

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

*"Planting seeds -
watching them grow."*

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Minister's Musings

Every time I use my debit or credit cards, my bank notifies me with an email and/or text message. It is a security feature that brings me some comfort, but also some help with budgeting, as I am constantly alerted when I spend money! I also wear a blood sugar monitor that warns me if my blood sugar is dropping too low or climbing too high. And I get reminders on my phone to take certain medications or supplements and am alerted to incoming text messages or emails. These notifications all come with beeps and chimes – noise that accompanies my daily routines.

I have yet to find a phone application or 'reminder' that helps me to navigate my faith life. One that might notify me when my spiritual reserves are being spent, or when I need to take a dose of prayer or contemplation, or to merely sit with God. It would be lovely, I think, to get a signal from the Spirit that lets me know that God is loving me at that very moment. Would it sound like a chorus of angels, or perhaps dawn birdsong, or the whisper of wind through the fall leaves?

In our busy lives, it can perhaps be easy to overlook the signs and signals that God may be sending us. Do we see the face of Jesus and the call to act in the face of the man or woman standing at the highway off ramp asking for money? Do we notice God's love in the smile of a stranger? Do we hear God's Spirit calling us when we listen to the sounds of life in our neighbourhoods or buildings? Do we feel that God is loving us when we are reaching out to others in some way, or even when we feel most alone?

Perhaps I don't need that phone app to live a life of faith. Perhaps I just need to be looking, listening, feeling and doing – knowing that there are messages from God for me, and for all of us, in each and every moment of our days. No notifications required!



Congratulations to our fastest Thanksgiving hunter from last week, Shirley Foster. Please contact Jo-Anne in the office to make arrangements for pick up. Thanks to all who participated and watch for another opportunity to win a Tim's gift card next month! To spread the 'joy' our searchers can only win once a year!

Worshipping with Applewood United - October 19

UPDATE

This Sunday, join us at Applewood United Church or on ZOOM for worship this 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 - Linda Alcock
Announcer - Sharon Konyen
Reader - Sharon Konyen

Greeter - Linda Spence
Usher - John Spence
Refreshments - Lori Coleman and Carol Culbert

Sound - The Carruthers
Tech Team - The Carruthers

Meetings and Events - October 19

UPDATE

Sunday	October 19	10:30 am	Worship service with guest musician Wayne Detcher
		1:30 pm	Taizé prayer service
Wednesday	October 22	9:30 am	ZOOM Men's Group
		7:00 pm	Affirming Committee Meeting (B)
Thursday	October 23	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, October 26	10:30 am	Worship service with guest musician Donna Conforzi
Sunday, November 2	10:30 am	Sacrament of Communion
Sunday, November 9	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday, November 23	10:30 am	Worship led by our Applewood team

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, October 18, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**, Applewood Outreach Committee will be holding a Food Drive Donation Drop Off to support Food Banks Mississauga. See page 4.
- **Monday, October 20, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**, Beer and Hymns at Abbey Road Pub, 3220 Erin Mills Pkwy (at South Millway). Music, good company, food and perhaps a beer or two! Contact Rev Joanne. More information on page 3.
- **Sunday, October 26, 3:00 pm**, The Songs My Father Sang To Me...A Musical Sermon with The Rev Mark Curtis at Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Drive., Burlington). Free will offering. 905-637-5631. office@portnelson.ca

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 2

NEW

A Congregational Meeting is being called for Sunday, November 2 immediately following worship to approve the job description for a new minister, and to present the Search Team that will do the work of finding our new minister as we prepare for Rev. Joanne's retirement next June.

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.

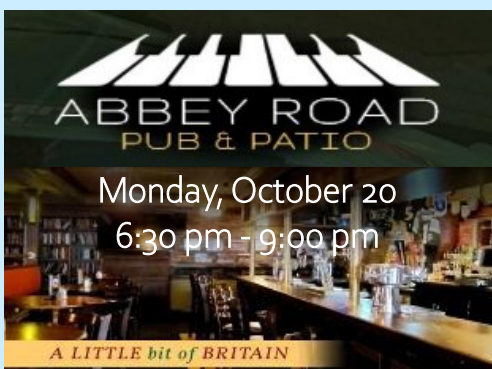
Our rooms and building are available for rental for special occasions and meetings. Please contact the office for more information and rates. office@applewoodunited.ca

Name Tags

The name tag cabinet has been updated. If, by error, your name tag has been removed or if you would like a name tag, please PRINT your name and email address/phone number on the sheet below the name tag slots and a new name tag and label will be created for you.

