

**The Life & Work of
Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation**

*"Planting seeds -
watching them grow."*

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Dear Applewood family,



It was so wonderful to see some of you at last Sunday's Apple Jam! I have just been told that my treatments need to be extended for several more 'rounds', but I continue to tolerate the chemotherapy fairly well.

I do appreciate hearing from you, and your messages and cards have been very welcome over the past many weeks. You are welcome to call, text or email - I answer as I can!

I hope to be able to return to regular routines and my ministry with you all before the fall. You are in my heart, my thoughts and in my prayers, as both a faith community and as individuals, especially as Easter approaches. May you know the joy of new life and renewed purpose in the days to come, as I know I will.

Rev Joanne

Applewood Choir presents

WHISPERS of the PASSION

by Joseph M. Martin

Good Friday, March 29, 2024
10:30am

Applewood United Church, 2067 Stanfield Road, Miss

Worshipping with Applewood United - March 24, 2024

UPDATE

This Sunday, join us on ZOOM or at Applewood United Church for our hybrid worship service led by Rev Alison Nicholson. An informal refreshment time will follow the service, if volunteers are available. If you are attending on ZOOM, a direct link will be emailed on Saturday, along with a copy of the service. To participate in the ZOOM worship over your telephone, call 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588, and when asked enter this meeting ID: 827 5263 8086 and this Pass Code: 753101.

Co-host - Peter Kite

Announcer - Glenna Armour

Reader - Bob Martin

Greeter - Glenna Armour

Usher - Bill Armour

Coffee - Annemaria and Bryan Bakker

Sound - The Carruthers

Tech Team - The Carruthers

Meetings and Events - Week of March 24, 2024

UPDATE

Sunday	March 24	10:30 am	Worship Service - Palm Sunday ARK—Church Sunday School
Wednesday	March 27	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
		1:00 pm	Applewood Book Club (P)
Thursday	March 28	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)
Friday	March 29	10:30 am	Worship Service - Good Friday Whispers of the Passion

Upcoming Services

Sunday, March 31 **10:30 am** Worship Service with Communion - Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 7 **10:30 am** Worship Service

Upcoming Events

- **Beginning mid-March**, Applewood Auction. **Donate now!** See page 4 for more information.
- **Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 pm**, Compassionate Care Seminar - Peel Regional Police presentation on Frauds and Scams. Refreshments will be served. See page 8 for more details.
- **Sunday, April 21, following worship**, Applewood Anniversary Celebration in the Ann Graham Community Hall. Lunch, games, trivia, memories, celebration. More details to follow.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28 at Erin Mills United Church (3010 The Collegeway)

The church will be open from 6-7:30 pm, and people are invited to drop in whenever they like during that time. It is a quiet, reflective service - mostly in silence - with directions for scripture, prayer and communion. All are welcome. Ian Prentice, Chair of Worship

News You Can Use

Please remember that announcements must be received by **Nancy Beatty** at editor@applewoodunited.ca no later than 10 am on Wednesday so they can be included in the weekly AppleLog. Articles submitted must have the name of the contact person and may be edited for content and/or size.

Applewood United Church has developed a **Media Policy** to ensure that the content included in all our Applewood media reflects our inclusive ministry. This policy was approved by our Executive and can be found on our [website](#). We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the policy as they submit future articles.

Welcome to the Applewood United Church Community!

We are glad you are reading our newsletter! We gather on Sundays for Hybrid worship, a combination of live + virtual participation. We work to stay connected via our [Facebook page](#), LED sign, telephone contact, visits, and delivery of materials to those without internet access. We are always looking for more ways to keep in touch! Please feel free to share this AppleLog, website links, contact information and any other documents we produce widely with friends or neighbours.

To access a written copy of our weekly services, or recordings of our services, please visit our website www.applewoodunited.ca, and go to the Worship tab. You can choose 'Worship at home' for the written service, ZOOM recordings for the 'live' version. You can also call one of our friendly helpers, names and numbers listed on the last page of the AppleLog.

Our rooms and building are available for rental for special occasions and meetings. Please contact the office for more information and rates. office@applewoodunited.ca

Happy Easter!

NEW

Along with the bulletin this week, you will find a special Easter envelope. Please consider making a donation to celebrate Easter. Unless indicated, your contribution will be split between local and Mission & Service. If you are not able to join us in person, please consider mailing a cheque, or using Interac Etransfer.

