

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

*"Planting seeds -
watching them grow."*

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Our August trip to Japan! Christina and Hugh Miller



Old Ceremonial Tea House
Kinkaku-ji Temple



Golden Pavilion



Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine
Kyoto



A bamboo forest in Kyoto

Pastoral Care Coverage

Emergency pastoral care coverage is being provided for Applewood by Rev. Heather Weaver-Orosz, Minister at Christ First from September 8 to October 11. Her contact info is:

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Worshipping with Applewood United - September 20

UPDATE

Join us this Sunday at Applewood United Church or on ZOOM for worship led by Cheryl Henry. An informal refreshment time will follow the service if volunteers are available. If you are attending on ZOOM, a direct link will be emailed as an attachment on Friday, 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.

Announcer - Karen Caskey

Greeter - Leslie West

Sound - Wayne Detcher

Reader - Mike Miller

Usher - Bob Emerson

Tech - Elizabeth Miller

Refreshments - Glenna Armour and Lynn Detcher

Meetings and Events - Week of September 20

UPDATE

Sunday	September 20	10:30 am	Creation Time 2 - Cheryl Henry, LLWL
Wednesday	September 23	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
		7:00 pm	Affirming Committee Meeting (B)
Thursday	September 24	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, September 27	10:30 am	Creation Time 3 - Applewood Affirming Committee Orange Shirt Sunday
Sunday, October 4	10:30 am	World Communion Sunday - Rev. Charlie Hogg
Sunday, October 11	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Sunday - Rev. Charlie Hogg

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am -3:00 pm**, Blooming Boulevards is hosting its "Celebrate Fall!" Plant Sale (1295 Mineola Gardens, Miss.) featuring 35+ beautiful native species to help your garden thrive and support local biodiversity. Come shop, bring a friend, and plant with purpose.
- **Tuesday, September 22, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm** is the grand opening of Big Canoe Indigenous Market at Erin Mills Town Centre. The store, owned and operated by Jared Big Canoe, will carry Indigenous fashion blends and handmade crafts, jewelry, art pieces, homewares, and offer cultural education, healing sessions, powwow music and grandfather drums.
- **Wednesday, September 23, 12:00 pm**, United Church communities of faith across the country are invited to stand in solidarity with Grassy Narrows by amplifying the community's message or joining the United Church contingent at the River Run. The Toronto rally begins at noon at Grange Park. [Learn more](#) and join the call for mercury justice. More information on page 4.

Fall AppleLog Editions

For the next few months please help us keep the AppleLog vibrant by sending photos and news, for example, of the places you've visited or the folks you are visiting with, your gardens or the gardens you've seen. Thank you! Please send emails to - editor@applewoodunited.ca.

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 has developed a **Media Policy** to ensure that the content included in all our 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 (Zoom, when available). We work to stay connected via our [Facebook page](#), Instagram (applewoodunitedchurch), 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

NEW

Health and Safety



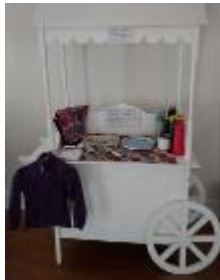
As flu/RSV season approaches, we will once again be running the air scrubbers, purchased

during covid, on a weekly basis in the sanctuary and throughout the building. We hope this will improve air quality within the church and help reduce the spread of infectious diseases on an ongoing basis.

Ian Prentice
Administration Team

NEW

Lost and Found



Back by popular demand! "Does this belong to you?" Please take your lost item home. Articles are on the beverage cart in the Ann Graham Community Hall. Thank you on behalf of the 'Lost & Found Box'. Administration Team

NEW

Do you regularly wear your name tag for Sunday Worship? Have you thought it would be a good idea but just haven't bothered? With all the pulpit supply that we have scheduled until Rev. Cindy arrives...give it a thought. It is nice for all visitors to know who they are speaking with. Lynda Kudrewatych

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.

On Sept. 23rd at 12 pm, beginning at Grange Park and walking to Queen's Park, Grassy Narrows First Nation youth, leaders, and community members will travel 1,700 km to Toronto for River Run 2026. Grassy Narrows is home to the longest-running Indigenous blockade in Canadian history, which has helped save 15 million trees from being cut.



While some victories have been won over many years, this year Grassy Narrows is calling on Ontario and Canada to:

1. Compensate everyone in Grassy Narrows fairly for the mercury crisis.
2. End the pollution by stopping the Dryden mill and ending mining and nuclear waste plans that threaten Grassy Narrows.
3. Support Grassy Narrows in restoring their community and way of life from the damage that mercury has done.

You can register here - <https://actionnetwork.org/events/river-run-2026>

If you want to show up for the rally and speeches only, I'm guessing about 1:30 pm at Queen's Park.

