

# Atwood Presbyterian Church

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Presbytery: Huron-Perth



**1858—2015 Celebrating 157 years as a Congregation**

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
Ministry and Church Vocations  
50 Wynford Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1J7

- **Purpose:** We are seeking to call a minister to guide, moderate and inspire our congregation to grow in our faith and share it as a way of life with family and community. We are excited and looking forward to whom ever God is preparing to lead us forward in our spiritual journey.
- **Primary Objectives:** We seek a speaker who will apply the Scripture to today's environment thereby motivating us in the implementation of God's Word outside the church.
- We need help in reconnecting with our membership through youth and family programs.
- Our church family is getting older and we require someone who can encourage and work with our youth, young adults, and young couples and show them the relevance of Christ in their lives today. We also have seniors and shut-ins who require visits on a regular basis.
- We need a minister who is approachable and community minded.
- We have assorted different groups within the church and dedicated faithful people who work diligently to maintain them. We need a minister who will energetically work with these groups for the growth of the church.

## Position/Remuneration & Staffing

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### Secondary Qualities:

- To promote outreach within our community.
- To aid in our support of the missions.
- Interact in the larger social issues that have an impact on rural/village communities.
- Sense of humour.
- Interest in cultural events.
- Administrative, organizational, computer and internet skills.

### Stipend & Benefits:

- The stipend is commensurate with experience.
- 5 weeks annual vacation.
- Study leave of 2 weeks.—\$1,000.00 continuing education allowance.
- Housing Allowance.—\$14,400.00 per annum (includes utilities)

### Current Staff:

- Bulletin Secretary: Kate Tormey
- Treasurer: Luke Simpson
- Organist: Mary Chapman
- Custodians: Brad & Grace Parkhouse

### Previous 3 Ministers:

Rev. Andrew Thompson      519-694-2169  
Rev. Alan Barr                519-592-5700  
Rev. John Hogerwaard      519-664-2392

Congregation Vacant as of: September 1, 2015

### Convener of Search Committee:

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### Interim Moderator:

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# Congregational Profile Form

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## CHURCH INFORMATION:

### Average Weekly Attendance At

<b>Sunday Worship:</b>	40 People
<b>Church School:</b>	8 People
<b>Other Services:</b> Christmas Eve	150 People
Easter Son Rise Service (8:30AM)	35 People
Community Remembrance Service	130 People +
Ecumenical Services	50 People

## Christian Education—Sunday School

**Age Group:** 4 Year to 14 Year Age Range

**Enrolment:** 15

**Curriculum Used:** Deep Blue (previously named Grow, Proclaim, Serve)

**Number of Teachers:** 4 (Team Teaching)

## Financial Statement: As Of December 31, 2014

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Offerings/Gifts	\$ 95,109.00	
Operating Expenses		\$ 95,766.00
Rentals & Adv.	\$ 1,530.00	695.00
Benevolences, Presbyterian Sharing, Synod, Presbytery Ladies Aid	\$ 3,700.00	
WMS, PWS&D		\$ 11,222.00
Fund Raising	\$ 13,724.00	
Interest Revenue	\$ 45.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$114,108.00</b>	<b>\$107,863.00</b>

## Presbyterians Sharing

Allocation for current year Requested	\$4,500.00
Allocation for current year Approved	\$4,500.00

## Congregation & Community

Congregation Type:	Self-supporting, Single Charge
Community Type:	Rural & Village
Church Membership:	165
Active Now:	50
Active 5 Years Ago:	60
Village Total Population:	850 (Approximately)
Total Churches:	3
Presbyterian Churches:	1

## % Age Estimate

	<u>Today's Congregation</u>	<u>Today's Community</u>
00—14 Years	14%	20%
15—24 Years	10%	17%
25—44 Years	21%	19%
45—64 Years	31%	29%
65 Plus Years	24%	14%

