

# *Dorchester United Church 2025 Annual Report*



*February 15, 2026*

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**AGENDA**  
**Dorchester United Church**  
**Annual Meeting 2025**

**Sunday February 15, 2026**

1. Appointment of Chair:  
Move/Second that Shannon Wakeling be named Chair.
2. Appointment of Secretary:  
Move/Second that \_\_\_\_\_ be named Secretary.
3. Motion Regarding Temporal Matters:  
Move/Second that all those who are not members of Dorchester United Church be given the ability to speak to the Meeting and to vote on Temporal Matters.
4. Adoption of Proposed Agenda:  
Motion to adopt the 2025 Agenda as printed and distributed.
5. Approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes:  
Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting held on March 2, 2025.
6. Business Arising from 2024 Minutes:
7. Receiving the 2025 Annual Report:  
Move/Second that the 2025 Annual Report be accepted as Distributed.
8. Receiving the 2025 Financial Report and the Proposed 2026 Budget:  
Move/Second that the 2025 Financial Report be accepted as Printed and Distributed.  
Move/Second that the 2026 Budget be accepted as Printed and Distributed.  
Move/Second that the 2026 recommended M&S Donation be Accepted.
9. Nominating Committee Report:  
List of Nominations, Nominations from the Floor  
Acceptance of the Nominating Committee Report.
10. Motion to Confirm List of Trustees:  
Move/Second to confirm list of Trustees.
11. Authorization for Board to Appoint a Person to Review 2026 Financial Records:  
Move/Second to authorize Board to appoint a person to review 2026 Financial Records.
12. New Business:
13. Motion for Adjournment:  
Motion/Second to Adjourn.
14. Closing Prayer



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Dorchester United Church**  
**2025 Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday March 2, 2025**

1. Election of Chair of the Board for 2025:

Move that Shannon Wakeling be named Chair of the Board for 2025.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

2. Election of Secretary of the Board for 2025:

Move that Grace Van Harten be named Secretary of the Board for 2025.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

Appointed Lisa Morris as Secretary for the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

3. Motion Regarding Temporal Matters:

Move that adherent of Dorchester United Church be given the ability to speak to the Meeting and to vote on Temporal Matters.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

4. Adoption of Proposed Agenda:

Motion to adopt the 2025 Agenda as amended.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

5. Approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting held on March 3, 2024.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

6. Business Arising from 2024 Minutes: None

7. Receiving the 2024 Annual Report:

Move that the 2024 Annual Report be accepted as Distributed.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

8. Receiving the 2024 Financial Report and the Proposed 2025 Budget:

Move that the 2024 Financial Report be accepted as Printed and Distributed.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

Move that the 2025 Budget be accepted as Printed and Distributed.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

*Discussion of the 2025 Budget:*

- Noted that 2024 Christmas Envelopes were down; in prior years, Christmas letters were sent by mail with Christmas envelopes. This did not happen in 2024 due to the mail strike. Year-end Christmas donations were still received in regular offering envelopes and not recorded specifically as Christmas Offerings.
- In 2024 there were one-time increased expenses under Building Repairs and Equipment Repairs that are not expected to reoccur in 2025 and thus did not result in an increase in these budget lines.

*Additional comments on the 2025 Budget from the Finance Chair – Brenda Olejnik:*

- The 2025 Budget does not include possible income from Memorial Offerings
- The 2025 Budget does not include possible investment income
- The 2024 income shortfall was covered with \$5,209 of general bank account funds and \$12,100 of funds from investments
- Dorchester United Church has been named as a beneficiary of the Estate of John Woods; the amount and distribution date are unknown, but the amount is sizeable

**Moved/Seconded/Carried that the 2025 recommended M&S Donation of \$13,000 be Accepted.**

9. Nominating Committee Report:

List of those Leaving: **Lisa Gardner** - Worship and Music, **Lisa Gardner and Sammy Gardner-Bell** - TAG

The Nominating Committee presents the following names for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

Ministry and Personnel – **Cathy Crane**

Trustees – **Gerry Hicks**

Tag Committee – **Philip Hicks**

Openings: Board Vice-Chair, Mission, Outreach & Christian Education

Nominations from the Floor: None

Move Acceptance of the Nominating Committee Report.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

Motion made to accept and install any new nominations for the Board and Committees before the next AGM.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

10. Motion to Confirm List of Trustees:

**Moved/Seconded/Carried to add Gerry Hicks as a Trustee.**

Motion is made to confirm the slate of Trustees for 2025.

Cathy Crane, Gerry Hicks, Bob MacMillan, Allan Woods, Rev Mark Perry

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

11. Authorization for Board to Appoint a Person to Review 2025 Financial Records.

Move to authorize Board to appoint a person to review 2025 Financial Records before the next AGM.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

12. New Business

- a. Board Report on Future Planning---Chair Shannon Wakeling

Shannon Wakeling announced that the Dorchester United Church board received a letter from Rev. Mark Perry, informing of his upcoming retirement on **1 March 2026**. Working with this retirement date, the 2025 AGM has tentatively been scheduled for 15 February 2026 with an alternate date of 22 February 2026 in the event of inclement weather.

**Summary** of Dorchester Church Future Planning options as per the Winter Newsletter, December 2024. (Please see the Newsletter for full details and considerations)

- 1) After 1 March 2026 – rely on pulpit supply only
- 2) Ministry sharing agreement
- 3) Close and sell the building and ‘nest’ with a neighbouring charge
- 4) Close and disband

**Discussion:**

**Comment:**

- could there be a 5<sup>th</sup> option to search for a new minister *Discussion:*
- Calling a new minister would require offering a 3-year contract
- ARWRC would have to approve the call
- It could take a long time to find a new minister
- Some congregations have been hiring ministers from outside Canada
- More challenging to fill a part-time position than offering a full-time position
- Ministers interested in a part-time position tend to either 1) have 2 charges, 2) retired, 3) student minister

*Comment:*

- could we wait on making a decision, for more details about the bequest

*Discussion*

- Dorchester United Church has a shortfall in human resources as well as financial resources
  - Cannot wait to decide on a course of action in response to having no minister after 1 March 2026
  - bequests can take an unknown length of time to be disbursed
  - knowledge of the bequest should not impact the choice of options under consideration

Review of vacant positions on the board and terms of office – see Dorchester United Church Governance Manual to review terms of office.

