



Jubilee Holy Year & Many Celebrations

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 25, as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming.

The jubilee year was called every fifty years and was a time for forgiveness. It stood as a reminder of God's providence and mercy. The dedication of a year for this emphasis provided the community with a time to come back into right relationship with one another and with God. Despite Jubilees' beliefs to the contrary, Jubilee was removed from Scripture in the second century as being against the inclusionary beliefs of Jesus.

Jesus announces to them and to us, "I am the jubilee. Today," He says it in Nazareth and He says it here to you at Christ Covenant, "Today can be the day of rest and release. I am good news for the poor because I can meet their needs. Good news for the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus preached that the acceptable year of the Lord was here - the Year of Jubilee, which took place every 50th year - the day when salvation and the free favours of God profusely abound (Leviticus 25). What Jesus was really saying was, "I am your Year of Jubilee!" Jesus relates this to the people of his hometown of Nazareth, but it is quite badly received, and they chase 'Joseph's son' out of town:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all of them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. *Luke 4:18-20*

I have recently attended a number of glorious local celebrations of anniversaries, of institutions ful-

Thoughts from Rev. Larry

filling Jesus' commandment for us to love our brothers and sisters through our words, mindsets, and our actions in our communities, focusing on the most vulnerable of us.

On two Sundays recently I participated in local, regional, and national celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the creation of the United Church of Canada, of which I have been a member for my entire life, beginning with my 1957 baptism at Wallaceville United Church in Perth County, Ontario. All three levels of commemoration involved wondrous remembering, joyous singing and praying, remembrances of the faithful leaders and servants of the Lord who have gone before us. Powerful words were spoken, were proclaimed and pronounced, voices united in spoken and sung thanks to God for the wonders of life in this church, the only one in Canada created by the will of the church leaders, people, and an act of the Canadian Parliament. In the nearby city of St. Thomas, at Central United Church, a fifty-voice choir, soloists and the congregations blended their voices together in praise and thanksgiving. The sermon heard during this service was live streamed from St. John's Newfoundland, spoken powerfully by The Rev. Dr. Jerry Pillay, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, providing congratulations, deep thinking about the nature of the church in today's complex world, and deep gratitude to God for the honour and grace which enable us to exist, to live lives of love and caring, and for the Church, a beacon of God's grace to the world, when we have not miserably failed.

Personally I am celebrating ten years since my ordination as a minister of Sacrament and Word with the UCC, on June 6, 2015. Thus continued my faith career in ministry following my retirement as a secondary school educator and administrator.

Jubilee - a special anniversary of an event, especially one celebrating twenty-five, or fifty, or seventy-five or one hundred years of a reign, institution, or activity. In the rolling forward of the years, any human or heavenly institution which lasts and continues

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Getting It Together

So here we are - the end of June, the end of another school year, and time when people and churches take a break from regular activities. Summer can bring lazy days spent with family and friends, relaxing and recharging, vacationing and sight-seeing on new adventures, or, if you are a farmer, long hot days in the fields caring for and harvesting crops to feed the livestock through the winter. What summer plans do you have?

Whatever you get up to this summer, have fun, be well, be safe, and always be kind. Come back to us in September!

In this edition we celebrate many things through pictures:

Wallacetown UCW buried a time capsule in 2000. What fun it was to open it and explore all the treasures hidden inside. Memories for many, news to some. Is it time for Dunwich UC to create a time capsule? That's an idea worth exploring!

DUC was honoured to baptize four children and two adults as well as welcome new members to our church this past spring. And we secured a contract with Rev. Larry for his last year of regular ministry. We are blessed!

While we have few young members of our church to celebrate as they graduate we have several grandchildren of church family members in that position this year. Check out the grad photos on page 10! Congratulations to all who graduated with honours, won awards, and secured scholarships for post-secondary education.

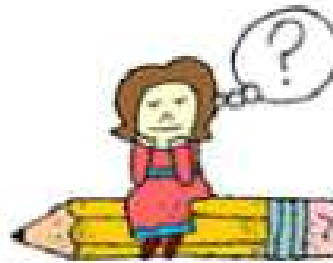
But I also want to give a shoutout to the students who didn't win awards; who didn't make the honour roll; who didn't play sports, get invited to prom, or land a scholarship - the ones who barely made it through the year . . . but still made it.

Big love and deep respect to the parents, caregivers, mentors, and foster parents who stood by them through every late assignment, hard conversation, and tough day.

