

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

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

When Bill Moyers was a special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson, he was asked to say grace at a dinner in the White House.

Moyers began praying softly.

Johnson interrupted him:
“Speak up, Bill! Speak up!”

Moyers, a former minister from east Texas, stopped in mid-sentence and, without looking up replied,
“I wasn’t addressing you, Mr. President.”

Anglican Digest,
Holy Humor, Pg. 188
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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:
J. Witmer

July 26th, 2026
Led by: Rev. Joan Golden

Ministry of Music: Anne Griffin

Leading Worship Next Week:
(August 02nd, 2026)

Worship Team—Humour

Hearing Assistance Available —See Gord



Pearce Williams is appealing for our help.

Due to wildfire smoke cancellations, they have suffered a loss of \$9,000.00. This is an amount that cannot be easily absorbed.

Donation envelopes are on the table at the Sanctuary doors. You can leave the envelope in the basket and we will ensure Pearce Williams receives it. If you write your name and address on the envelope, “Jolly” will issue a tax receipt in January. The tax receipt will be mailed to you.

Please give as you are able.

Acknowledgement of the Land

Prepared by Rev. Emma Seamone

As we prepare for worship, take a moment to think of where you are. Acknowledge to yourself where and with whom you live. Think about the relationship you do or do not have with the land, the people, the treaties. Think about what your responsibilities are to the land, the people, and the treaties. How will you honour that, today, and every day?

The Pit

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

A *subjective* person came along and said, “I feel for you down there.”

An *objective* person walked by and said, “It's logical that someone would fall down there.”

A *Pharisee* said, “Only bad people fall into pits.”

A *mathematician* calculated how he fell into the pit.

A *news reporter* wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

An *IRS agent* asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

A *self-pitying* person said, “You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit!”

A *fire-and-brimstone preacher* said, “You deserve your pit.”

A *Christian Scientist* observed, “The pit is just in your mind.”

A *psychologist* noted, “Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit.”

A *self-esteem therapist* said, “Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit.”

An *optimist* said, “Things could be worse.”

A *pessimist* claimed, “Things *will* get worse.”

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

—Church bulletin in Australia

The Family Circus



"Can we talk?"

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A sign in an apartment window in
Los Angeles read:

"Drums for sale."

In an adjoining apartment window,
another sign proclaimed:

"Thank God."

Source: Holy Humor, Pg. 197
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See changes, below. The Worship Team is proud of the work that we have done in recruiting guest speakers or Ministers to lead us in worship. Below is the confirmed schedule of Pulpit Supply Ministers or guest speakers.

Communion will be celebrated on October 04th and
December 06th.

Thanks for your ongoing support as we continue to honour
God in our lives. Anne Morrissey, Chair, Worship Team

July	05 th : Elder Bruce Elijah 12 th : Rev. Jack Lovering 19 th : Worship Team, Christmas in July 26 th : Rev. Joan Golden
Aug	02 nd : Worship Team, Humour 09 th : Marilyn Mitchell 16 th : Rev. Joan Golden 23 rd : Worship Team, Words Matter 30 th : Chaplain Moira Bell
Sept	06 th : Richard Auckland, President, Antler River 13 th : Worship Team, Creation Time 20 th : Rev. Lilian Patey, Palestine 27 th : Rev. Richard Golden, TRC Day
Oct	04 th : Rev. Don Macpherson, Communion Day 11 th : Rev. Lilian Patey, Thanksgiving 18 th : Harvest Hands, World Food Day 25 th : Denise Noddin, Peace
Nov	01 st : Rev. Richard or Rev. Joan Golden 08 th : Worship Team, Remembrance Day 15 th : Rev. Alana, Children's Sunday 22 nd : Rev. Larry, Anniversary 29 th : Rev. Richard or Rev. Joan Golden, Advent 1, White Gifts Sunday
Dec	06 th : Rev. R. or J. Golden, Advent 2, Communion 13 th : Rev. Larry, Advent 3 20 th : Rev. Larry, Advent 4 24 th : Rev. Larry, Christmas Eve 27 th : Worship Team, Woman in Bethlehem Monologue

From the United Church of Canada:

As wildfires impact lands and peoples across the country,
we ask you to join us in prayer:

For safety and protection for people, animals,
and communities in harm's way

For strength and resilience among evacuees,
fire fighters, and other first responders

For those affected by the smoke of the
wildfires which is impacting air quality
across broad distances

For acknowledgement and action on the
ongoing impact of climate change caused
by human activity, and renewed attention
toward an energy transition

For healing and renewal for the land
and all of creation

Let us pray—

Creator, wildfires are engulfing homes,
leaving us vulnerable, exposed, open:

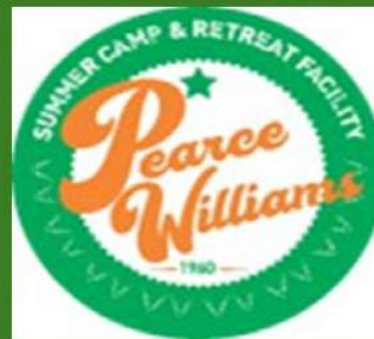
We come to you, broken, seeking wholeness...

In our time of need provide for us those things that will
bring restoration to all of creation,

the gifts of the spirit
and the gift of each other.

Above all, remind us always of your steadfast
and abiding love. Amen

By the time this bulletin went to print, we could not find a charity that had donations going specifically to the Northern Ontario Wildfires. If you are aware of any organization that is taking donations for Ontario, please let Stacia, a member of the Visioning and Stewardship Team, or the office know so that we can publish that information in future bulletins.



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.

**Secretary Anne's
Office Hours this week:
Thursday, 12 noon—2:00 p.m.**

**Phones and emails
answered regularly.**



Al-Anon is a program that is for anyone that has been affected by the disease of alcoholism. We are welcoming anybody to attend a meeting to learn about the disease from the perspective of a family or friend. We meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Dutton Dunwich United Church.