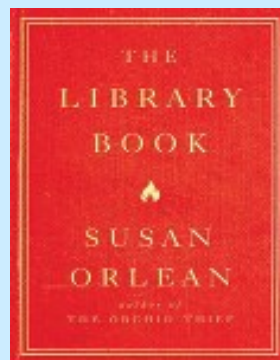
A new way of giving is by scanning the QR code shown on the right or on the back page of the bulletin, which links to CanadaHelps. Thank you for caring, and sharing with Applewood.



Your Stewardship Team

Book Club – March 2024

We will meet next on Wednesday, **Mar. 27 at 1:00 pm** in the parlour to talk about "**The Library Book**" by Susan Orlean.



A massive fire at the Los Angeles Public Library, the importance that libraries play in our lives. This is a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

Goodreads website summary click [here](#).

If you would like to join the group or have any questions you can contact [Lynda Kudrewatych](#).

The Applewood Auction is Here (Almost)



We all love our Church. We draw great spiritual and emotional support from it now, as we have for many years. We count on it being there for us in the months and years ahead.

A major cash infusion over the next few months would be very helpful!

But from where? We are already personally giving what we can in our regular offerings, and other income, like from the solar panels or our on-going rental of space, is pretty much maxed out. What to do?



Join in on our forthcoming, mostly virtual auction, which has been described in great detail in the previous two AppleLogs. If you haven't read them, please go back and do so now. The time to donate to the virtual auction is now.

An auction needs two things. Items to sell and bidders prepared to buy. First, we need everybody in the congregation to donate items for auction:

THINGS like jars of your aunt's amazing pickle relish, Christmas baking to be delivered at Church on Advent 2, your gently-used but no longer wanted snowblower or lawnmower, plants or produce from your garden, ...

SERVICES like leaf raking, skating or poker lessons, arranging a pre-schooler birthday party, ...

EVENTS like an afternoon drive in the country or a shopping trip to the St. Jacob's Market. If you have season tickets or a subscription series to a cultural event, donate the ones you cannot use. How about a pool party and BBQ in your backyard on a Sunday in July? Etc.

DINING OUT Offer a dinner in your home, your choice of theme and date. Always popular!

DONATE NOW!



How to Do That? An e-mail to AppleAuction-24@gmail.com with your name, phone no. (not for publication but lets us contact you if we need a clarification), description of your item and a minimum bid you would need to see to part with your item.

OR, put that information on a piece of paper and place it in the box in the narthex on Sunday morning.

Do you have questions about your possible donation? E-mail us at AppleAuction24@gmail.com and we will give you our suggestions and advice.

Mike Miller on behalf of the Stewardship Committee



St. Patrick's Day Apple Jam

Lots of fun at The St. Patrick's Day Apple Jam last Sunday night. People wore green and some sang Irish music to make it a festive night. The evening came to an end with the Applewood Choir serenading the room with "The Olde Irish Blessing". What an amazing community sharing an evening together. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you! (Performers, tech crew, kitchen crew, attendees, set up, clean up, posters....) Thank you - looking forward to the next one.



**FOOD
BANKS**
MISSISSAUGA

The Outreach Committee will be holding a Food Drive Donation Drop Off at Applewood United Church to support Food Banks Mississauga on Saturday March 23rd from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

Non-perishable items only and please check the expiration dates.

Most urgent needed items are juice packs, cooking oil and tuna. Other food required is peanut butter, pasta and sauces, canned vegetables and fruits, rice, cereal, soups, stews, mac and cheese, along with baby food and formula.

Members of the committee will be on site to accept your food or monetary donation directly from your vehicle. Any cheques are to be made payable to **Food Banks Mississauga**.

Enter through the parking lot and exit by the church.

If you're not available on those days you can make a donation online [here](#).

Thank you, Leslie West on behalf of the Outreach Committee

Lives in Transition

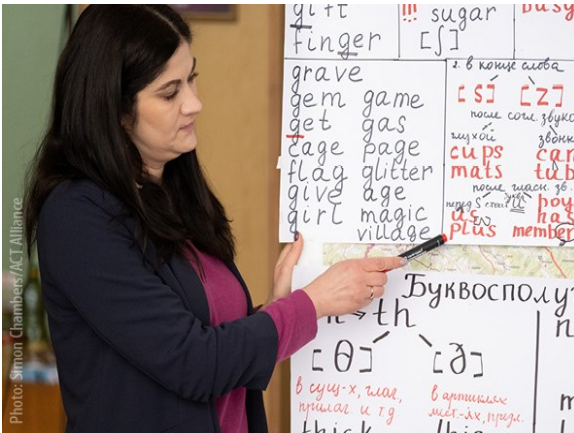
We hope this space in the AppleLog will allow the community to share news - joyful and sad - about their friends and family, former members of Applewood, or others who may be known in our faith community. Please send your notes to editor@applewoodunited.ca by Wednesday morning each week. We will continue to inform you directly of deaths in the Applewood family when we have that information to share.

