

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

*“Planting seeds -  
watching them grow.”*

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**Minister's Musings**

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, a new waterfront trail and conservation area opened in Mississauga. It is called the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area, and will be a refreshed habitat for birds, butterflies, and other local plants and creatures. Visiting that day, it was a wonderful reminder that we can, and do, choose to “live with respect in creation.” When we make that choice as a community, we create opportunities for folk to encounter the sacred in our shared spaces – our city’s ‘backyard’ as it were. For now, until the trail is completed, access is most direct from Marie Curtis Park in Etobicoke. Hope you take an opportunity to visit!



## Worshipping with Applewood United - June 21

**UPDATE**

This Sunday, join us at Applewood or on ZOOM for worship in which we will recognize National Indigenous People's Day. 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 -**  
**Announcer - Hugh Miller**  
**Reader - Hugh Miller**

**Greeter - Marie Doney**  
**Usher - Jack Doney**  
**Refreshments - Glenna Armour and Sophie Cook**

**Sound - The Carruthers**  
**Tech - The Carruthers**

## Meetings and Events - Week of June 21

**UPDATE**

<b>Sunday</b>	June 21	10:30 am	National Indigenous People's Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 24	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
<b>Thursday</b>	June 25	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		12:00 am	Knitting Circle lunch at Jan Pelletterio's

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Sunday, June 28**                      **10:30 am**                      Rev. Joanne's last Sunday at Applewood  
**Sunday, July 5, 12, 19, 26**                      **10:00 am**                      Worship at Westminster United Church  
**Sunday, August 2**                      **10:30 am**                      Worship returns to Applewood

**NEW**

**From the Affirming Committee:** Sunday, May 10th was Social Justice Sunday at Applewood. We were very pleased to welcome The Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne as our guest. She is the Past Moderator of the United Church and is now an Assistant Professor for United Church of Canada Studies at Emmanuel College. The text for the day was John 14:15-21 and the sermon was entitled Christ the Advocate. Rev. Carmen has forwarded a copy to us and if you missed this service or you would like to think about her message again please contact the church office by phone 905-277-4162 or [office@applewoodunited.ca](mailto:office@applewoodunited.ca).

## Resources

**NEW**

Our worship service last week, and our upcoming service this Sunday, have dealt and will deal with issues that resulted in apologies being offered by the United Church of Canada. If you are interested, there will be copies of our 2025 apology to the 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities, the 1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples, and the 1998 apology to former students of United Church Indian Residential Schools, and to their families and communities available on the counter in the Narthex. The 2025 apology can be viewed online by clicking [here](#), and the 1986 and 1998 apologies can be accessed [here](#). Rev. Joanne for the Affirming Committee

# 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

**UPDATE**



Applewood will once again be sharing summer services with our Westminster UC friends when we will join together for worship in each other's spaces. Westminster, located at 4094 Tomken Road (Rathburn & Tomken), will host services led by Rev. Irene Ty at 10 am on July 5, 12, 19 & 26. Special guest

musicians. Plenty of parking. Accessible. Air conditioned. Livestream links will be available soon. Folks wishing to sing with the choir are invited to join the pre-service rehearsal in the sanctuary at 9:15 am. Sunday worship will return to Applewood on August 2 at 10:30 am.

The Worship Committee

## Parking Lot Rehabilitation

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

**UPDATE**

There is a new collection of books and other items from Rev. Joanne's office on the table in the hall outside the parlour. Please help yourself and help Rev. Joanne to 're-home' some items and resources!



## 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.



Nancy and Tim Beatty are excited to become first time grandparents! Son Brandon and Tess are thrilled to welcome a baby girl into the family, born on June 16 at 8:00 am, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz. Mom and baby are both doing well!



Until we are all equal

Thank you very much to everyone who came forward to help support our foster child Brenda Mirayla Lopez Alonzo of Guatemala. It makes the world of difference for their family and community that people from so far away care about them.

Leslie West, on behalf of the Outreach Committee



## Welcome to Applewood's Newest Members

On May 31<sup>st</sup> we were richly blessed as we welcomed six new members into our community of faith.

We welcomed:  
Donna Conforzi, Debbie Cauch-McIntosh, Brian McIntosh, Melena Owen, Bill Rivers, Carol Weber. May you find love and support in continuing to create a loving community in which God's love is known and God's work is done.

Submitted by Lynda Kudrewatyach

June 25 will be the last meeting of the Applewood Playgroup and Knitting Circle before the summer break. They will return in September. Start dates to be advised.



## From the Affirming Committee



Rainbow Railroad, an organization that our Affirm committee has been supporting recently, is worried about a new law that affects refugee claims into Canada. Bill C-12 was introduced in March and it rejects refugee claims made more than one year after a person has arrived in Canada. This is affecting many LGBTQ+ people who are seeking asylum in Canada, and are worried they will be deported back to countries that are no longer safe for them. Please read more [here](#).