Not every kid is on stage getting recognized - some are quietly fighting battles with learning challenges, anxiety, depression, or just life in general. And they deserve a standing ovation too.

So here's to the ones who showed up, kept going, and made it to the end. Your resilience is worth noting too!

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its good work for any of these milestones is to be commended. The Church, instituted at Pentecost so many centuries ago, and the Trinity, which we explored and lauded this past week, has a depth of history and design both heavenly and worldly.

May God bless us all as we worship, love, and serve together in all of the ways in which His Wisdom and Truth inspire us to act, as Jesus taught us to do, with the Spirit kindling the flame of empathy and outward-focused energy within.



Lots of Fun!

Dunwich UCW has had a year of great meetings. We usually meet on the first Monday of every month, September through June.

Our June meeting was lunch out at a local restaurant. Sixteen women attended for lots of time to chat and catch up. Lots of laughter ensued while Mary Gillett tried to organize a group photo!

September UCW meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m. at the church. We hope you can join us then!



*UCW Summer Luncheon at Talbot Trails Restaurant
Front row from left: Margie Carroll, Mary Manchester, Mary Gillett, Lois Martin, Anne Campbell
Middle row: Anne McPhail, Muriel McCallum, Susan Loveland, Alice Veraart, Marg Varga
Back row: Leta West, Velvette Sandford, Marilyn Mitchell, Jane Johnson, Mary Bol, Barb Woolley, Jackie Littlejohn*

Wallacetown UCW Time Capsule

In the year 2000 the Wallacetown UCW created and buried a time capsule of the life and work of their church.

The time capsule was to be opened in the year 2025 in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of Wallacetown UC. Amalgamation of Wallacetown UC, Chalmers UC, and St. John's UC took place in 2011 so the time capsule was moved with us to our new location.

On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada, it was time to open the time capsule. All of the items included in the time capsule are now on display at the church.

What a wonderful way for us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada! Is it time to fill a time capsule for Dunwich United Church?



Above, left: From left: Mary Manchester, Darlene Ford, Jane Johnson, DJ Enns, Leta West, Rose Leitch, Susan Loveland, Barb Woolley, Mary Gillett, Jackie Littlejohn.

Below left: Jane Johnson starts pulling items out of the time capsule. Below right: Leta West examines each item while Jackie Littlejohn read from the list of all items which was provided by the Wallacetown UCW.



Worship Team and Pulpit Schedule

On Sundays when Rev. Larry is not leading us in worship, the Worship Team has scheduled Supply Ministers and Guest Speakers. The Worship Team will continue to lead worship one Sunday per month. On occasion, the Visioning & Stewardship Team will lead us in worship.

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on Sundays, October 05 (World Communion Day) and December 07.

We welcome input from the Church Family on any ideas for services or guest speakers. Please speak to a member of the Worship Team if you have an idea of a topic you would like to see covered. The Team members are Mary Gillett, Anne Griffin (Music Director), Lois Martin, Marilyn Mitchell, Anne Morrissey (Chair), Ellen Palmer, and Darlene Towers.

The pulpit schedule for the next few months is now published on our website (www.dunwichunited.ca) and below. Check it out!

Thank you for your continued support of our Team. We appreciate it.

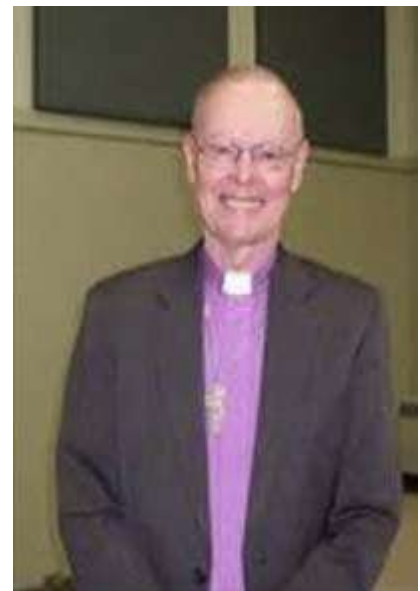


Month Year	Date	Description	Leading Worship
July 2025	6	VBS Sunday	V & S
	13		Rev. Larry
	20	Poverty	M Mitchell
	27	Persistence	Worship Team
August 2025	3	Civic Holiday Weekend	Worship Team
	10		Rev. Paul Estabrooks
	17		Crick Butler
	24		Worship Team
	31	Labour Day Weekend	Rev. Larry
September 2025	7		Rev. Diane Macpherson
	14		Rev. Larry
	21		Susan Mccullough
	28	Nat'l Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Worship Team
October 2025	5	World Wide Communion	Rev. Larry
	12	Thanksgiving	Rev. Larry
	19	World Food Sunday	V&S Team
	26	Peace Sunday	Worship Team

Did you know ?