*Discussion regarding Option 1:*

- Availability of pulpit supply a challenge
- A lot of work for the Worship Committee and the M&P Committee

*Discussion regarding Option 2:*

- Usually takes more than a year to work out an arrangement
- Usually with a congregation you have already been partnering with
- Anglican Church idea to sell both buildings and rent a shared new location for services - Significant effort has been spent exploring this option by the DUC board over the last 2 years
- Round table invitation to neighbouring congregations falls of 2024; 2 responses - There is not a lot of apparent interest in this option

*Discussion regarding Option 3:*

- Financial advantage but doesn't change human resource needs
- Money from sale of the property – can only use investment income; capital restricted

*Discussion regarding Option 4:*

- Brenda Olejnik – personally does not feel we need to decide to close in one year for financial reasons; still possibilities to be explored for human resources

*Discussion – concerns around financial resources – Finance Committee Response:* - Regarding investment depletion, in 2024 we did not need to draw as much from the investments as budgeted

- 2024 budgeted deficit \$47,000; actual deficit \$19,220
- 2025 budget similar to the 2024 budget; may no draw as much from investments again

*Reiteration* – that Dorchester United Church needs to choose a path to go down in March 2026

\_\_\_\_\_End of Discussion-----

**Motion made** by Bob MacMillan to close and disband Dorchester United Church.  
**Seconded** by Cathy Crane.

*Discussion:*

- Confirmation that once the decision to close has been made that there is no turning around; the decision is final
- When informing the region of your intentions to close; may or may not have chosen a closing date
- Concerns for congregation members not in attendance of the AGM; those not in attendance had knowledge that future planning discussion was on the agenda but not that a motion to close and disband would be on the table
- Consider tabling the motion to a future date to inform the entire congregation
- Another congregational meeting to be called to decide on a course of action
- Members and Adherents to be informed by mail, email and by telephone; volunteers to make the phone calls received

**Motion withdrawn** by Bob MacMillan to close and disband Dorchester United Church.  
**Seconded the withdrawal** by Cathy Crane.

**Motion made to hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of Dorchester United Church which could include closing and disbanding.**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

13. Adjournment, Closing Prayer

Rev Mark ended the meeting with a benediction and closed in prayer. Shannon led the congregation in singing a meal prayer.



## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

As I write this my worship planning brain is thinking forward to Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18th this year. Lent is that season where we walk with Jesus toward the cross and his death on Good Friday. It is a season that anticipates the end of his life. This past year, 2025, has been like one long extended season of Lent.

When I announced my retirement date early in 2025, we all started the journey to the end of our time and ministry together. We started by travelling through our last season of Lent together, celebrated our last Easter together, journeyed through that long season following Pentecost – a season of learning and growth, and scarfing down hamburgers at Holy Diner – together for the last time, prepared for the birth of Jesus in the season of Advent for the last time together, and celebrated our last Christmas together. I find more than just a little irony in the fact that our last Sunday together is the first Sunday of Lent 2026.

In 2025 we served hungry diners at the Thorndale Dinner Theatre and at the Holy Diner. Both were successful thanks to the efforts of all who were involved. We gathered on Wednesday mornings for coffee and community. We supported friends and neighbours, both near and far, in need through phone calls, visits, and support of the Dorchester food bank, Sox in a Box, and the Mission and Service Fund. We even cheered the Terrace Trio who entertained us with their rendition of “O Christmas Tree” (aka “O Tannenbaum”) at our Christmas Eve service. We were blessed with the musical talents of our choir, our own Kathleen Hyde, and the musicians she brought in who played violin, flute, and cello. Wasn't the cello the best part of the Christmas Eve service (and the poetry, and the scripture, and the carols)!?!

Lent is such a mournful season because we know what is coming – death, an ending. And yet, three days after Good Friday we celebrate Easter – new life, a new beginning. 2026 does hold the end of our time together, AND a new beginning for you and for me. Whatever 2026 holds, know that the Lord our God will journey through it with you and will surely bless your efforts to make the gospel known in Dorchester, and beyond.

**Peace and Blessings**

*Rev. Mark Perry*

## **CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT**

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1) This is the season to close the chapter on another year at Dorchester United Church and look forward to the celebrations and challenges that await us in the coming year.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the life and work of this congregation this year. Kathleen and the choir for their musical leadership, our church staff, Lisa, Dianne, and Jacqueline for all the work they put in behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly, and to the members of the board for their faithful service and vision. A big thank you to every member of the congregation for their participation in church events and prayerful support and to all the volunteers who make all our events possible.

Once again Dorchester United Church has supported many outreach opportunities within the community. The Holy Diner encouraged the community to gather with us with food and fellowship. Attendance and support continues to grow every year. Many are already looking forward to the up coming season. Thank you to Brenda and Carol for organizing. This is a huge project and would not be possible without your leadership. Also thanks to the cooks and servers who continue to make this outreach a success. A special thank you is extended to Dorchester Home Hardware who donated a new barbecue for this outreach project. This congregation also continues to support the most vulnerable members of our community. Non-perishable food items were collected and three overflowing boxes of hats, mitts and socks were collected and distributed to those in need over the holidays. A special thanks to Coleen and George for ensuring our donations are delivered to the food bank.

Big changes are in our future as Rev. Mark Perry is retiring from Ministry on March 1, 2026. We will miss his leadership, spiritual guidance and sense of humour. Mark, we wish you all the best in your retirement. There will be a special service to celebrate Rev. Mark's ministry and retirement on Sunday, February 22 at 10 am. A search committee has been formed and the search process is underway to find a new minister. We look forward to the next chapter in our church's journey.