Submitted by Christina Miller



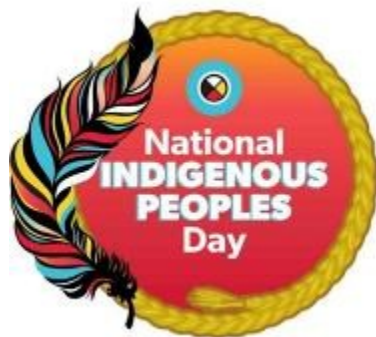
**On June 10th Anne, Joan and Rev. Joanne attended the Pride Flag Raising event at Peel Police Headquarters.** It was very well attended and we were able to connect with other United Church affirming teams as well as community groups and of course the members of Peel police who are involved with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The keynote speaker was a civilian member of the RCMP who spoke about her personal journey. The police force were mourning the loss of an OPP constable the previous day and the actual flag raising was to be done at a later time.

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.

Submitted by Anne Moore



**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!**

MISSISSAUGA Streetsville Rotary RGH UCM

**Applications Still Invited for Trip to Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC) and Mohawk Institute former Residential School**



There is still room for United Church folks to apply for the Tri-Regional daytrip tour of the Woodland Cultural Centre, the former Mohawk Institute Residential School, in Brantford, Ontario on Tuesday September 8th. 4 or 5 people from Applewood are already going, and a bag lunch and transportation will be provided, with the starting point being Eden United Church. The cost is \$20-\$60, and you can apply at this link: [Click here to apply now.](#)

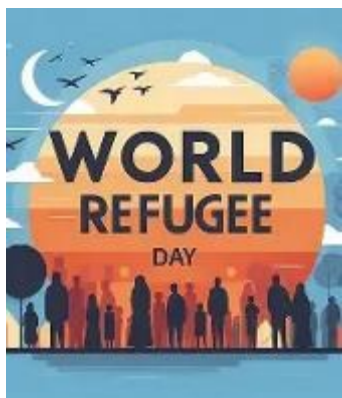
Final application deadline is July 30th.

Submitted by Brian McIntosh on behalf of the Affirming Committee and as Chair of the Tour Planning Committee



## June Dates of Significance

### June 20 - World Refugee Day



World Refugee Day has been held globally since June 20, 2001. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the difficult situations faced by millions of refugees around the world and to honour the strength and courage of those who fled their home countries to escape conflict and persecution. The theme “Solidarity with Refugees” reflects the continuing need to recognize the dignity, rights and courage of refugees as they rebuild their lives and contribute to society.

The UN General Assembly continues to mobilize political will and resources to advocate for the rights of refugees. These rights are written down in the Refugee Convention of 1951 (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year) and in human rights treaties. As of mid-2025, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, Germany, and

Uganda were the top 5 host countries for refugees. The UN Refugee Agency works to build support for economic and social inclusion in host countries and advocates for solutions for displaced people.

### June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day



For generations, many Indigenous people celebrated their culture and heritage on June 21 or the date of the summer solstice. This is a day to celebrate the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people, and each of their distinct heritages, cultural practices, languages and spiritual beliefs. It is a time to honour the stories, achievements, and resilience of Indigenous people. More than 1.8 million people identified themselves as an Indigenous person in the 2021 Census. Ontario has the highest number of First Nations people, representing nearly one-quarter of the First Nations population.

Many Indigenous men and women have made their marks in such fields as sports, medicine, politics, and the arts. Here are several you might consider finding out more about: Tom Longboat (1887-1949) Canada's greatest long-distance runner in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century; Tommy George Prince (1915-1977) war hero and Canada's most-decorated Indigenous war veteran; Ralph Garvin Steinhauer (1905-1987) first Indigenous person ( Cree) to serve as lieutenant-governor of a Canadian province (Alberta); Alanis Obomsawin (1932 –) singer, artist, storyteller, and filmmaker; Edith Monture (1890-1996) Mohawk WWI veteran and first Indigenous person to become a registered nurse in Canada and to gain the right to vote in a Canadian federal election; Tanya Tagaq (1975-) Inuk throat singer and Juno award winner; Jordin Tootoo ( 1983-) first Inuk hockey player to play in the NHL, played for Team Canada at the World Junior Hockey Championship in 2003; Louie Kamookak(1959-) Inuit elder, educator, historian ; Dr. Nadine Caron (1972-) first female Indigenous general surgeon; Daphne Odjig ( 1919-2016) Anishinaabe artist and founding member of the Indian Group of Seven; Jeremy Dutcher (1990-) Métis classically trained tenor and composer who presents traditional songs of the people, winner of the Polaris Music Prize and a Juno award; Cherie Dimaline (1975-) writer and author known for her novel “Marrow Thieves”, a work about the impact of residential school on Indigenous peoples.

June 21 is the 127th anniversary of the signing of the treaty between the Canadian Crown and various First Nations of the Lesser Slave Lake area. It is the most comprehensive of the 11 numbered treaties.

Submitted by Sophie Cook



## We Say “NO” to U.S. Threats of War on Cuba. Why Doesn’t the Canadian Government?



The United Church of Canada, Canadian churches, labour organizations, and civil society groups are calling on the Government of Canada to publicly reject escalating U.S. actions against Cuba and to support humanitarian assistance for the Cuban people. The statement comes as partners in Cuba continue to report severe shortages of fuel, food, water, and medical supplies.

We hold in prayer all the Cuban peoples affected by the ongoing crisis and call for peace, justice, and humanitarian support. [Read the full news story](#) and learn more.

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### 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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