## % Living Patterns

	<u>Today's Congregation</u>	<u>Today's Community</u>
Adult(s) w/at least 1 child:	32%	27%
Single Persons:	24%	26%
2 or More Adults:	44%	47%

## % Housing Patterns

	<u>Today's Congregation</u>	<u>Today's Community</u>
Apartments:	19%	3%
Private Homes:	81%	98%
Total # Of Households:	140	345

## Occupations within the Congregation

	<u>Now</u>	<u>5 Yrs. Ago</u>
Clerical/Secretarial:	7%	5%
College/University Students:	3%	2%
Elementary/Secondary Students:	8%	14%
Farmers:	7%	8%
Homemakers:	8%	7%
Professional/Business:	30%	24%
Retired:	31%	25%
Technicians:	5%	13%
Unemployed:	0%	2%

## Our Church Programs & Groups

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Choir: Music is a very important part of our church service and we are blessed with an excellent choir director and a full four part senior choir. Our music ranges from traditional to contemporary. Our choir performs at various functions outside the church, including retirement homes during the Christmas season.

Christian Education Committee: This committee has representatives from all of our church groups and oversees five areas of ministry in the church: the library, the nursery, the youth and the Sunday school. This committee also works ecumenically with the United Church each year to provide a Vacation Bible School for the community as an outreach ministry. The last few years we have used Kintail on the Road. We also have movie nights, PA Activity Days as well as a Sunday afternoon skate in the winter.

Sunday School: Our Sunday School takes place during the 11 am church service and is based on the one room school house curriculum due to the fact that we have a small number of children and such a wide range of ages. Our team of teachers provide an entertaining learning environment for understanding scriptures, with the use of stories, songs, puppets and games. The children are encouraged to take part in the Sunday worship and provide the congregation with puppet shows as well as the seasonal concert or play.

Youth: We are hoping to re-establish our youth group. In past years this group has enjoyed fun times as a group with as many as twenty youth participating in such activities as bowling and winter tubing. This group also has done fund raising events for our church and helps out at other church functions like our Fall Fowl Supper.

Church Library: We have a recently renovated library in the basement of the church with books, CD's and movies for all our church family members to enjoy. Every year our librarian purchases new books for this library.

Nursery: We offer nursery kits for children from birth to three years old which are taken home. Our nursery is separate from the Sunday school and is staffed every Sunday during the 11 am service. We encourage our young families to attend church and utilize the nursery.

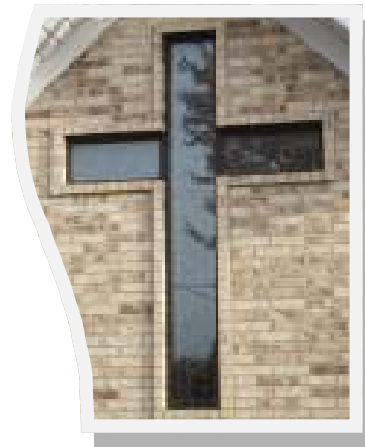
Evening Auxiliary W.M.S.: This group meets about 3 times a year. They host a Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas service.

Bible Study & Book Club: This group was initially implemented by our previous minister and our hope is for it to continue.

Ladies Aid: This group of church ladies caters to funerals, luncheons and other functions.

Board of Managers: The Board undertakes the regular financial operation of the church and manse. The yearly budget is undertaken by the Board and approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting. The Board also develops different fund raising campaigns throughout the year to help raise money.

Session: Session are our Spiritual leaders overseeing all the operations of the church. There are session representatives on all committees. Session members provide outreach to our church family members. They provide Bibles to new baptized babies, look after the roll and work with the minister to ensure the spiritual guidelines of the church doctrine are met.



### Church Presbytery and Ministerial:

The Presbytery of Huron-Perth is a small collegial presbytery that works well together. Stretching from Stratford to Goderich, Atwood Presbyterian is close to the geographical centre of the presbytery. Over the last number of years the Presbytery has been working on restructuring pastoral charges to better serve the communities in which they situated. There is a sense of open communication, good humour, and collegiality within the presbytery.