We are asking that everyone please consider how you personally can contribute to this transition. Whether that be joining the board or providing prayer, encouragement, and support to those charged with making the decisions. Times of transitions are always challenging. We may not know what path we are on but trust that the path will be shown to us. “I will lead the blind in ways they have not known along unfamiliar paths I will guide them: I will turn darkness into light.” (Isaiah 42:16)

**Shannon Wakeling**  
**Chair of Board**

## **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL REPORT**

Ministry and Personnel Committee:

Brian Courtis, Gerhard Gedies, Cathy Crane

This past year, Reverend Mark Perry's notice to retire from Dorchester United and the ministry was received with much regret.

Since 2021, Rev Mark has led our congregation through some very challenging times - remember COVID and the online services, sharing with Union United, etc., etc.? Through it all, he has been a calming and guiding presence and we are very grateful for his leadership and ministry.

February 22nd is Rev. Mark's last service at Dorchester United Church. Formal recognition of his retirement will take place during that service.

Following the service, a social time with a meal is planned. During that time there will be an opportunity for folks to offer tributes and words of appreciation. We encourage all members of our congregation to mark this date on your calendars and if possible, plan to attend.

In addition to Rev. Mark and on behalf of the congregation, the M&P committee would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our staff for working together and providing us with the services that each contribute.....

Kathleen Hyde – Music Director, Lisa Morris – Treasurer

Dianne Timms – Administrative Assistant, Jacqueline Gons – Custodian

Thank you all.

**Brian Courtis, Chairperson**  
**Ministry & Personnel committee**

**DORCHESTER UNITED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

(2024) Current Roll: 105      Resident Roll: 92      Non-Resident Roll: 13  
Adherents: 49

(2025) Current Roll: 98      Resident Roll: 85      Non-Resident Roll: 13  
Adherents: 56

**IN MEMORIAM**

\*Beth Killins  
\*Mary Lee Patience  
\*Keith Finnigan  
Barbara Thompson  
John Woods  
John Muir

\*Members of Dorchester United Church

**TRANSFERRED OUT**

Jim Thuss  
Karyn Thuss  
Natalie Thuss  
Debbie Gartly

**BIRTHS**

Ruben James Jonkman  
August 21, 2025

Parents: Maarten Jonkman and Amanda Harvey

## **COMMUNICATION REPORT**

We have used many communication methods this year to keep the congregation up to date including, the Invitation to Worship (emailed, printed, and online), the Facebook page, the website and printed newsletters. The newsletters and Annual Report are emailed. Printed copies are mailed or delivered to those who do not have email.

This takes a lot of people a lot of time to put together. Thanks to the team. A big thank you to Keith Kaiser for creating and distributing the Invitation to Worship each week, and to Marion Woods and Rev. Mark for providing proofreading for it. Also, thank you to Carol Reid for printing and distributing it to people who can't access it online. Keith also posts the Invitation to Worship and services to the website and Facebook page for people to view later. Thanks to Marion Woods and Janet Paterson who have taken on creating and coordinating the printed newsletters. A special thank you goes to Alan Busche for designing the Annual Report cover each year.

If you have anything that should be communicated to the congregation or have any suggestions on improving communication, please call Shannon Wakeling (Board Chair) at 519-870-8656 or Marion Woods at 519-461-1136.

### **Communication Team**

**Marion Woods, Keith Kaiser, Janet Paterson, Carol Reid, Dianne Timms**

## **2025 DORCHESTER UNITED CHURCH PROPERTY REPORT**

The property committee had a busy year completing and seeing to the following tasks.

Received rental agreements for William Latham's funeral, a memorial service for John Muir March 21, and kitchen rental to the Dorchester Fair Board for baking Sept 19, and also to Deanna Ward October 8, and 9 and November 12 and 13 2025 also for baking. Horizon Solutions restored sound to the audio system Jan 4 prior to William Latham's funeral celebration of life. They also followed up to complete analysis and repair other audio and video problems January 17, 2025 which resulted in the following corrections:

- Recommendation to use existing Jupiter processor as the mixer and use new controls to adjust volume and discard the existing mixer as it is not working properly.
- Got basement speakers working (but not ideal -impedance level different from amplifier).
- Removed front projector and replaced with the one at the back.
- Checked the computer for not recognizing the audio capture device – using internal mic instead. Gave us recommendation on how to correct.

- Fine-tuned wireless mics. Also ensured wired mics would work when plugged into plate sockets. Restored the wired mic to the podium and checked. Volumes were corrected to the downstairs speakers. Cleaned up the rack wiring and labelled new controls for our understanding along with instruction. Reinstalled the repaired Epson projector at the back of sanctuary. Completed March 6, 2025.

Middlesex-London Health Unit inspected and passed kitchen January 31 2025.

Epson projector was repaired by MultiComm Computer Systems Inc. February 7, 2025.

Thanks to Keith for taking the unit to and from Toronto.

Comfort Zone replaced relief valve on boiler Feb 24,2025

Savaria inspected and repaired lift by replacing 25 ft. hose and battery pack March 5,2025

Reglued some floor tiles in upstairs washroom.

Repaired leaking metal roof over elevator. Made improvement to damaged eave trough on west side gym and replaced down spout with larger one on southwest corner sanctuary. All done May 5, 2025.

Erected the canopy for The Holy Diner on June 23, 2025 and dismantled on August 30 2025.

Savaria inspected lift for maintenance period Aug. 1, 2025 on July 29 2025.

Comfort Zone installed a new circulation pump, expansion tank and relief valve, and repaired a union connection near the kitchen along with seasonal boiler cleaning. Work done in August and September 2025.

Retightened the brass railing on the choir loft.