My thanks to Bob Martin for his assistance with this project. Lynda Kudrewatych

Join us for Beer and Hymns!



Please plan to join in the fun at a special 'Beer and Hymns' event to bring the Mississauga United Churches together. Our first Beer and Hymns evening was held prior to the pandemic, and we are excited to gather once again to share music, good company, food and perhaps a beer or two! Invite some friends along and we'll see you at Abbey Road Pub, 3220 Erin Mills Pkwy (at South Millway) on Monday, October 20th from approximately 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Bring a copy of your Voices United and More Voices Hymn books, if you have them – but they will be provided at the pub. Rev. Joanne



**FOOD
BANKS**
MISSISSAUGA

The Outreach Committee will be holding a Food Drive Donation Drop Off at Applewood United Church to support Food Banks Mississauga on Saturday October 18th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Non-perishable items only and please check the expiration dates.

Most urgent needed items are peanut butter, pasta, cooking oil and tuna. Other food required are fruit juice, canned vegetables and fruits, rice, cereal, soups, stews, mac and cheese, along with baby food and formula.

Members of the committee will be on site to accept your food or monetary donation directly from your vehicle. Enter through the parking lot and exit by the church. Any cheques are to be made payable to Food Banks Mississauga.

If you're not available on those days you can make a donation online [here](#).

Thank you,
Leslie West on behalf of the Outreach Committee



Advent is Coming!

While we still have 7 Sundays until it begins, the season of Advent is on the horizon! In order to plan our time and order resources, I would like to know if there is interest in an Advent study this year. We may choose a book, an on-line resource, or even a collection of poetry. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the group, and what your availability might be in December. Rev. Joanne



Sunday Morning Coffee!

We need YOU to make and serve coffee! There are still spots in December available. Please sign up now!

Applewood Playgroup

Join us for Applewood Playgroup on Thursdays, from 9:30—11:30 am. If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let them know. All are welcome! Annemaria Bakker

Lives in Transition

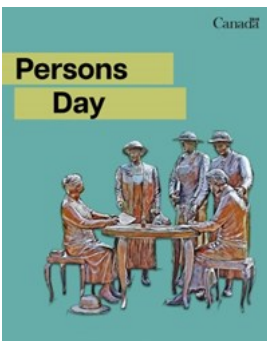
We hope this space in the AppleLog will allow the community to share news - joyful and sad - about their friends and family, former members of Applewood, or others who may be known in our faith community. Please send your notes to editor@applewoodunited.ca by Wednesday morning each week. We will continue to inform you directly of deaths in the Applewood family when we have that information to share.

We are sad to announce the death of Betty Schultz on October 8th. Our prayers are with her family, especially her children Maxine, Clark and MaryAnne. Betty lived in her home on Holburne Road until her death at 101. A celebration of her life will take place on Monday, October 20th at Glendale Funeral Home. Her obituary can be found here <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/glendale/obituaries/elizabeth-betty-schultz/149148.html>

October Dates of Significance

NEW

October 18- Persons Day in Canada



In 1927, five women who have since become known as the Famous Five launched a legal challenge that would mark a turning point for equality rights in Canada.

Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney, Irene Parlby and Henrietta Muir Edwards were journalists, politicians, reformers, and activists from Alberta who asked the Supreme Court of Canada to answer the following question: Does the word "person" in Section 24 of the *BNA Act* include female persons? After five weeks of debate, the Supreme Court decided that the word "person" did not include women.

The Famous Five did not give up the fight and took their case to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain in London, which was then Canada's highest court of appeal.

On October 18, 1929, Lord Sankey, Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, announced the decision: "The exclusion of women from all public offices is a relic of days more barbarous than ours. And to those who would ask why the word 'person' should include females, the obvious answer is, why should it not?"