Mission and Service

NEW

This Easter, we are supporting Ukrainians as they heal from war.

Today's gift supports this and other crucial education programs across Canada and around the world!



The war in Ukraine has been raging for almost two full years. In that time, thousands of Ukrainians have been displaced: forced to leave their homes and move to safety elsewhere, either in another city, another country, or another continent entirely. Can you imagine what it would be like to have to pack up your entire life to flee from danger? How stressful and traumatic would that experience be?

In Sambir, Ukraine, a town west of Lviv, an English teacher is doing her best to help her fellow Ukrainians. She's running a class where the objective is not to get good grades or learn the curriculum, but rather to foster connection and relationships with each other through education.

The class—supported by Mission and Service partner ACT Alliance—is part of a broader psychosocial support program in Ukraine. Ilona gets her students to study at their own pace, using her classes as an excuse for displaced Ukrainians to meet and talk to each other and share their experiences. Learning in person—which is only possible thanks to your support—does so much more than teach English lessons: It creates community where there was none before. And in that community, these Ukrainian students can begin to process and heal from their trauma.

This Easter, we are working to encourage each other and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11) through supporting education programs across Canada and around the world. Your gifts to Mission and Service support incredible programs—like this English class! Together, we can create new learning opportunities for people to come together.

Your gifts through Mission and Service will help create comfort through community in Ukraine—and support other education efforts across the globe. Your generosity enables the United Church to love, serve, and minister in the world. Make an online donation or learn more about your options to support the work of the church.

Kathleen Paiero on behalf of the Outreach Committee



March Dates of Significance

March 22 - World Water Day



World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about focusing attention on the importance of water and raises awareness of two billion people living without access to safe water.

This year's theme "Leverage Water for Peace" highlights the critical role water plays in the stability and prosperity of the world. Tensions between communities arise when water is scarce, polluted, or unable to be accessed. The world must unite to protect and conserve this precious resource through agreements for shared water across borders and working toward the goal of safe water and sanitation for all.

March 23 - Earth Hour



Switch off and give an Hour for Earth on Saturday, March 23rd at 8:30 pm local time. Begun in 2007, "lights off" is an opportunity for people to reflect on environmental issues and our planet. Iconic buildings and landmarks from Europe to Asia to the Americas stand in darkness.

In addition, people are encouraged to dedicate an hour of their time during the week to fostering positive environmental change through messaging politicians, educating themselves, or joining groups to cleanup and restore natural habitats.

March 25 - International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade



For over 400 years, more than 15 million men, women and children were the victims of the horrendous transatlantic slave trade, one of the darkest chapters in human history.

Every year on 25 March, the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade offers the opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system. An outreach program has

been established to educate the public, especially young people, on the causes, consequences, and lessons of the slave trade and to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice today.

Submitted by Sophie Cook

Applewood Playgroup



Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30—11:30 am for our Applewood Playgroup, If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let them know. All are welcome! Annemaria Bakker

Frauds and Scams

Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 pm



Join us for a
presentation by Peel
Regional Police
Crime Prevention
Regional Community
Mobilization

Refreshments will be served! All welcome!

Contact the church office at
office@applewoodunited.ca
for the Zoom link.



Compassionate Care Team
Applewood United Church
2067 Stanfield Rd, Mississauga

From the Affirming Committee



If you were considering seeing an Indigenous play or film, now is the time to do so! There have been many new theatre productions created in recent years, as more audiences are becoming aware of and interested in Indigenous theatre. And, whereas a decade or two ago, plays focused on residential schools and other trauma-filled topics, recently Indigenous playwrights are exploring humour, joy and celebration in their plays. Please read more [here](#).
Submitted by Christina Miller



The Moderator's Easter Message



In her [Easter message](#), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne's hope for the church is that we will know that even in our deepest grief the risen Christ will show up, call us by name, and remind us that this is not the end of our story. Watch it now on our [YouTube Channel](#).

[Image credit: The United Church of Canada/Moderator Carmen Lansdowne]

The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - March 19, 2024



Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

Contact: Roy Hicks 905-625-3018 or hicksr2014@gmail.com



Computer Help



If you need help accessing ZOOM, our 'Worship at Home' links, or our website, please call one of the volunteers below. They are 'standing by' to help! Rev Joanne

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There may be a small charge for this service, depending on your bank plan.

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