Contacted Darryl Arnold to do the snow plowing for the church parking lot.

Glover Tree Service trimmed trees at back of church to clear branches from touching roof.

Routine tasks completed included changing light bulbs, batteries in clocks and smoke alarms, grass cutting and lawn maintenance, clean up and trimming bushes, snow removal from sidewalks, and setting up of tables and chairs for special events including the setup of the canopy for The Holy Diner.

Special thanks go out to those people who kept our Church clean and tidy and for decorating the Church at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

A heartfelt special thanks goes out to Keith Kaiser for his work and expertise with internet and computer services and the equipment needed to accomplish this.

**Submitted by Chairperson  
Wayne Coatsworth**

**Your Property Committee,  
Ernie, Bob, George, Leo, Wayne**

# CHURCH BUILDING USAGE AGREEMENT FORM

## GENERAL BUILDING USE

Dorchester United Church  
4100 Catherine Street  
P.O. Box 99  
Dorchester, ON N0L 1G0

Church Office 519-268-3154  
Email: dorchesteruc@gmail.com  
Revised: November 2025

Name of Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Business/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Facilities Required \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) Facilities Required \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING USAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ \$125 Fellowship Hall only (Lower Level)
- \_\_\_ \$125 Sanctuary only (Upper Level)
- \_\_\_ \$200 Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary both
- \_\_\_ \$90 Kitchen only
- \_\_\_ \$100 Custodian
- \_\_\_ \$100 Tech Support
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING ACCESS** \_\_\_ Doors opened by Church Representative  
\_\_\_ Key made available to organization leader

### RESPONSIBILITIES for ALL ORGANIZATIONS and INDIVIDUALS:

- Lock the Church upon leaving
- General cleanup (leave facilities as found)

*It is recommended that individuals and groups, using the upper and/or lower levels of Dorchester United Church, have liability coverage under their own insurance policy.*

### APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

# CHURCH BUILDING USAGE AGREEMENT FORM

## WEDDING

Dorchester United Church  
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Revised: January 2025

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Telephone (Business/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Facilities Required \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) Facilities Required \_\_\_\_\_

### WEDDING INFORMATION:

- \_\_\_ \$200 Sanctuary only (Upper Level)
- \_\_\_ \$200 Fellowship Hall only (Lower Level)
- \_\_\_ \$350 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall both
- \_\_\_ \$275 - \$300 Minister
- \_\_\_ \$200 Music Director
- \_\_\_ \$100 Custodian
- \_\_\_ \$100 Tech Support
- \_\_\_ Reception Meal – open for discussion

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_



# CHURCH BUILDING USAGE AGREEMENT FORM

## FUNERAL/CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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Church Office 519-268-3154  
Email: dorchesteruc@gmail.com  
Revised: January 2025

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Name of Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Business/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Facilities Required \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) Facilities Required \_\_\_\_\_

### FUNERAL/CELEBRATION OF LIFE INFORMATION:

- \_\_\_ \$125 Sanctuary only (Upper Level)
- \_\_\_ \$125 Fellowship Hall only (Lower Level)
- \_\_\_ \$200 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall both
- \_\_\_ \$275 - \$300 Minister
- \_\_\_ \$200 Music Director
- \_\_\_ \$100 Custodian
- \_\_\_ \$100 Tech Support
- \_\_\_ \$9 per Plate Ordered for Reception Luncheon

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### APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

## **DORCHESTER UNITED CHURCH** **SEARCH UPDATE**

### **Search Team Members:**

- Linda Chanyi
- Phil Hicks
- Coleen Mason
- Brenda Olejnik
- Donna Wakeling

As per United Church of Canada, all search team members are required and have signed confidential agreements as we work through the search process. We are following the “Pastoral Relations: Guidelines for Search and Selection” document located on the United Church of Canada website.

Below is some information that can be shared.

The following documents were submitted to the United Church of Canada for review and approval:

- Community of Faith: Living Faith Story Worksheet - completed May 18, 2025
- Dorchester United Church Living Faith Story as posted on Churchhub - last updated March 2024
- Community of Faith: Demographics Worksheet - completed April 23, 2025
- Community of Faith: Financial Viability Worksheet - completed/updated Sept 24, 2025
- Financial Statements: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, August 2025
- Completed Position Description

**November 4, 2025** – Received confirmation that the Pastoral Relations Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approved the position description for a minister, PT, 20 hrs/week for Dorchester Pastoral Charge.

**November 5, 2025** – Received confirmation that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council received the Community of Faith Profile and Financial Viability from Dorchester UC and agree with the recommendation that Dorchester UC is viable to call/appoint a minister up to 20 hrs at category F or equivalent.

**November 10, 2025** – Dorchester United Church minister position was activated “live” on Churchhub for ministers to review/apply.

### **Ongoing Support:**

**United Church of Canada has appointed the following to assist Dorchester United Church as we work through the search process:**

**Liaison – Rev Paul Browning**

**Pastoral Charge Supervisor – Pastor Mary Dillon**

It has been discussed and approved by the board that as we work through this process, we will be calling upon pulpit supply each Sunday. In addition to discussions with familiar individuals, the United Church of Canada has supplied a list of individuals from the area that put their names forward as pulpit support for churches in need.

It's important for the health and growth of our community of faith that we each consider sharing our talents and time by serving in some capacity on the Board, committees or working groups. We prayerfully hope that members of the congregation will think about filling any vacant positions to preserve continuity as people who have held positions for some time leave their Board positions.

Secretary – Grace Van Harten  
Worship and Music - Leo Van Harten  
- Janet Paterson  
Ministry and Personnel - Brian Courtis  
- Gerhard Gedies  
Communication - Keith Kaiser  
Technical Advisory Group - Keith Kaiser

Secretary – Kim Malcolm  
Ministry & Personnel – Linda Chanyi, Floyd Wills  
Worship & Music – Alan Busche, Donna Wakeling, one vacancy  
Care Network – Glenyce Glew

**Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Busche, Marion Woods**

## 2025 TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

In 2025, the Trustees welcomed Gerry Hicks as a new member. She joined Rev. Mark Perry, Allan Woods, Bob MacMillan and Cathy Crane in the Trustee role.

