

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

*“Planting seeds -
watching them grow.”*

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Minister's Musings

This coming Sunday, folk throughout North America will mark Mother's Day. For some it is a day to lavish some extra attention on our moms, or those who have been like mothers to us. For some it may be a day to remember special women in their lives, and for many it means purchasing cards, flowers and/or some kind of gift. I am always a bit amused by the advertisements for this day, telling us that a diamond or chocolates or a new phone or another gadget or a piece of jewelry will REALLY tell mom that you love her!

The founder of Mother's Day in the US and subsequently Canada was NOT amused by the rapid commercialism of Mother's Day. She had envisioned, and promoted it, as "an occasion for honoring the sacrifices individual mothers made for their children," according to History.com. She persisted in writing letters until the second Sunday in May was designated as Mother's Day in 1914 by then President Woodrow Wilson. But soon afterwards, Anna Jarvis, who had fought long and hard for the day of recognition for moms, became disillusioned with what the holiday had become, and actually worked to eradicate it.

It is true that, like Valentine's Day, we are 'told' that we should buy a card, buy a gift, and generally spend our money as a way of showing our appreciation to moms and mom figures. I know that for many folk, this day is bittersweet or even painful because of loss and grief – mourning relationships that are broken, or never had a chance to grow, or have ended. I know for sure I am not the only one who has been in tears while choosing an appropriate Mother's Day card.

Yet still this holiday persists, like the accompanying Father's Day in June. There is nothing wrong with honouring those who have shaped us, those who have birthed us, those who for some have chosen us, those who love and have loved us. I would argue, as a mom of four, (and even though I do enjoy receiving presents) that the gift of time and presence are the most precious ones of all, as Anna Jarvis had imagined. They are certainly the most God-like gifts, and can help us remember that we also have a loving parent in Creator God.

I wish God's blessings on all who are celebrating Mother's Day this year in some way, and especially for all those who might shed a tear this day as well.

Worshipping with Applewood United - May 10

UPDATE

This Sunday, join us at Applewood or on ZOOM for Social Justice Sunday with the Sacrament of Communion and guest preacher The Very Reverend Carmen Lansdowne. 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 - Erin Doherty
Announcer - Sharon Konyen
Reader - Sharon Konyen

Greeter - Peter Kite
Usher - Bryan Bakker
Refreshments - The Outreach Committee

Sound - Wayne Detcher
Tech - Len Vantol

Meetings and Events - May 10

UPDATE

Sunday	May 10	10:30 am	Social Justice Sunday and Communion with The Very Reverend Carmen Lansdowne
Monday	May 11	12:00 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting (P)
Tuesday	May 12	11:00 am	Worship at Parkland on the Glen
		7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting (P)
Wednesday	May 13	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
Thursday	May 14	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (P)

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, May 17	10:30 am	Victoria Day long weekend
Sunday, May 24	10:30 am	Pentecost with the band
Sunday, May 31	10:30 am	Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 7	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 14	10:30 am	Pride Sunday



Minister's Spring Tea



You are invited to join us on Friday afternoon, May 29, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm for a special Spring Tea.

Music, games, goodies, and of course tea and coffee provided. All are welcome! RSVP to the office if you know you are able to attend. Rev. Joanne

Downsizing



As Rev. Joanne prepares for retirement, she is working to find new homes for some of her books and other items that have been part of her ministry here at Applewood.

If you are interested in a book or some other memento of her time here, please contact her, or watch for items that need to be 're-housed' to be displayed.

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

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for **June 7**. All Annual Report submissions should be in to the office no later than **May 11**. Please send to the [office email](#), no longer than a half page for each committee or group submission.

ANNUAL REPORT

Please send all Committee Lists to [Lynda Kudrewatysh](#), even if there are no changes.

Jo-Anne Prentice on behalf of the AUC Executive.

YOU and Applewood United Church

There are many ways to be part of our faith family here at Applewood United. Some of us are 'adherents' who are active in the life of the community but not 'full' members, some of us have more casual connections, and some of us are 'full' members with a more formal connection.

If you would be interested in exploring your membership and connection to Applewood, with a view to becoming full members of the community, please reach out to Rev. Joanne before May 10.

Lights! Camera! Action!