Submitted by Brian McIntosh for the Affirming Committee

NEW

At the spring meeting of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council the following motion was passed:

MOTION:

1. That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council direct the Executive Minister to write a letter to the federal government in opposition to bill C12;
2. And to write to the General Council executive encouraging them to continue their actions against this bill.
3. And to promote the UCC resource to do more to share this story among individual congregations so they get to know of these realities so they can mobilize to protest Bill C12.

Items #1 and #2 have taken place, and now it is time for the members of our Communities of Faith to be asked to act. Below is the link to the General Council Resource for writing a letter in opposition of bill C12- which has created great risks to refugees and asylum seekers here in Canada.

Please read the information put out by the UCC about how this bill is hurting vulnerable people, and consider writing a letter by using the tool below. Thank you for your prayers, and work on an issue that affects all of us as Canadians.

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/refugee-claimants-canada-deserve-full-protection>

Submitted by Anne Moore, Regional Council Representative

September Dates of Significance

NEW

September 21 - World Alzheimer's Day



Alzheimer's disease is a form of dementia that affects memory and impairs daily function. It was first identified in 1901 by Alois Alzheimer, a German psychiatrist, while treating a 50-year-old German woman. Over 55 million people around the world suffer from some form of dementia. New diagnostics and disease-modifying treatments for Alzheimer's disease are being developed which can slow the progression of the condition. The theme for 2026 is "Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's Disease" and emphasizes the importance of early recognition of symptoms and the benefits of a timely diagnosis.

In 1994, Alzheimer's Disease International (a group founded to support and educate) launched World Alzheimer's Day in Edinburgh at their annual conference. In 2012, September was declared to be Alzheimer's month. Throughout September, educational seminars and conferences, and fundraising events aim to raise awareness, promote early diagnosis, support caregivers and challenge the stigma around Alzheimer's disease and all types of dementia.

September 21 - International Day of Peace



The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the day as a period of non-violence and cease fire, a day devoted to the ideals of peace.

The theme for September 21, 2026 is "Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day" and honours the "everyday architects of peace" who speak up against hate, discrimination and inequality, and practise respect and embrace diversity in their daily lives.

"Peace is not just made at conference tables, but in classrooms, neighbourhoods, and everywhere people meet with open minds and open hearts. Together, day by day, we can build a more just world, with compassion, equality and dignity for all." (UN Secretary-General António Guterres)

Submitted by Sophie Cook

Tree Removal

NEW



On September 15 and 16, Davey Tree Experts were onsite at Applewood to remove an unsafe tree on the property line that was overhanging the preschool playground. Our gratitude is extended to our neighbours on Macintosh Crescent, Randy and Sandi Sakaluk, who spearheaded and co-funded this important safety initiative.

Ian Prentice
Administration Team



The Mississauga United Churches Present

*Then Let Us Sing Together:
A Hymn Sing*



Refreshments to follow

Livestream available at:
edenunitedchurch.com

Questions?

irene@bellnet.ca

Support
Then Let
Us Sing



Support the
Mission and
Service Fund



Sunday, October 4, 2026 2:00 pm—3:30 pm
Eden United Church, 3051 Battleford Rd. Miss.

Artwork Display



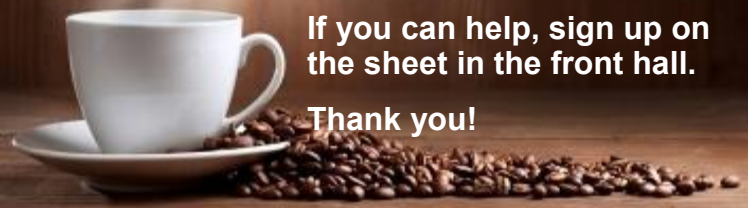
Little Champs is a local summer camp that utilizes space at Applewood when the weather is too warm or wet to carry on activities outside. At the end of their summer program the children left us drawings to thank us for letting them use the space. We will be displaying their artwork for the congregation to enjoy. Keep an eye out! Lori Coleman

Sunday Morning Coffee!

Please consider signing up
to make and serve coffee!

If you can help, sign up on
the sheet in the front hall.

Thank you!





SAVE THE DATE

Sept 25-27

Join Eagle Spirits of the Great Waters for our 6th annual Gathering & Healing weekend event

Honouring The National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

Small Arms Inspection Building
1352 Lakeshore Road, E, Mississauga
(Dixie and Lakeshore)




Eagle Spirits of the Great Waters
Indigenous Arts and Cultures

EAGLESPIRITS.CA



Join us for 3 days of Indigenous arts and cultures.