In relation to the investments held by our Church, the past 12 months have seen a modest increase in the market value of the mutual funds held in the 'unrestricted' accounts (i.e. memorial fund, bursary fund and general investment fund). This reflects the continued strength in the stock markets in 2025.

Although \$18,000 was withdrawn from the general investment account in 2025 to cover operating expenses, the account value only decreased \$12,920.61 due to the change in market value of the mutual funds. It should be noted that any future downturns in the stock markets could negatively impact the total value of these investments.

Below are the market values of the 'unrestricted' funds on December 31, 2025 versus the same date in 2024.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
General investment fund:	\$43,560.66	\$56,481.27
Bursary fund:	\$1,032.47	\$1,501.91
Memorial fund:	\$7,774.75	\$7,086.49

In 2025, the Bursary account funded two "DUC Student Achievement Awards". Each year the recipients of this award are selected by LDSS staff. In October, the \$300 cheques were presented by Rev. Mark to Wyatt Clark and Jordan Parnell at the Undergraduate Awards ceremony.

On December 31, 2025, the 'restricted' funds, totalled \$59,839.90 with \$49,409.16 being held in guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) and \$10,430.74 in cash. One GIC matured in December, 2025 and will be re-invested in early 2026. Interest generated from these GICs are 'unrestricted' funds and utilized to cover operating costs.

For several years, our investments have been managed by Carla Dos Santos of Point B Financial. In October, we were notified that Ms. Dos Santos and Point B Financial would no longer be utilizing the support services of Manulife Wealth, and would be moving to Worldsource Wealth Management for support services. The Trustees voted to retain the services of Point B Financial. The individual investments will remain unchanged and will be transferred from Manulife to Worldsource in early 2026.

The Trustees will continue to monitor investments and make any recommendations to the Church Board.

**Respectfully submitted: Rev. Mark Perry (Chair) Cathy Crane (Secretary)**

## ARWRC REGION 7 REPORT

There are many things that this Council is concerned about but some may not apply to our board, and some to single individuals or groups within our Christian Family. If you wish more information then I have provided, contact me, contact info below, or contact the Council at [www.arwrc.ca](http://www.arwrc.ca).

There is a thank you from Kathy Douglas for the retirement party that was very enjoyable, we still miss her.

There is a Dementia Workshop available that some may find helpful.

A Radical Flourishing Women's Retreat by a former moderator which sounds exciting.

Seach Team training which I believe our search team is taking advantage of.

M&P 'The Basics Workshops' and M&P Gatherings which our M&P Committee &/ or Newbies may find helpful.

There are Stewardship Resources, many, for those who may want to know more.

Children's Ministry Roundtable: If you have grandchildren or neighbours' children if they want to know more.

LAST CHANCE to sign up for Worshiplude.

Black History Exhibition for youth and some adults may find interesting.

Spring Regional Council Meeting 2026; this will be a Bi-Regional meeting with ARWRC and HFRC (Horseshoe Falls) on June 26 & 27 at the Lamplighter Inn at London, ON.

The Manual 2026 is now available on the ARWRC website.

Parliamentarian Job Shadow – Contact Brad Morrison at;  
[brad@strathroyunitedchurch.ca](mailto:brad@strathroyunitedchurch.ca) with your expression of Interest.

Marjorie MacMillan, ARWCP REP at [mgrh.macmillan@sympatico.ca](mailto:mgrh.macmillan@sympatico.ca) or 519-269-9632  
OR: [www.arwrc.ca](http://www.arwrc.ca)

**Marjorie MacMillan**  
**ARWRC Rep.**

## **2025 DORCHESTER WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Report to the AGM - February 15, 2026**

This report begins at the beginning of 2025. Shortly after we rang in the new year, the bell tolled again with news that Rev Mark would be retiring on March 1, 2026. Rev Mark, as the door begins to close on your time with us, the Worship Committee wishes you to know that your leadership has been “second mile”. You will be missed.

The Worship Committee met on January 14, 2026. Special events held during the month of December were reviewed. We noted

- “All Things Nativity” was well-advertised but poorly attended.
- The Christmas Eve service was well-attended and comments following the service were favourable.
- “Worship around Breakfast” (December 28) was much appreciated, and there is interest in having “Worship around Breakfast” occur more often in 2026.

Our next Communion date is scheduled for Sunday, February 15.

Special note regarding future dates for Communion:

Since only ordained ministers and, occasionally, licensed ministers are authorized to administer the Sacraments and given that Dorchester United Church may be entering a period of pulpit supply following Rev Mark’s departure, Communion dates for the rest of 2026 were not set by the Worship Committee. Instead, they will be announced some time beforehand.

Rev. Keith Rameshwar has agreed to do pulpit supply on Sunday, January 25.

The Worship Committee recognized that February 22 will be Rev Mark’s last Sunday in the pulpit of Dorchester United Church.

To conclude, Rev. Mark, Kathleen Hyde, Keith Kaiser, and the choir members again have our gratitude. We also want to express our appreciation to those who have played smaller roles during our worship services, namely, Brian Paterson, Carol Reid, Coleen Mason and Brian Courtis. Our final thanks go to Ernie Reid and George Mason for warmly greeting us at the door.

