

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

*“Planting seeds -  
watching them grow.”*

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### **Minister's Musings**

Happy Easter! Although most of our celebrating took place last weekend, the season of Easter in the church calendar is actually fifty days long and is rather unimaginatively named “The Great Fifty Days,” ending at Pentecost. We won’t be sharing chocolate every Sunday for the next seven weeks, but we will continue to sing our alleluias and tell the stories of new life and resurrection.

I like to think of Easter as a state of mind – an anticipation of new life arriving like the buds and blossoms on trees or like the first flowers of spring pushing up from their winter resting places. It can energize us like the warmer and more southerly breezes that accompany the showers of April. Easter can be a time when we open ourselves up to hope, just as the disciples experiencing the first Easter must have found hope.

This year, I believe we really need some extra Easter sweetness, light, and the promise of new life. The winter has been long, and those warm breezes can be hard to find. The news is filled with plans for war, and domination, destruction and endings, and the most powerful seem also to be the most out of touch with the reality of the consequences of their actions.

A little Easter attitude might help us to find some extra hope for these days, help us to look for ways that God’s shalom might be encountered, help us to continue to smile, and shout our own ‘Alleluias!’ to the world. Happy Easter indeed!



**Congratulations to our Tim Horton’s gift card winner from last week - Marisa Kohl!** Please contact Jo-Anne in the office to make arrangements for pick up. Thanks to all who participated and watch for another opportunity next month!

## Worshipping with Applewood United - April 12

**UPDATE**

This Sunday, join us at Applewood or on ZOOM for a service continuing to celebrate the Easter season and this week, Holy Humour Sunday. 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.

**Co-host - Susan Eccles**  
**Announcer - Bob Martin**  
**Reader - Bob Martin**

**Greeter - Andrew Miller**  
**Usher - Lynn Detcher**  
**Refreshments - Sophie Cook and Debbie McIntosh**

**Sound - Wayne Detcher**  
**Tech - Elizabeth Miller**

## Meetings and Events - April 12

**UPDATE**

<b>Sunday</b>	April 12	10:30 am	Holy Humour Sunday
<b>Tuesday</b>	April 14	11:00 am	Worship at Parkland on the Glen
		7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting (P)
<b>Wednesday</b>	April 15	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
<b>Thursday</b>	April 16	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (P)

## Upcoming Worship Services

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| <b>Sunday, April 19</b> | <b>10:30 am</b> | Worship marking Earth Day (April 22)  |
| <b>Sunday, April 26</b> | <b>10:30 am</b> | Regular worship service   |
| <b>Sunday, May 3</b>    | <b>10:30 am</b> | Mental Health Sunday Including prayers for Red Dress Day                    |
| <b>Sunday, May 10</b>   | <b>10:30 am</b> | Social Justice Sunday with guest speaker The Very Reverend Carmen Lansdowne |

## Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** - Kingsway-Lambton Charity Art Show & Sale (85 The Kingsway, Etobicoke). 31 carefully chosen and award-winning professional artists will showcase and sell their fine art across a variety of media. Tickets: \$10.00 online/in advance, \$15.00 at the door. <https://www.kingswaylambtonartshow.ca/>
- **Saturday April 25, 2026, 8 am - 1 pm**, Charity Flea Market at Kingsway-Lambton United Church (85 The Kingsway). Antiques & treasures, cookware & bakeware, china & silver, toys & puzzles, books & records/DVDs, sports gear, jewelry, men's, women's and children's clothing & funky fleas. BBQ & Coffee/Refreshments.
- **Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm** - the Interfaith Council of Peel will be hosting an event at Burnhamthorpe Community Center called "**Interfaith Connections for Wellbeing: Fasting, Food and Faith**". A panel discussion with speakers from a diverse range of faith traditions will share information and continue to build understanding and relationships between the many faith communities in Peel. Light refreshments will be shared as we explore the role that food – and fasting - play in our faith lives. Contact Rev. Joanne for more information, or if you might have some time or some interest in volunteering for this event.

# News You Can Use

Please remember that announcements must be received by **Nancy Beatty** at [editor@applewoodunited.ca](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@applewoodunited.ca)

## From the Affirming Committee

West End Affirm is a group of 7 affirming United Church congregations, located in the west end of Toronto and east end of Mississauga, committed to working together to plan and host events that challenge, create dialogue and educate our church congregations.

The churches include, Applewood, Humbercrest, Humber Valley, Islington, Kingsway Lambton, Royal York Road and Runnymede.

During March, April and May we are hosting a Film Festival which includes the following movies.

1946 ● Prayers for Bobby ● Small Town Pride

The events are free but we ask that you register through the following link: click [here](#).