Applewood will be the filming site for a TV production on Thursday, May 21. A variety of crew members will likely be on site throughout the week of May 18 performing prep & wrap work. Access to the building may be limited on these days, especially the sanctuary, upstairs area & parking. Please contact Ian Prentice for details regarding access. Ian Prentice - Rental Coordinator

NEW

Happy Retirement!

Retirement Luncheon - Save the Date!

As we enter the last few weeks of Rev. Joanne Hedge's ministry at Applewood United Church, we want you to know that we're planning a special Retirement Luncheon celebration to take place after her last Service on June 28th, beginning at 12:30 pm. More plans will be communicated at a later date, but we hope that you will join us - and if you have any digital pictures that could become part of a slideshow of memories, please send them to the church office by June 12th at the latest. Submitted on behalf of the Retirement Luncheon Planning Committee

Applewood United Financial Recap March 2026 L. Coleman

	March Actuals	March YTD 2026	March YTD 2025
local	34,437	83,162	67,057
M&S	4,374	13,427	14,221
Total Receipts	38,811	96,589	81,278
Operating exp	30,583	85,415	84,900
M&S	4,374	13,427	14,221
Total Expenses	34,958	98,843	99,121
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,854	(2,253)	(17,843)



Lunch and Learn Film and Discussion - May 31



Your Affirming Committee will be hosting its last pre-summer Lunch and Learn after worship on May 31st in the parlour, during which we will show a 22-minute documentary film entitled *Finding Peter Bryce* and then lead a brief discussion about truth and reconciliation. More about the film next week, but please save the date and plan to join us. All are welcome to sign up to register your planned attendance.

Submitted by Brian McIntosh on behalf of the Affirming Committee



May Dates of Significance

May 12 - International Nurses Day



International Nurses Day is celebrated on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, an English nurse often called the founder of professional nursing. In 1870, she established the first nursing school in London, England.

The theme for 2026 is: Our Nurses. Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives. This year's theme emphasizes the need for safe and fair work environments, full nursing practice, leadership opportunities and opportunities to participate in shaping healthcare systems. Over half of the healthcare workers in the world are nurses. Protecting, respecting, and valuing nurses and the valuable work they do in health care leads to advancing quality patient care throughout the world.

Submitted by Sophie Cook



Underwear/Diaper Drive



The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation from the bottom of our hearts for your very generous donations to the Underwear and Diaper Drive event. It means the world to the individuals receiving these gifts that you care about their dignity.

The charities receiving these items are Wesley Urban Ministries, Our Place Peel, 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



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.

From the Affirming Committee



We are excited to welcome to Applewood The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne on May 10th. She is the guest speaker for our Social Justice Sunday worship as we celebrate 12 years of being an Affirming congregation. Rev. Lansdowne is Past Moderator of the United Church of Canada and is currently the Assistant Professor of United Church of Canada Studies, Emmanuel College, Victoria University in the University of Toronto.

Submitted by Anne Moore

NEW

Despite the dire news coming out of the United States regarding their cuts to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion projects and policies, I'd like to share a good news story about a grass-roots organization that supports and educates Indigenous queer folks in Minnesota. There remains hope that, even without federal funding, groups of people are willing to make a difference in support of each other. Please read more [here](#).

Submitted by Christina Miller


THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF PEEL INVITES YOU TO *JOIN US!*
Interfaith Connections For Well-Being
Fasting, Food and Faith

  

Wed May 20th, 6:30-8:30pm
2026
Mississauga Valley Community Centre
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd

ALL ARE WELCOME
RSVP REQUESTED InterfaithCouncilPeel@gmail.com

Learn more about **ICP**

 

Trillium Health Partners has launched a real-time dashboard showing estimated emergency room wait times at Mississauga and Credit Valley hospitals.

<https://www.thp.ca/emergency/A/visit.html#starthere>

NEW



Mission and Service - Held in Hope



On Mother's Day, we give thanks for mothers and for all those who carry a mother's love. Those who nurture, protect, and keep going through great responsibility, often while carrying more than they can easily name.

In January 2025, in the Eastern Carpathian Mountains of Ukraine, a retreat in Tukhlya offered mothers and children a chance to step away from the pressures of daily survival and receive care. Through ACT Alliance, ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid welcomed families who had been displaced by war or were living near the frontlines into a space of rest and support. Read more [here](#).

Our gifts to Mission and Service help make this care possible, [make your gift today](#).

The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - May 5, 2026



Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

Contact the church office - 905-277-4162 or 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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