Rev. John Brown has officially retired!

A celebration was held in his honour on May 4, 2025, at Central United Church, in St. Thomas.



**His lord said unto him:
Well done,
good and faithful
Servant!**

Matthew 25:23



Phishing Awareness

Phishing is a type of online scam where criminals trick people into giving away personal information, like passwords or credit card details, by pretending to be someone trustworthy. Think of it like a fisherman (the scammer) casting a baited hook (the fake message) to lure in their prey (the victim).

A typical phishing attempt: A person receives an email that looks like it's from their bank, asking them to click a link to verify their account. The email might look real, with official logos and similar language, but if they click the link, they're taken to a fake website that asks for their login details or personal information.

These are the scammers tactics:

Impersonation: Phishers pretend to be companies, banks, or even people you know.

Urgency: Phishing emails often create a sense of urgency, like saying you need to act quickly to avoid losing access to an account or deal with an emergency.

Suspicious Links and Attachments: They often contain links to fake websites or attachments that could harm your device.

Fake Offers: Sometimes they offer something too good to be true, like free prizes, to lure you in.

How to Spot Phishing:

Check the sender's email address. It might look suspicious or slightly altered. Be cautious of emails or messages that have spelling or grammar mistakes.

Avoid clicking on links. Hover over them first to check if they lead to a legitimate website. If in doubt, contact the company or person directly through their official channels.

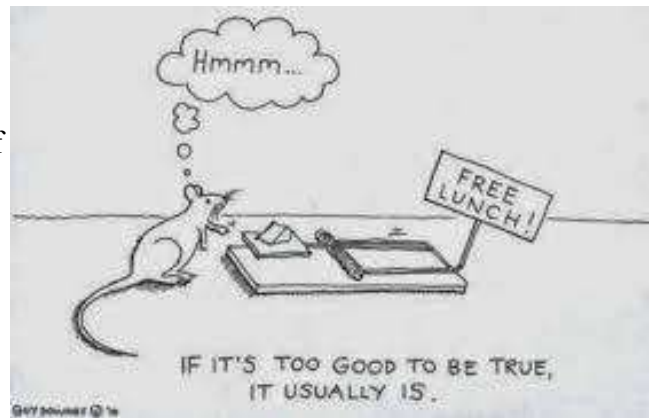
Why it matters and the risks:

Phishing can lead to identity theft, financial loss, and/or damage to personal reputation. The stolen information can be used for more targeted attacks, like stealing more data or accessing accounts.

Advice:

Always verify before sharing sensitive information online. If something feels off, trust your instincts and double-check before responding to suspicious emails or messages.

Thanks to Anne Morrissey for providing this article!



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(A Song of Faith)



Then Let Us Sing! Hymn Festival

**The United Church's National Then Let Us Sing!
Development Committee**
is coming to Ottawa!

Friday evening, October 24, 2025
Location: Orleans United Church

Come, bring your choir, sing, and celebrate with us!

Details to follow.

Safe and Respectful Environments Policy 2025

Dunwich United Church

Policy

Dunwich United Church is committed to providing safe and respectful environments for work, worship, and study that are free from discrimination, harassment (including bullying), violence, and any form of sexual misconduct taking into account prevailing applicable legal standards and regulations. This applies to Ministry personnel, independent contractors working within Dunwich United, volunteers of community of faith and the church family. This policy also applies to electronic means of communication, including email, telephone, or social media. Complaints of this nature will be taken seriously and dealt with promptly in a spirit of compassion and justice.

Dunwich United promotes the building and maintenance of healthy relationships within the pastoral charge to ensure a climate where constructive feedback can be offered and received in a positive way.

Definitions:

Violence is defined broadly as the exercise of physical force by a person against another person that causes or could cause injury. It also includes a statement or behaviour that is reasonable for an individual to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against themselves that could cause physical injury.

Harassment is defined as any unwanted physical, sexual, or verbal conduct that is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwanted and is a form of discrimination. Harassment may involve a wide range of behaviours, from verbal innuendo and subtle suggestions to overt demands and physical abuse. Sexual harassment is defined as any attempt to coerce an unwilling person into a sexual relationship, or to punish a refusal to comply.