Art Mashkiki Exhibit Opening Reception

Date: Friday, Sept 25
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Small Arms Inspection Building,
1352 Lakeshore Rd E,
Mississauga

Gathering for Truth and Reconciliation

Date: Saturday, Sept 26
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Location: Small Arms Inspection Building,
1352 Lakeshore Rd E,
Mississauga

Healing Ceremony for Truth and Reconciliation

Date: Sunday, Sept 27
Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Location: TBA

For more details visit our [website Calendar](#)



Submitted by Anne Moore

PUBLIC GATHERING ON THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

**Wednesday September 30, 2026 at 12:00 pm
Humber Bay Shores Park**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
LARRY SAULT,
FORMER CHIEF OF THE
MISSISSAUGAS OF THE
CREDIT FIRST NATION**



We will gather at the *Campfire* sculpture at the end of Palace Pier Ct. along the Martin Goodman Trail.
Paid parking and transit stops are nearby.
Wear an orange shirt. Bring water & a chair if needed.

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Resources: <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/indigenous-events-awards/national-day-for-truth-reconciliation/>

Submitted by Brian McIntosh on behalf of the Affirming Committee

This is a great chance to hear from United Church global partners about the violence their communities have suffered, and what can be done to "seek justice and resist evil." Submitted by Brian McIntosh

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
MONDAY**

**DOORS OPEN:
6:00 PM**

**PROGRAM:
7:00 PM**

**EAST END UNITED CHURCH**
310 Danforth Avenue
(at Chester Subway Station)
Toronto, Ontario

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INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE

*A gathering in solidarity with
Philippine, Korean and Canadian
advocates for human rights,
dignity and justice.*

FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Tinay Palabay**
Secretary General
KARAPATAN

**Mervin Torquero**
Deputy General Secretary
National Council of Churches
in the Philippines

**Rev. Jinwoo Jeong**
Human Rights Activist
Korea
*With respondents from the
solidarity movement in Canada.*

**The United Church
of Canada**

**KARAPATAN**

**KAIROS**

**National Council of
Churches in the
Philippines**

**ICHRP**
INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

"The time is always right to do what is right."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

Contact the church office - 905-277-4162 or office@applewoodunited.ca



Paint & Sip Fundraiser



“Options Mississauga is a registered charity that provides employment readiness training to adults with intellectual delays and other exceptionalities, and has done so since 1993. This October, Karlene Bland (professional artist, and Options Mississauga art instructor) will be hosting a Paint and Sip night, where she will be guiding us through painting our own masterpiece. Tickets to this event include all materials needed to paint, a light dinner, and one glass of wine. Wine and snacks will be available to purchase at the event as well. Ticket holders will also have access to a silent auction as well.

All proceeds from this event will go towards supporting our work training programs, allowing our participants to gain skills that will help them find meaningful volunteer and paid roles in the community,”

Submitted by Christina Mulligan

The poster features a vibrant background of colorful paint splatters in shades of blue, pink, yellow, and orange. In the top left corner, there is a logo for "options MISSISSAUGA" which includes a red box icon with an upward-pointing arrow and the text "INCLUSION COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT". The main title "Paint & Sip Fundraiser" is written in a large, elegant red script font, with two small white starburst graphics to the right. Below the title, the text "19+ Event" is written in a smaller red font. A red rectangular box contains the event details: "Friday 6:00 PM" and "October 23" in white, followed by the address "151 Lakeshore Rd. West Port Credit, Mississauga" in white. To the right of this box, under the heading "What's Included", is a bulleted list of event features. Below the address box, a black box with white text states "Tickets: \$ 70 per person". At the bottom, the text "SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS" is written in large red capital letters, with the website "www.optionsmississauga.org" in smaller red text below it. A large black and white QR code is positioned at the bottom center of the poster.

options MISSISSAUGA
INCLUSION COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Paint & Sip Fundraiser

19+ Event

Friday 6:00 PM
October 23

151 Lakeshore Rd. West
Port Credit, Mississauga

Tickets: \$ 70 per person

What's Included

- Step-by-step painting session guided by an Options Art Instructor
- All painting supplies provided
- One complimentary glass of wine or sparkling water
- A light meal included with ticket
- Snacks and additional wine available to purchase
- Access to our Silent Auction

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS

www.optionsmississauga.org

Mission and Service Stories: Crossing Class Lines



What happens when people from different economic backgrounds gather around the same table? In the [Crossing Class Lines: 12-Week Bridging Team](#) program in Peterborough, sharing a home-cooked meal each week became an important part of building trust, community, and connection.



For participants—more than half of whom were living in poverty—the meals offered nourishment, dignity, and a space to share and learn from one another. Around the table, conversations about poverty, privilege, and economic difference became opportunities to build relationships and see one another's humanity.

This work also forms the foundation of [Bridging Poverty & Privilege](#), a new self-study course offered through [CHURCHx](#). Developed by Bedford House and shaped by the lived experience of people who have navigated poverty, the course invites participants to explore how social class shapes our relationships and how we can build communities rooted in dignity, mutuality, and belonging.

[Our gifts](#) through Mission and Service make this work possible. Let's [give generously](#) so people can continue learning and growing.

United Church of Canada E-ssentials - September 15, 2026

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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