

NORWICH UNITED CHURCH

Open Doors, Open Hearts, Celebrating God's
Love!

Since 1820 (yes we will be 200 years old in 2020), Norwich United Church (Norwich Methodist Church prior to 1925) has been serving the community of Norwich in a variety of ways. We have provided for the spiritual needs of generations of residents from the joyous celebrations of baptisms, confirmations and weddings to the comfort provided to the bereaved at funerals and funeral luncheons. Christian education and fellowship have been provided through Sunday morning worship, Sunday school and United Church Women meetings.

But did you know that Norwich United Church also:

- Provides Christian education for families once a month through our Messy Church program which involves fun activities like crafts, games, songs and stories followed by a delicious meal for the whole family to share?
- Provides support and a meeting place for a weekly moms and tots group which provides opportunities for parents to network and support one another and for pre-school age children to learn social skills?
Provides meeting space for groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, the Optimist Club and other community groups?
- Provides a summer day camp for children that teaches Christian values and provides meaningful activities as well as providing employment for students and a place to learn valuable job skills?
- Provides funeral luncheons for families of all religious denominations that are affordable and take the burden off grieving families?
- Supports the Salvation Army by collecting food items each week at Sunday services as well as toys and Christmas gifts at white gift Sundays?
- Supports local charities such as the Salvation Army and Sakura House through fundraising concerts?
- Holds a free turkey dinner every Christmas day for all members of the community who don't have any family Christmas plans?
- Holds soup and sandwich lunches, dinners, teas and other events open to the general public which are affordable and provide opportunities for members of the community (especially seniors) to socialize and enjoy a hot meal?
- Provides concerts and entertainment showcasing local talent?

We are proud of these accomplishments but we can't do it alone. We need your help to continue these programs and to meet the needs of our community in the future.

Think about your own gifts!

- ✓ Do you have a talent or skill which you can share?
- ✓ Could you help with food preparation and serving?
- ✓ Could you help with building repairs and maintenance?
- ✓ Could you help set up for special events?
- ✓ Could you help with a craft or activity for children?

To better serve the community we need to:

- ✓ Make the building more easily accessible to all members of the community including our growing population of seniors.
- ✓ Upgrade and maintain our use of technology which will enhance the experience of worship and attract younger, tech-savvy people.
- ✓ Expand the range of services for seniors in our community.

We ask you to prayerfully consider your support to this important work that makes a difference in our community. Please contact the church office at 519-863-3637 to discuss how you can contribute to making this difference.