Bullying refers to repeated, unreasonable actions of individuals(s) directed towards an individual that are intended to intimidate, degrade, humiliate, or offend. This can also be considered a form of harassment.

Discrimination is an action, behaviour, or a practice of treating a person unequally on the basis of any prohibited grounds. It includes unwelcome comments or actions that relate to a person's personal characteristics—for example, race, gender, sexual orientation and age. It is the impact of the behaviour, not the intention behind it that determines whether the behaviour is discriminatory. Discrimination is prohibited and is a violation of human rights legislation and within the United Church of Canada.

Roles and Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of leaders within Dunwich United to promptly address and investigate incidents and complaints in an appropriate manner and take corrective actions as required. Leaders include the Minister, Chair of Ministry & Personnel Committee, and the Chair of the Council of the Community of Faith.

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Handling complaints/Concerns:

Complaints or concerns must be submitted to Ministry & Personnel Chair, Minister or Chair of Council in writing and signed. Undocumented allegations, anonymous complaints, rumours or gossip will not be considered. If a complaint is brought forward that is not written, a discussion with the person should take place to determine if they wish to continue with the appropriate format.

- Information related to any complaint is held in confidence.
- Leaders will seek guidance from the regional personnel minister as to appropriate actions and response to the complaint if needed. Complaints relating to any form of abuse, such as sexual abuse or child abuse, are subject to immediate action and the local police will be contacted immediately as well as the regional personnel minister.
- Each stage in dealing with a specific complaint needs to minimize further distress for the complainant and involve as few people as possible.
- It is desired that all concerns are resolved as quickly as possible, informally and in an amicable fashion.
- If an informal resolve cannot be achieved, further steps would include individual and/or face-to-face meetings with the parties involved with the intent of reaching a mutually-agreeable resolution.
- Upon the conclusion of the investigation, the Ministry & Personnel Committee and/or other appropriate investigative bodies will review the information gathered, take appropriate actions, and respond to the complaint.

*Information for the above compiled from:
Policy for Handling Concerns Raised within Dunwich Pastoral Charge
(October 2016), Violence and Harassment Policy (November 2013), and
Creating Safe and Respectful Environments Policy United Church of Canada (September 2024).
Approved by DUC Council May 15, 2025*

New Identification on Our Church



Through the continued efforts of Gord Griffin and with the recommendation of Finance Team and approval of Council, our church is getting additional identification!

The large banner, gold cross on black background with address below, has been purchased and will be installed on the north side of our building. With the removal of the large tree near the front entrance this banner will be clearly visible as one approaches from the north. Additionally, large white address numbers have been purchased and will be installed on the front of our building as shown below in the artist's rendering below.

Both of these additions will make our building easier to find by visitors rather than offering the advice, "right across from Rona"!

Thanks to Gord for pursuing these identifiers and to John Mannering for the installation.



Baptisms and New Members



On Palm Sunday six baptisms took place at Dunwich United!

***Faith Marie Noddin** is pictured at left with her father **Blair**. Faith is a great granddaughter of Marilyn Mitchell.*

*On the right, **Jackson William Luce** joined his mother **Jenneke Brianne Luce** to be baptized.*

*Below left Twins **Casey John Jensen** and **Blayne Luke Jensen**, along with their father **Scott William Jensen** were baptized.*



Welcomed into the membership of Dunwich United Church Rev. Phillip Schuyler, left, and Donna Udell

Recent Events & Activities

We have been working with Dutton Baptist Church and Knox-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to plan Vacation Bible School for this year, scheduled for July 7-11 at our church. So far more than 40 children have registered and we have a full slate of volunteers. Our theme this year is True North - Trusting Jesus in a wild world.

Rev. Larry has officiated at a number of local funerals and interment services, including for Fran Graham on March 6 and her interment on May 9. Over the summer and fall Rev. Larry will be officiating at several weddings, both of former students, and community members.

Rev. Larry was welcomed officially to our church in March for his final contract with us, ending April 4, 2025. Because Rev. Larry has announced his official retirement from the pulpit we must form an ad hoc Search Team to look for a new minister. Mandatory training will be undertaken in the fall. If you could volunteer for this team please speak to Chair of Council Jackie Littlejohn.

On Palm Sunday we celebrated with palm fronds, a palm parade, and special music. Four children and two adults were baptized, and two people transferred their memberships to DUC!!! Quite a wonderful, spirit-filled occasion!

