

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

*“Planting seeds -  
watching them grow.”*

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**Minister's Musings**

I have just arrived at Five Oaks and looking forward to some retreat time in this beautiful space with ministry colleagues.



**The early bird gets the worm – or the \$10 Tim Horton's gift card!** Hidden throughout the AppleLog this week are **flowers** (not counting the ones on the globe on page 5) ready for you to discover as you read. The first person to find them all – and contact our AppleLog editor [Nancy Beatty](#) with the correct number - will be the winner! This is our thanks to the congregation for continuing to read and learn about the news at Applewood UC! The winner will be announced in next week's AppleLog.

## Worshipping with Applewood United - June 7

**UPDATE**

This Sunday, join us at Applewood or on ZOOM for worship and the Annual Congregational Meeting. 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 - Carol Culbert**  
**Reader - Carol Culbert**

**Greeter - Don Steen**  
**Usher - Hugh Miller**  
**Refreshments - Outreach Committee**

**Sound - Elizabeth Miller**  
**Tech - William Miller**

## Meetings and Events - Week of June 7

**UPDATE**

<b>Sunday</b>	June 7	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	June 9	11:00 am	Worship at Parkland on the Glen
		7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting (P)
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 10	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
<b>Thursday</b>	June 11	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir practice (P)

## Upcoming Worship Services

<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Pride Sunday
<b>Sunday, June 21</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Indigenous Day of Prayer
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Rev. Joanne's last Sunday at Applewood
<b>Sunday, July 5, 12, 19, 26</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship at Westminster United Church
<b>Sunday, August 2</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship returns to Applewood



## Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, June 14, 2:00 pm**, Sheridan United will be having a Covenanting Service for their new minister, Rev. Julia Ye. There will be a fellowship time after the service.

## Annual Congregational Meeting



The Applewood United Church community will meet for its Annual Congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 7** during worship. The Agenda in the form of a worship bulletin, minutes of previous meetings, Committee List and the Annual Report are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please only take a paper copy if you need one. If you would like a paper copy before Sunday, please contact the [office](#).

# 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)

### Shared Summer Services

NEW



Applewood will once again be sharing summer services with our Westminster United Church friends when we will join together for worship in each other's spaces.

Westminster will host services at 10 a.m. on July 5, 12, 19 & 26. Sunday worship will return to Applewood on August 2nd at 10:30 am.

The Worship Committee



### Parking Lot Rehabilitation

NEW

Parking lot rehabilitation at Applewood UC is scheduled for July 6-9 (weather permitting). The work will be undertaken by Sure-Seal Pavement Maintenance Inc. It will include crack filling, pothole repair, resealing and line painting. There will be no access to the parking lot while the work is being completed. Please contact Ian Prentice at 416-951-9281 or [ian.prentice@sympatico.ca](mailto:ian.prentice@sympatico.ca) with any questions or concerns.

Ian Prentice, Administration Committee

## 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. Some of these items will be placed on a table outside the parlour soon. Please help yourself, and help Rev. Joanne to 're-home' some items!



Join us to celebrate Reverend  
Joanne's ministry!  
On June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the  
Ann Graham Community Hall

➔ **RSVP's to the Church Office  
must be received no later than June 12th** ➔

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

Do you have a fond memory or story to share; know a musical selection that is a favourite of Reverend Joanne? There will be a limited opportunity to offer these gifts during the gathering. If you are interested, please speak to Christina Mulligan.

Come and wish Reverend Joanne a



### **Applewood United Church Foster Child Brenda Mirayla Lopez Alonzo**



Brenda turned 13 years old on May 5 and lives with her parents and younger brother and sister. Her mother is a housewife and her father is a subsistence farmer. They grow corn for their own consumption which is made into tortillas. They are Catholic, speak Spanish and live in Jalapa, Guatemala.

She attends primary school which takes less than 30 minutes to reach. Her favorite activity is math. Brenda has completed all her basic vaccinations, is healthy and has not suffered from any serious illness. The nearest health facility is about a half an hour away.

The family's main source of water is a well that is close by. Brenda and her parents live in a house made of adobe with a metal roof and earth floor. They use wood for cooking and there is a latrine nearby with a flushing toilet.

It's that time of year where our continuing support for our foster child Brenda Mirayla Lopez Alonzo is needed. There will be a display table set up in the AGCH **after worship on Sunday June 7th** for you to make a donation. If you cannot make it to church that day you may send an e-transfer, mail or drop off a cheque made out to Applewood United Church with the words foster child in the memo.

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](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.

### Carol Allison

Since 1962, Carol and Murray Allison, lived and raised their family in the Applewood Heights neighbourhood. They began worshipping at the local United Church when it was located in the gym at Dixie Public School. Eventually they relocated to the newly built little white wooden church on Constitution Blvd., and later were part of the team to oversee the larger church building officially called St. Luke's on-the-Hill. Much of Mum's life centred around that congregation of close friendships. After the amalgamation of Applewood, Bethesda and St. Luke's, Mum remained a committed member of the church, volunteering and continuing to sing in the choir. As her memory and mobility began to fail, she stepped away from active duties, but continued to worship, attending the Zoom services when she moved into Beechwood Retirement Community.

Mum successfully moved from Mississauga to Guelph on May 8, and is now living at The Village of Arbour Trails, a lovely retirement home 7 minutes away from me (a nice change from the hour or so it took along a busy 401). Mum is settling into her new apartment, meeting new friends and getting to spend more time with me.

A special thank you goes to the ministry team who provided the monthly services at Beechwood that Mum enjoyed so much, and to Leslie West who, without fail, delivered the AppleLog, order of service, sermons, cards and notes, and other items faithfully to Mum each week. Now in Guelph, she will continue to read the AppleLog and keep in touch with her Mississauga friends as best she can.