Finally, remember and believe we are not alone; we live in God’s world.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Len Van Harten, Chair of the Worship Committee**

## 2025 DUC BOARD AND SUPPORT STAFF

December 31, 2025

Committee	Position on Committee	Name of Participant	Phone Number
<b>Minister</b>		Rev. Mark Perry	519-719-8079
<b>Board</b>	Board Chairperson	Shannon Wakeling	519-870-8656
	Vice-Chair	VACANT POSITION	
	Secretary	Grace Van Harten	519-461-1882
	Treasurer	Lisa Morris	519-268-2621
	<i>Treasurer of Dorchester Pastoral Charge</i>	Brenda Olejnik	519-268-3385
<b>Ministry and Personnel</b>	Chair	Brian Courtis Gerhard Gedies Cathy Crane	519-870-8656 519-642-0563 519-269-3027
<b>ARW Region 7 Representative</b>		Marjorie MacMillan	519-269-9632
<b>Worship and Music</b>	Chair	Len Van Harten Janet Paterson	519-461-1882 519-268-7820
	Music Director	Kathleen Hyde	519-520-0367
<b>Finance &amp; Stewardship</b>	Chair	Brenda Olejnik Carol Reid	519-268-3385 519-268-3129
	Volunteer Counters	George Mason Alan Busche	519-268-3745 519-268-3360
<b>Property</b>	Chair Committee	Wayne Coatsworth Bob MacMillan George Mason Ernie Reid Leo Olejnik	519-268-8934 519-269-9632 519-268-3745 519-268-3129 519-268-3385
<b>Mission, Outreach &amp; Christian Education</b>			
<b>Trustees</b>	Chair	Rev. Mark Perry	519-719-8079
	Secretary	Cathy Crane Allan Woods Bob MacMillan Gerry Hicks	519-269-3027 519-461-1136 519-269-9632 519-452-0986
<b>Nominating Committee</b>		Alan Busche Marion Woods	519-268-3360 519-461-1136

<b>Honour &amp; Membership Roll</b>		Marion Woods	519-461-1136
<b>WORKING GROUPS</b>			
<b>Communication Team</b>	Coordinator Team Members	Marion Woods Keith Kaiser Janet Paterson Carol Reid Dianne Timms	519-461-1136 519-268-7910 519-268-7820 519-268-3129 519-202-0106
<b>Decorating Working Group</b>		Carol Reid Marion Woods	519-268-3129 519-461-1136
<b>TAG Committee (Technical Advisory Group)</b>	Co-ordinator Team Members	Keith Kaiser Maarten Yonkman Alan Busche Phil Hicks	519-503-8653 519-268-3360 519-452-0986
<b>Care Network Team</b>	Coordinator	Coleen Mason	519-268-3745
<b>DUC Luncheons</b>	Coordinator	Heather Elmhirst	519-453-3317
<b>STAFF OF THE BOARD</b>			
<b>Treasurer</b>		Lisa Morris	519-268-2621
<b>Custodian</b>		Jacqueline Gons	519-852-0554
<b>Administrative Asst.</b>		Dianne Timms	519-202-0106

### POP CANS

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off aluminium cans, pop cans, Meals on Wheels containers and tin foil pie plates. We raised \$368.75 for 2025.

They can be dropped off at Ernie Reid's or call him for pick up. (519-268-3129)

Everything helps. Keep them coming.



## **FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT – 2025**

### **Committee Members:**

Brenda Olejnik (Chair, Treasurer of Pastoral Charge)

Carol Reid

Lisa Morris (Treasurer)

The Finance and Stewardship Committee continue to provide regular financial updates to both the board and congregation throughout the year. These updates are communicated through board meetings, official minutes, worship invitations, newsletters, and the Dorchester United Church (DUC) website. The committee is always open to answering any questions. If you have a question, please reach out to any of the committee members. The question will be shared with the rest of the Finance Committee, and as a group we will respond accordingly.

As a committee, we would like to extend our appreciation to the congregation and community for your ongoing support in the ministry of Dorchester United Church. We are deeply grateful for your dedication.

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their support and flexibility. It is the teamwork of this committee that I appreciate and enjoy the most. THANK YOU!

### **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes remain available by contacting the church via email at [dorchesterUC@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterUC@gmail.com) or by phone at 519-268-3154.

### **Alternate Methods of Giving:**

- E-Transfer: Sent to [dorchesteruc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesteruc.treasurer@gmail.com)
- Pre-Authorized Remittance: To sign up, please contact the church office at 519-268-3154.
- Canada Helps: Donations can be made through the DUC website.
- Mail: Cheques can be mailed to Dorchester United Church, 4100 Catherine St, P.O. Box 99, Dorchester, ON, N0L 1G0.
- Drop-off: Offering envelopes (cheques only) can be placed in an envelope marked "Treasurer" and dropped in the mail slot located by the church parking lot entrance.

**Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment**

Submitted by:

Brenda Olejnik, Chair,

Treasurer of Pastoral Charge

## **DORCHESTER UNITED CHURCH 2025 EVENT SUMMARY**

**The following is a summary of the 2025 events.**

These events were successful because of everyone's support and contributions!

Whether it was by attending the events and sharing fellowship and community interaction, or making pies, barbecuing, setting up tables, cooking, table setting, serving, making sandwiches, baking, doing dishes, cleaning up, selling tickets, etc.; these would not have been successful without each of you!

We are so fortunate to have such a supportive congregation that when they receive a request or phone call asking for their assistance the response is YES!

**Thank you to everyone! GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>NET INCOME</b>
Catering	\$4,510.00	\$1,787.90	<b>\$2,722.10</b>
Christmas Dinner	\$120.00	\$110.00	<b>\$10.00</b>
Frozen Meat and Fruit Pies (Spring and Fall Combined)	\$5,175.50	\$1,668.89	<b>\$3,506.61</b>
Ham and Oyster Supper	\$3,854.25	\$1,519.44	<b>\$2,334.81</b>
Holy Diner June, July, and August – 10 Weeks (Expense includes Gift Cards for Dorchester Food Bank)	\$9,834.90	\$3,373.29	<b>\$6,461.61</b>
Luncheons	\$3,150.00	\$735.19	<b>\$2,414.81</b>
Other Misc. Events	\$80.00	\$73.98	<b>\$6.02</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$26,724.65</b>	<b>\$9,268.69</b>	<b>\$17,455.96</b>

An extended thank you to the individuals who took the lead in organizing these events.