Our Church Family decided it is time to replace the old carpet in our sanctuary with flooring identical to that in our Gathering Space. Material has been purchased and the tear out and install will take place the week of August 11. There should be no interruptions to regularly-scheduled mid-week activities or Sunday Worship.

Our building continues to be a busy place with mid-week activities such as Seniors' Cards, AA and Al Anon, rentals, bells, choir, etc. almost every day. Things slow down a bit through the summer. Take a look at our church calendar to see what all happens: www.dunwichunited.ca/calendar.

Photo Directory pictures have now been completed with our deepest thanks to the team of Jackie Littlejohn, Rosanne Murray, and Gwen Schneider. Copies of the directory, for those whose pictures are included, will be available in the fall.

Visioning & Stewardship has led a collection of women's and men's hygiene products in April and May; for an on-going collection of non-perishable food a box is located just inside our main entrance. Please give what you can.

Our Fundraisers are having a quieter year. We have made 1378 roast beef pies with 300 pounds of beef plus 306 turkey pies. Our thanks to all the helpers who offer their time to make this happen. We will look at making more roast beef pies in the fall.

"Shucks! I'm Out of Eggs" Cake aka No Eggs-No Dairy Chocolate Cake

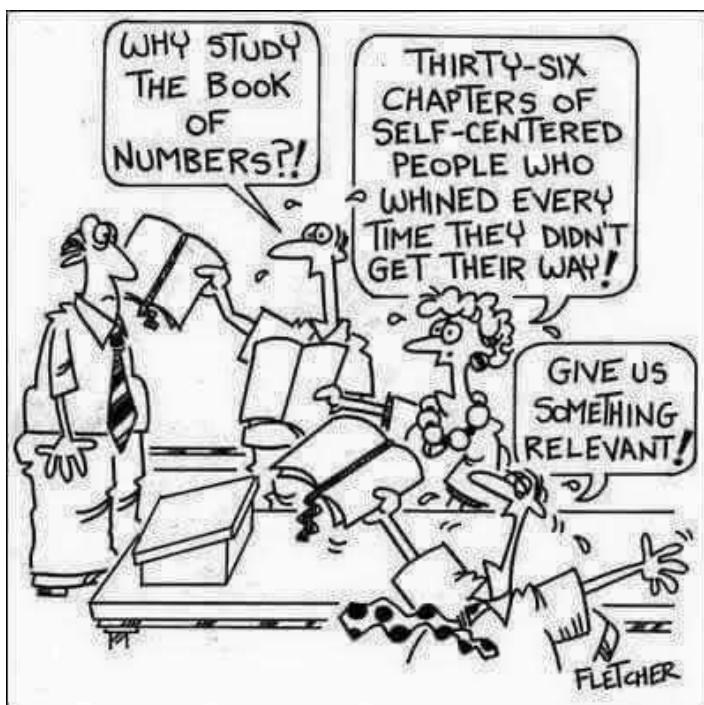
Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup warm water or strong coffee



Method

- 1) Sift all dry ingredients together into a medium mixing bowl.
 - 2) Make three small wells in the dry ingredients and add oil to one, vinegar to one, and vanilla to the last.
 - 3) Pour warm water (or coffee) over all and whisk together until smooth. (can use 1 cup warm, strong coffee.
 - 4) Pour batter into 9 x 9 greased cake pan. Bake at 325 F for 25-30 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean.
- ◇ Can also be made into 12 cupcakes, using paper liners in muffin tin. Reduce baking time to 20 minutes
 - ◇ This cake is so moist no icing is needed.
 - ◇ Carries well in a lunchbox.
 - ◇ Enjoy!



What's the Buzz - Tell me what's a-happenin'

This spot is for our Church Family to share news about families and what is going on in our lives. We need to celebrate all things!



Left: Josie Sackson third from left, Granddaughter of Rose & Bob Leitch, graduated from Gr. 8 at Dunwich-Dutton PS. Shown here with her father, Norm, sister Claire, and mom Sarah.

Right: Marissa Schell, daughter of Doug & Audrey Schell, graduated from Gr. 8 at Aldborough PS. Pictured here with her older brother Mark.

Congratulations!



Below from left: Kate Talbot graduated from Almaguin Highschool, and is headed to Laurier University into Nursing; Meadow MacGregor, pictured with her father Tim, graduated from Gr. 8 at East Williams PS; and Calvin Ramey graduated from Gr. 8 at Orchard Park PS. These are all grandchildren of John & Sharon Mannering



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