If you wish to connect with Carol, please contact Jo-Anne in the church office.

Kind regards,  
Laura (on behalf of Carol)

## June Dates of Significance

NEW

### June 5 - World Environment Day



World  
Environment Day

Led by the UN Environment Program and held annually since 1973, World Environment Day in 2026 will focus on urgent climate action. The United Nations Environment Program works on a global platform (over 143 countries) of organizations, governments, and individuals to create and sustain climate action, nature action and chemical and pollution action. This year's events, hosted by Azerbaijan, will spotlight the signals the Earth is sending- melting glaciers, heatwaves, wildfires, and rising seas and focus on immediate and meaningful action to reduce carbon emissions, and to create climate resistance and sustainable development.

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### June 8 - World Oceans Day



The World Oceans Day theme for 2026 is: "Sustainable Fishing Means More" focuses on sustainable practices to maintain healthy marine ecosystems. The Action Theme continues to be "Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet" which highlights protecting biodiversity beyond national interests to international/global commitments. The oceans cover about 70% of the planet. They produce at least 50% of the planet's oxygen and absorb 30% of CO2 produced by humans. An estimated 40 million people are employed by ocean-based industries. The UN decade of Ocean Science (2020-2030) is

looking to international co-operation for scientific research and sustainable technologies to "conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources".

Submitted by Sophie Cook

### Minister's Spring Tea - Friday, May 29





## June is Pride Month !!!!!

Join our fellow affirming ministries in Mississauga in support of the 2S/LGBTQIA+ community. Attend a Pride flag raising in Mississauga.

 **June 10 at 10:00 am at Peel Region Police Headquarters, 7150 Mississauga Rd.**

 **Speaker and fundraiser lunch follows.**

### Participating Congregations

- Applewood UC
- Christ First UC
- Eden UC
- Erin Mills UC
- Meadowvale Community Church



**Speak to your Affirming Team for details.**



# RISING COLOURS

MISSISSAUGA QUEER ARTS SHOWCASE



Join us on Friday, June 12 for a summer evening of celebrating Mississauga's 2SLGBTQ+ community, including a special feature from Sydney Nicholson!

Enjoy a variety of stage performances and browse through vendor displays, all made by local queer artists! Free refreshments are provided.

Huge thanks to the Mississauga Arts Council, RAMA Gaming House, and the Charitable Gaming Foundation for their generous sponsorship through the Matchmaker Microgrant Program, and the Affirming Hearts in Action Committee from Christ First United Church for providing their beautiful venue and hospitality.

**Location:** Christ First United Church Auditorium, 1700 Mazo Cres.

**Time:** doors + vendors 6:30 pm, Performances 7:00 pm

**Registration:** Click [here](#)!

Please note: As an Affirmed United Church, Christ First United has made many public statements regarding their dedication to celebrating and uplifting the 2SLGBTQ+ community. *RISING COLOURS* has ensured that the event will be **completely secular** with no religious imagery present in the event space. We would like this information to be upfront to potential participants, as both the committee and event leaders are aware of the painful history between queer people and the Church. If you would like to learn more about Christ First's Affirming Program, check out <https://www.christfirst.ca/affirming>

Submitted by Anne Moore



Celebrate National Indigenous People's Day at our annual community BBQ. All are welcome to attend this family friendly event. Enjoy BBQ food including Indigenous-inspired and vegetarian. Enjoy live music by Dwayne LaForme's Blues Band. Shop hand-crafted items from Indigenous vendors. Rain or shine under the tents.



**EAGLE SPIRITS OF THE GREAT WATERS INVITES YOU TO A FREE**

# COMMUNITY BBQ

**IN CELEBRATION OF**

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



**JUNE 21**



**LIVE MUSIC!**



### EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Join us for a BBQ as we celebrate and honour our Indigenous relatives! Enjoy a delicious meal with us - vegan options available! Be sure to bring a chair if you have one!

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 21, 2026 12:30-3:00pm

**WHERE:** Unitarian Congregation in Mississauga,  
84 South Service Rd.

**NEW LOCATION!**





**EVENT DETAILS:**

**Date & Time:**  
 June 11th 2026 from 7pm to 9pm

**Location:**  
 Applewood United Church  
 2067 Stanfield Rd, Mississauga

**Whos Invited?**  
**Everyone!!**  
 Especially Venturers, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Year Scouts, Scouters, friends, and family members

—————> [RSVP Link](#) <————

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 Visit our website!  
<https://www.npema.ca>  
 Contact us! [Info@npema.ca](mailto:Info@npema.ca)

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Come and join NPEMA MedVents for our Open House and discover exciting opportunities in medical first response and community service! Meet our team, explore hands-on activities, and learn how you can join the adVenture! Whether you're looking to build lifesaving skills or make new friends, there's a place for you with MedVents.



**NPEMA MedVents meets at Applewood on Thursday nights**



## Happy Pride: A Message of Apology, Healing, and Radical Belonging



In 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and communities—naming the real harm caused through words, actions, silence, and systems that failed to protect and affirm God’s beloved people.

[The Moderator's Pride Message](#) reflects on that apology—not as an ending, but as a beginning. A threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation. Pride is more than celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance. It is a witness to the sacred truth that every identity rooted in love and authenticity is a divine gift. Radical belonging is not optional—it is at the heart of the Gospel.

May we continue the work of becoming a church that learns, acts with courage, and lives out love in word and deed. Happy Pride.

*United Church of Canada E-ssentials - June 2, 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

Erin Doherty (evenings) 647-209-1677 - Jo-Anne Prentice 905-272-4424

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

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