1. Thorndale Agricultural Society Dinner Theatre – Marion Woods, Carol Reid, Brenda Olejnik
2. Frozen Meat Pies – Heather Elmhirst
3. Ham and Oyster Supper – Marion Woods, Leo Olejnik, Brian Paterson
4. Holy Diner – Carol Reid, Brenda Olejnik
5. Luncheons – Heather Elmhirst

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### CONTRIBUTORS and GIVINGS

#### GENERAL FUND

In 2025, contributions to the General Fund of Dorchester United Church from offerings totalled \$76,002.74, a decrease of \$2,441.54 from 2024.

Thank you for your generous support.

The General Fund is used by the church to pay all our ongoing expenses such as salaries, utilities, building upkeep, Insurance and United Church Fees.

Contributors and Givings		
Annual Giving	2024	2025
\$0-\$100	11	10
\$101-\$500	18	11
\$501-\$1,000	9	6
\$1,001 and Up	25	24
Total	63	51

#### MISSION & SERVICE FUND

The 2025 objective for the congregation was \$13,000.00. The total collected and sent to the United Church M&S Fund was \$13,905.00. Thank you so much to our generous contributors.

Mission & Service donations go to the United Church of Canada to support congregations and new church development, Canadian outreach programs, international relief and development, training and supporting ministers, and maintaining ecumenical relationships.

Please see how your Mission and Service contribution is transforming lives by visiting the United Church of Canada Mission and Service page at the following link.

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/mission-and-service>

Contributors and Givings		
Annual Giving	2024	2025
\$0-\$100	5	4
\$101-\$500	3	3
\$501-\$1,000	3	3
\$1,001 and Up	2	2
Total	13	12

## Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2025

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bank- General Account	29,083.16
Bank- Memorial Fund	2,472.41
Bank- Mission & Service	3,963.02
Total Chequing/Savings	35,518.59
Other Current Assets	
Investments	
DUC Investment	43,560.66
Manse GIC	59,839.90
Memorial Fund Investment	7,774.75
School Bursary Investment	1,032.47
Total Investments	112,207.78
Total Other Current Assets	112,207.78
Total Current Assets	147,726.37
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-7,899.71
Video Project	11,285.29
Total Fixed Assets	3,385.58
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>151,111.95</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to UCC - Mission & Service	
Weekly Mission & Serv Offerings	3,962.50
Total Due to UCC - Mission & Service	3,962.50
HST Rebate Receivable	-675.03
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,287.47
Total Current Liabilities	3,287.47
Long Term Liabilities	
Benevolent Funds	419.47
Total Long Term Liabilities	419.47
Total Liabilities	3,706.94
Equity	
Fair Market Adjust	
DUC Investment	9,905.73
Manse GIC	3,240.96
Memorial Fund Investment	1,006.24
School Bursary Investment	165.85
Total Fair Market Adjust	14,318.78
Retained Earnings	159,857.28
Net Income	-26,771.05
Total Equity	147,405.01
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>151,111.95</b>

# Profit & Loss

January through December 2025

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Events</b>	
Catering	4,510.00
Christmas Dinner	120.00
Funeral Lunch UCWW	3,150.00
Holy Diner	9,834.90
Other Misc. Events	80.00
Oyster Supper	3,854.25
Pies	5,175.50
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>26,724.65</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	
Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Weekly Offerings	72,552.74
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>73,552.74</b>
Pop Cans	368.75
Rental Income	2,100.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>102,746.14</b>
Interest	5.67
<b>Online Donations</b>	
Canada Helps	3,450.00
<b>Total Online Donations</b>	<b>3,450.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>106,201.81</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Building Repair, Mtce &amp;Cleaning</b>	
Building Repairs	1,500.00
Custodial Supplies	110.16
Equipment Repairs	6,753.27
Landscaping/Grass Cutting	442.50
Lift Maintenance	3,215.23
Maintenance Supplies	60.36
Snow Removal & Sand	519.70
<b>Total Building Repair, Mtce &amp;Cleaning</b>	<b>12,601.22</b>
<b>Building Utilities</b>	
Heat	5,211.00
Hydro	2,006.80
Water	697.88
Water Heater Rental	392.16
<b>Total Building Utilities</b>	<b>8,307.84</b>
Depreciation Expense	1,128.53
<b>Event Expenses</b>	
Catering	1,787.90
Christmas Dinner	110.00
Funeral Lunch UCWW	735.19
Holy Diner	3,373.29
Other Misc. Event	73.98

## Profit & Loss

### January through December 2025

Oyster Supper Exp	1,519.44
Pies	1,668.89
<b>Total Event Expenses</b>	<b>9,268.69</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Stewardship Expenses</b>	
Bank Service Charges	5.04
Building Improvements	227.31
Gifts	106.24
Insurance	6,081.48
Kitchen Expenses	84.60
Online giving transaction fee	128.13
PAR Fee inc. Cards	53.00
UCC Assessment Fees	4,091.00
Year End Financial Review	415.76
<b>Total Finance &amp; Stewardship Expenses</b>	<b>11,192.56</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>	
Computer Hard & Soft	223.37
Internet Expense	1,174.23
Office Supplies	241.97
Photocopier Fees	114.33
Postage & Deliveries	128.89
Printing and Reproduction	285.15
Telephone Expense	843.66
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>3,011.60</b>
<b>Rental Expense</b>	
Minister	300.00
Music Director	200.00
<b>Total Rental Expense</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Salary &amp; Expenses</b>	
<b>Total Salary &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>92,994.88</b>
<b>Special Donations</b>	
School Bursary Expense	600.00
<b>Total Special Donations</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Worship Committee</b>	
Licenses and Permits	584.40
Music - Supplies	51.35
Pastoral Care Supplies Minister	18.00
Worship Supplies	42.86
<b>Total Worship Committee</b>	<b>696.61</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>140,301.93</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-34,100.12</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Investment Income ReinvestedDiv	3,133.17
Investment Interest	15.88
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>3,149.05</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>3,149.05</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-30,951.07</b>