The minister at Atwood Presbyterian is also a member of the North Perth ministerial, which includes the churches in Listowel and surrounding area. This ministerial is active in offering ecumenical worship and events, as well as looking after the worship and pastoral needs of the hospital and various long term care facilities.

Church: Our church dates back in Atwood to 1858. The current building was erected in 1877 to accommodate a growing community.

Many improvements have been made over the years. In 1965 a new addition was added to the rear of the building to house a minister's study, a parlour, and washrooms on the upper floor, and additional Sunday School rooms on the lower level.

Until 1990 the front steps up to the church were exposed to the elements, however, in that year an attractive addition was added forming a vestibule and reception area. A chair lift was installed at that time.

Over the years, many improvements, too numerous to mention, have been completed. More recently, storm windows were installed to protect our lovely stained-glass windows and a new roof was put on. The Minister's study was remodeled and we have high speed internet. We take great pride in our church building.



### The Village Of Atwood

Atwood is a small community located within the Municipality of North Perth, in the County of Perth, Ontario.

Initially built as a hub for the farming community and local businesses and industry, we are now becoming a bedroom community for retirees and people working in the various towns and cities that surround us. Unlike many larger centres however, Atwood has maintained it's friendly, neighbourly atmosphere of days gone by. Recently Atwood installed a town sewer system which has generated more houses being built in the community.

Atwood has three churches (Presbyterian, United and Anglican). We offer much in the line of sports with two ball diamonds, a tennis court and outdoor pool all located in our Lion's park. Our walking / biking trails offer miles of fun for the whole family. We have a community centre, library and our own fire department. Elma Public school is located just outside our village and Listowel District Secondary School is a 15 minute drive. As well as having some small stores, a restaurant and several companies within the village, we are also just 10 minutes away from Listowel with shopping centres like Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, Zehrs and Walmart and an assortment of smaller retail stores. Also in Listowel are located a Family Health Team Centre and the Listowel Memorial Hospital.

Atwood is uniquely situated, with larger cities such as Kitchener-Waterloo and Stratford , with its Shakespearian Festival, less than one hour away as well as being only one hour from cottage country on the shores of Lake Huron. Larger centres such as London is 1 1/2 hrs and Toronto is a two hour drive. Golf courses, theatres, arenas for hockey and curling clubs are all just minutes away. The community of Atwood indeed offers a quiet lifestyle in a rural setting with all the amenities close at hand.



### Position Description Title: Minister of Word & Sacrament

### Priority of Pastoral Skills Desired:

1. Leading Worship and Preaching      Planning and conducting worship services.
2. Crisis Visiting      Serving people at times of illness, death, trauma, family crisis, job loss.
3. Christian Education      Writing or selecting appropriate curricula for the educational ministry, and planning activities for groups of all ages.
4. Work with Youth      Interacting with the various youth groups and Sunday school children.
5. Program Development      Establishing goals, and organizing programs in church and community.
6. Personal & Spiritual Development      Providing resources and guidance for people's devotional life, and for prayer groups, retreats and other small group experiences.
7. Work with Seniors      Develop programs and activities.
8. Home Visiting      On a regular basis.
9. Stewardship      Faithful use of our time, gifts and money in response o the generosity of God in Christ.
10. Equipping Church Members      For integrating Christian faith with life.
11. Leadership Development      Planning for and sharing in the training of leaders for the church's program
12. Inter-Church Co-operation      Working in inter-denominational programs and activities.
13. Counselling      On a regular basis.
14. Administration      Managing the affairs of the congregation and other organizations.
15. Denominational Service      Sharing in the work of all the courts of the church.
16. Mission Outreach      Evangelism and social justice in the community, the country and the world.
17. Evangelism      Relating the gospel to people outside the church and helping the congregation to do the same.
18. Community Leadership      In areas like drug problems, schools, community organizations.