Submitted by Anne Moore

## WEST END AFFIRM FILM SERIES

 <p><b>1946</b> THE SEGREGATION THAT SHAPED CULTURE</p>	<p><b>March 3</b> Kingsway Lambton United Church</p> <p><b>March 13</b> Royal York Road United Church</p>
<p><b>April 10</b> Islington United Church</p> <p><b>April 20</b> Humbercrest United Church</p>	 <p><b>PRAYERS FOR BOBBY</b> She loved everything about him. Except who he was.</p>
 <p><b>SMALL TOWN PRIDE</b></p>	<p><b>May 5</b> Kingsway Lambton United Church</p> <p> <b>7 pm   Free</b> Register on Eventbrite or contact church office</p>

## 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](mailto: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.

As a follow up to last month's survey and the continuing work of **Towards 2035**, town hall meetings with Mark Laird, the Executive Minister of our region are being offered. Follow the links to register and join the conversation. Rev Joanne



The poster features a blue background with a white torn-paper effect at the top. On the left, there is a logo consisting of three interlocking loops in gold, blue, and red. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Deep · Bold · Daring Toward 2035". Below this, the main title "TOWNHALL MEETING" is written in large, white, bold letters. Underneath the title, in smaller white text, it says "Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils of the United Church of Canada". On the left side, there is a white calendar icon next to the text "See schedule of dates and times below". To the right of this, there is a paragraph of text: "Please join me (Executive Minister Mark) for a time of conversation, and answering questions of 'What does Towards 2035' mean in your local context, and what resources are needed for us to be this group of: resilient, inspired, diverse contextual communities of disciples seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world!". At the bottom left, there are two red buttons: "VIA ZOOM" and "REGISTER NOW". At the bottom right, there is a colorful graphic with three overlapping shapes labeled "ARW", "HF", and "WOW".

**Deep · Bold · Daring  
Toward 2035**

# TOWNHALL MEETING

*Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario  
Waterways Regional Councils of the United Church of Canada*

 **See schedule  
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Please join me (Executive Minister Mark) for a time of conversation, and answering questions of “**What does Towards 2035**” mean in your local context, and what resources are needed for us to be this group of: resilient, inspired, diverse contextual communities of disciples seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ’s presence in the world!

**VIA ZOOM**

**REGISTER NOW**

ARW HF WOW

Please register for a time that fits your schedule:

Wed April 29th 7-830pm  
Wed May 6th 7-8:30 pm  
Tues May 12th 1:30-3pm



The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for your very generous donations to the Personal Care Drive event. It means the world to the individuals receiving these gifts that you care about their dignity.

The charities receiving these items are Our Place Peel, Wesley Urban Ministries, St Margaret's Community Church and the East Mississauga Community Health Centre. All of these organizations are supporting homeless programs at their facilities.

Leslie West on behalf of the Outreach Committee



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# JEREMY DUTCHER

IN CONCERT WITH MFC & MSO



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 @ 7:30PM  
LIVING ARTS CENTRE  
WWW.MFCHOIR.COM



WITH SPECIAL GUEST,  
DEANTHA EDMUNDS,  
AWARD-WINNING INUK SOPRANO



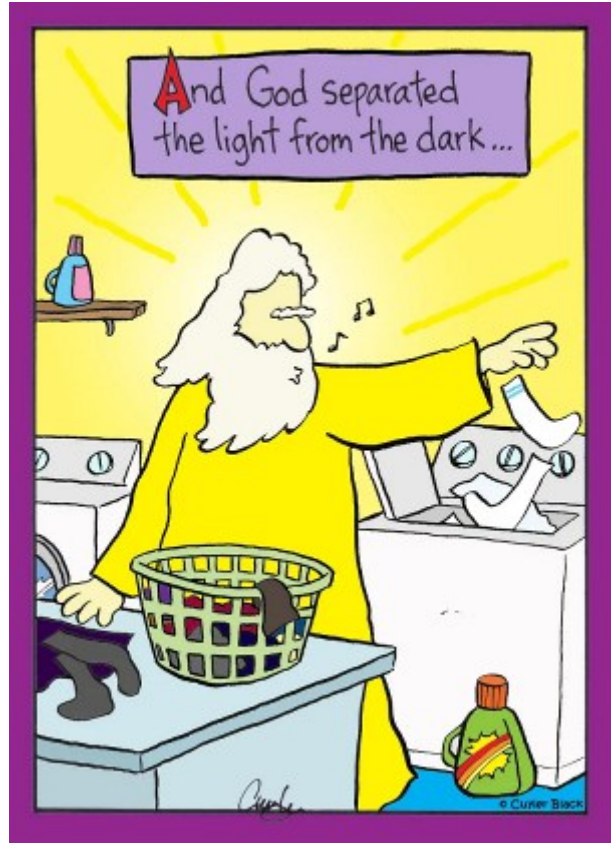

In furthering our commitment to learning more about our Indigenous neighbours, the Affirming Committee would like to invite you to the Mississauga Festival Choir's May concert. MFC will be exploring Indigenous music from across Canada, and they are bringing in Jeremy Dutcher as a special guest. Jeremy identifies as Two-Spirit and is from the Wolastoqiyik Nation in New Brunswick. Through his music he explores Wolastoq music and incorporates it with western composition, blending it with his own unique style to create gorgeous pieces. He has won the Polaris prize (twice) and Juno awards. Please consider attending the concert on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm, at the Living Arts Centre. You can purchase tickets [here](#) or at the LAC box office. And, while you're there, you can try to spot AUC's own Bob Martin and Christina Miller in the choir!