**Investment Summary**  
**For the Period of January 1 - December 31 2025**

<b><i>Opening Balance January 1, 2025</i></b>		<b>122,931.11</b>
Investment Income		
Reinvested Dividends	3,133.17	
Realized Gain	<u>4,180.02</u>	
<b><i>Total Investment Income</i></b>		<b>7,313.19</b>
Withdrawals		
DUC Investment Transfer	18,000.00	
School Bursary Investment Transfer	<u>600.00</u>	
<b><i>Total Withdrawals</i></b>		<b>18,600.00</b>
<b><i>Unrealized Investment Gains/(Losses)</i></b>		<b>563.48</b>
<b><i>Closing Balance December 31, 2025</i></b>		<b>112,207.78</b>
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Unrestricted Funds - Available to Use	56,820.39	
Restricted Funds - Not Available to Use	55,387.39	
		<b>112,207.78</b>
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# Dorchester United Church

## Proposed 2026 Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
General Fund			
Events	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 26,724.65	\$ 22,000.00
Offerings			
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 2,000.00		
Memorial Fund		\$ 1,000.00	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 72,552.74	\$ 62,000.00
Total Offerings	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 73,552.74	\$ 62,000.00
Pop Cans	\$ 300.00	\$ 368.75	\$ 300.00
Rent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total General Fund	\$ 90,300.00	\$ 102,746.14	\$ 85,300.00
Interest	\$ 500.00	\$ 5.67	\$ 500.00
Online Donations - Canada Helps	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 93,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,201.81</b>	<b>\$ 88,800.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Building Repair, Mtce & Cleaning			
Building Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Custodial Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ 110.16	\$ 150.00
Equipment Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,753.27	\$ 5,000.00
Landscaping/Grass Cutting	\$ 600.00	\$ 442.50	\$ 525.00
Lift Maintenance	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 3,215.23	\$ 2,500.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ 60.36	\$ 75.00
Snow Removal & Sand	\$ 500.00	\$ 519.70	\$ 1,000.00
Total Building Repair, Mtce & Cleaning	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 12,601.22	\$ 11,250.00
Building Utilities			
Heat	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,211.00	\$ 5,300.00
Hydro	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,006.80	\$ 2,100.00
Water	\$ 750.00	\$ 697.88	\$ 700.00
Water Heater Rental	\$ 392.16	\$ 392.16	\$ 400.00
Total Building Utilities	\$ 10,742.16	\$ 8,307.84	\$ 8,500.00
Event Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,268.69	\$ 8,000.00
Finance & Stewardship Expenses			
Advertising	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Bank Fee		\$ 5.04	
Building Improvements		\$ 227.31	
Charitable Donations	\$ 500.00		
Gifts	\$ 100.00	\$ 106.24	\$ 200.00
Insurance	\$ 6,083.18	\$ 6,081.48	\$ 6,181.81
Kitchen Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 84.60	\$ 100.00
Online giving transaction fee	\$ 105.00	\$ 128.13	\$ 120.00
PAR Fee inc. Cards	\$ 54.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 54.00
UCC Assessment Fees	\$ 4,091.00	\$ 4,091.00	\$ 5,084.00
Year End Financial Review	\$ 450.00	\$ 415.76	\$ 450.00
Total Finance & Stewardship Expenses	\$ 11,533.18	\$ 11,192.56	\$ 12,239.81



## Dorchester United Church

### Proposed 2026 Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Office Expenses			
Computer Hard & Software	\$ 500.00	\$ 223.37	\$ 500.00
Internet Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,174.23	\$ 1,150.00
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 241.97	\$ 200.00
Photocopier Fees	\$ 125.00	\$ 114.33	\$ 125.00
Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 128.89	\$ 200.00
Printing & Reproduction	\$ 250.00	\$ 285.15	\$ 250.00
Telephone Expense	\$ 750.00	\$ 843.66	\$ 900.00
Total Office Expenses	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 3,011.60	\$ 3,325.00
Rental Expense			
Technical Support	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total Rental Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Salary & Expenses			
Total Salary & Expenses	\$ 95,299.66	\$ 92,994.88	\$ 57,095.26
Mission, Outreach, Christian Development			
Christian Development	\$ 100.00		
Outreach			
Total Mission, Outreach & Christian Development	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Special Donations			
School Bursary Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00
Total Special Donations	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00
Video Project - Depreciation Recognized		\$ 1,128.53	
Worship Committee			
Licenses and Permits	\$ 600.00	\$ 584.40	\$ 600.00
Music - Guest Musicians	\$ 150.00		\$ 250.00
Music Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 51.35	\$ 100.00
Online Worship	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Pastoral Care Supplies Minister	\$ 150.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 100.00
Worship Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 42.86	\$ 150.00
Total Worship Committee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 696.61	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 140,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 140,301.93</b>	<b>\$ 102,210.07</b>
Investment Income	\$ 850.00	\$ 3,149.05	\$ 950.00
Net Income or (Loss)	<b>-\$ 46,000.00</b>	<b>-\$ 30,951.07</b>	<b>-\$ 12,460.07</b>

**Note 1** Payroll costs based on Jan-Feb current minister; March - Aug supply ministry;  
Sept-Dec new minister at 50% time

### Additional Building Improvement Needs

Air Conditioner Replacement	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Additional Revenue Source Required</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

## INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RECORDS



Dorchester United Church  
4100 Catherine St.  
Dorchester ON N0L 1G0

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the Dorchester United Church that comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2025, and the statement of income for the year then ended along with other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on the review. I conducted the review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### Conclusion

Based on the review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Dorchester United Church as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Little', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew Little (M Little Accounting Services)  
January 29, 2026  
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