuary director who signs all his correspondence: “Eventually Yours.”



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Bulletin Bloopers

A pastor bowed his head and solemnly declared: "Let us pray for those who are sick of this congregation."

George Goldtrap,
Holy Humor, Pg. 158

From the bulletin of a Phoenix Baptist church: "Children's choir will now be hell on Sunday nights."

Via Rev. Dennis Daniel. Fountain Hills, AZ.
Holy Humor, Pg. 30

**Council Meeting
will be held on
Monday, May 25th at
1:30 p.m. in the
church.**

**Please send
reports to Sharon
by Friday, May 22nd.**



Seniors' Cards

Every Tuesday at 7-10
Every Friday at 1-4

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.**



The Lunch Bunch Choir

Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.

New Vision Community Church
38 Aldbrough Avenue, St. Thomas

Freewill Collection for Hospice

Refreshments to follow

Come listen to the joyful singing!



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Famous Roast Beef Pies



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top quality, slow-roasted beef,
peas and carrots, and rich beef gravy.
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Fundraisers

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DISCOVER CAMP DAY & OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | TOURS, GAMES, FOOD, & FUN!



GOLDEN GETAWAY 2026

TUESDAY OCT 13, 2026 - FRIDAY OCT 16 | SUMMER CAMP RETREAT FOR 55+

Sunday 06 2026 JULY	Monday 08	Tuesday 07	Wednesday 08	Thursday 09	Friday 10	Saturday 11
COUNSELLOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) ADVENTURE - AGE 15						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
JULY ALL AGES CAMP - AGES 7-14						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SPORTS & ARTS CAMP - AGES 7-12						
WILDERNESS CAMP I - AGES 10-14						
26	27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST
GIRLS ALL AGES CAMP - AGES 7-14						
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
PRIMARY/FIRST TIMERS CAMP - AGES 5-9						
LEADERSHIP CAMP - AGES 11-15						
WILDERNESS CAMP II - AGES 10-14						
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
AUGUST ALL AGES CAMP - AGES 7-14						
WILDERNESS CAMP III GIRLS - AGES 10-14						
16	17	18	19	20	21	
END-OF-SUMMER ALL AGES CAMP - AGES 7-14						

We believe every child deserves the chance to experience camp. To make that possible, we offer three tiered rates so families can choose what fits their budget. Camper scholarships (applications due by end of March) and monthly payment plans are also available. Contact our office to start your child's camp adventure.

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EVERY CHILD DESERVES A WEEK AT CAMP...

Healing Souls

9 week series

Beginning May 12th, 2026

Tuesdays, 1 pm—3 pm

175 South Edgeware Road,
St. Thomas



Healing Souls is a 9 week series support group for those who are in the midst of grief or anticipatory grief and are looking for therapeutically based grief work. This program includes topics such as understanding different types of grief coping strategies, normalizing thoughts and feelings, telling stories, and legacy work.

If you are interested or want more info, contact
Jess—VON Supportive Care Coordinator:
Jessica.swance@von.ca or 519-637-6408

thebiggive.ca

June 6, 2026 9am - 1pm

A National
Movement of
Generosity



The Big
Give

Knox-St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,
162 Nancy St., Dutton

FREE!! yard "sale" items, garden plants, baking,
BBQ, Meet the Pastor, Kid Zone, music & more.

What do you mean
it sounds like I'm
braying?
My big ears don't lie.
I think I sound great.



Can I join the Choir?

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

Drumming is Happening Again!
Sunday, May 17th, 2:00 p.m.
Dunwich United Church
RSVP to Stacia:
226-385-8796



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.)



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 May Schedule: coming next week.

- May 21 Mahjong Learn to play mahjong and try something new.
- May 28 Chia Pets Grow and decorate a fun chia pet with Etch! (A camp classic.)

Pearce Williams is looking for some craft supplies. Here is a list of some of the items needed:

- Glue Sticks (the regular crafting size)
- Glue Guns
- Pipe Cleaners
- Pony Beads
- Single Hole Punches
- Poster Board/Cardstock - Variety of Colours
- Beads with Letters
- Acrylic Paint
- Markers
- Embroidery String

If you can donate any of the items, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Spring 2026 Edition
Newsletter
coming soon

Deadline for items to be included is
Monday, May 18, 2026

Consider sharing news & pictures
of your family and events.