Submitted by Christina Miller



# Apple Jam Applewood United Church Sunday March 15, 2026

The community came together for a St. Patrick's Theme at the Apple Jam in March! Thank you for your support - we had fun! There were several new participants. See you next time! Christina





# Confronting Christian Antisemitism Supporting Justice for Palestinians

Webinar Series  
April 8, 15 & 22, 2026.  
10:00 – 11:30 am ET

**Presenter: Dan Epp-Tiessen**

*Retired Professor of Bible, Canadian Mennonite University (Winnipeg)*

*Facilitators: Adele Boy & Barbara Lloyd*

## Session Topics

1. How, When, and Why Did Christian Antisemitism Emerge?
2. The Devastating Consequences of Eighteen Centuries of Christian Antisemitism
3. Supporting the Palestinian Struggle for Justice While Rejecting Antisemitism

Register by April 1 at <https://forms.gle/HwpRF8LNyydLAUnK7>

*Presented by the Palestine Networks of the Shining Waters Region & East Central Ontario Region The United Church of Canada*



Submitted by Brian McIntosh

## From the Affirming Committee



As the world followed Artemis II's lunar fly by this week, [this article](#) shares with us that an Innu nation flag is tagging along for the journey. In 2023, Jeremy Hansen, the Canadian astronaut on Artemis' crew, spent time training in Kamestastin, in Northern Labrador, which holds a meteor impact crater. Not only is it an important site for the Canadian Space Agency, but it holds cultural significance for the Innu people. While there, Hansen met with Innu guardians who shared their cultural knowledge as well as knowledge about the crater, and they gifted him their flag. It was such a significant experience for Hansen that he decided to pack it into his belongings for the shuttle's mission. The Innu Nation is thrilled that a piece of their culture is on this space adventure. Please read more [here](#). Submitted by Christina Miller



YOU CALL IT THE  
"RING OF FIRE."

WE CALL IT HOME.

### KAIROS Toronto West Public Forum



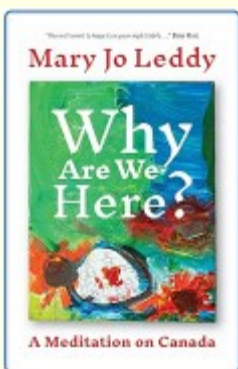
**Speaker:**  
Jamie Kneen  
National Program Co-Lead, MiningWatch Canada

**Date & Time:**  
April 25 | 2:00 PM

**Featuring:**  
Video message from Donna Ashamock  
Attawapiskat, Board Member, MiningWatch  
Canada

**Location:**  
Royal York Road United Church  
851 Royal York Road

Submitted by Brian McIntosh on behalf of the Affirming Committee



Each year your Affirming Committee chooses a book to study as one of our learning goals, and this year we chose this book by the well known Catholic sister and founder of Romero House. Writer, activist and theologian Leddy takes her readers on a fascinating journey of reflection on our time and place in this land, on our moral calling in the midst of a vast geography and an immense diversity, and on our identity-forming encounter with history, legacy and culture - and Spirit! - while taking a probing look at our relationship to both this country and to the creation as a whole. The book was written in response to a single lingering question offered by a Tsimshian chief to one of the first European explorers as they arrived on the Pacific northwest coast, a question that still haunts our souls as we pursue meaning and purpose in the context of a faith-based approach to life, namely: "Why are you here?"

This book sparked some wonderful conversations in our meetings, and our Committee commends it to others. We have one copy in our church library, and if you'd like to pursue purchasing the book for approx. \$15, speak to Brian McIntosh.

## There Is Still Time to Make a Difference Through Mission and Service



Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Resurrection inspires a spirit of gratitude and generosity that we can carry throughout the year. Thank you for sharing the story of Mission and Service in your community. You can keep that momentum going by continuing to use the resources on the [Mission and Service in Worship page](#) and sharing the [Easter Impact Report](#) to highlight your community's impact. There is still time to invite participation through our [donation link](#), supporting rural ministries in Canada and globally.

*The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - April 7, 2026*



### Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

Contact the church office - 905-277-4162 or [office@applewoodunited.ca](mailto:office@applewoodunited.ca)



### 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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Anne Moore 905-279-0557 - Christina Miller 416-436-9234  
Len Vantol 905-823-0574 - Blair Carruthers 905-275-5724/647-609-5723



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