This gave some women (not Indigenous women or those of Asian descent) the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life. On this day we also honour all those who have worked and continue to work to expand and strengthen these rights.

Submitted by Sophie Cook

Mark your calendar for November 16!

NEW

The Affirming Committee will host a Fall Lunch and Learn event! Our guest will be Miguel Turato, a member of the Eagle Spirits of the Great Waters. Come and join us for good food and conversation. Anne Moore

Jubilee 2025: Turn Debt into Hope Campaign



Throughout history, and in the Bible, Jubilee years have been a call to restore justice by canceling debts, caring for people and the land, and addressing inequality. Today more than 50 countries are facing a severe debt crisis, with many governments forced to spend more on debt repayments to private creditors than on schools, hospitals, or protecting their communities from the worsening impacts of the climate emergency. In 2000 a global Jubilee campaign led to the cancelation of \$100 billion in debt for 36 indebted countries, but the structural reformation of the global financial system didn't occur, and indebtedness has risen to extreme levels once again.

In May of this year your Affirm Committee joined KAIROS Canada, Indigenous peoples, global partners, and movements around the world in making available a Jubilee 2025 petition calling upon world leaders to:

- Cancel unjust debts
- Reform the financial system to prevent future crises, and
- Establish a fair debt framework at the United Nations.

We had almost 30 people sign that petition then, but we're bringing it back the next two Sundays, October 12th and 19th, for a couple of reasons. First, this timing coincides with the 2025 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund (IMF) Annual Meetings, which run from October 13th-18th in Washington, DC, and the IMF convenes leaders and policymakers who can agree on solutions to the debt crisis. Second, the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) begins on November 10th and the G20 meet November 22nd-23rd, and campaign organizers would like to get close to the 100,000 signatures petition goal by the time of COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

You can help reach that goal by both a) signing the petition at coffee hour if you haven't already (online signatures can be done here - https://kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada/petition-turn-debt-into-hope?_ga=2.6865714.1885204500.1759863603-1504748355.1754615482), or b) taking a petition to your family, friends, or workplaces and encouraging more people to sign (we have some copies for you to take, and you can simply return them to us for mailing by Nov. 2nd). Help us Turn Debt Into Hope by showing the Canadian government that Canadians want global debt justice!

Submitted by Brian McIntosh for the Affirming Committee

From the Affirming Committee



We are all aware that single-use plastic is bad for the environment, and many companies are now marketing many items "compostable." But are they any better for the environment? It remains up to the consumer to figure out how to compost the product or whether their municipal composting facilities even accept them. This article looks at a few of the "compostable" products to see how they actually break down, and ultimately comes to the conclusion that reusable products (versus compostable single-use products) are always the better choice. Please read more [here](#). (A printed copy of the article can be found on Affirm's bulletin board.)

Submitted by Christina Miller

YOU'RE INVITED!

GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE KAIROS
FALL CONFERENCE

WHO OWES WHOM?

TURNING OUR DEBT INTO HOPE



ON ZOOM: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Program: 9:30-11:30am

Regional Sharing and Network Development: 11:30am-1pm

KAIROS CANADA SPEAKER:

Beth Lorimer, Ecological Justice Program Coordinator

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Sarah Hernandez, Indigenous Climate Action

GLOBAL SOUTH SPEAKERS:

Egypt: Maryo Wahba, Citizens for Public Justice
Second Global Speaker (to come)

Free Event. Register at:

<https://secure.kairosCanada.org/civicrm/event/register?>



Mission and Service Stories: 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

NEW



The [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) are underway, and now is the best time to join in. Across Canada and beyond, people are [gathering in faith and courage](#) to confront racism, to listen deeply, and to act for justice.

Your [Mission and Service gifts](#) make this vital work possible, not just for 40 days, but every day. Through your generosity, the United Church of Canada continues to live into its commitment to becoming an anti-racist church, and to work toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love.

The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - October 14, 2025



Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

Contact: Roy Hicks 905-625-3018 hicksr2014@gmail.com



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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