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# Out on a Limb

The Newsletter of Applewood United Church



## *Responding and Reacting*

In our shared ministry of life and work we can face news that is disturbing, change that is unwelcome or threatening, or situations that cause us distress. Over and over again I see in media (especially in social media like Twitter or Facebook) and in people's living, a need to react quickly. Words are spoken or recorded that cannot be unspoken or unwritten. We seem compelled to react rather than to respond.

I believe we are called, as a community rooted in God's love and Jesus' life, to respond to situations and circumstances as Jesus would – with prayer, with wisdom, with some thought and consideration. We are an Easter people. We know the story of the disciple's reaction to the death of Jesus – and their reaction to resurrection, but also their response as people transformed by new life and faith. Let us be people who can be transformed by response.

Recently, the work of the Comprehensive Review Team of the United Church of Canada released its final report titled ['United in God's Work'](#). For some of us, this is the culmination of work started many months ago, and in which we have added our opinions and concerns and hopes. For others, it is the first peek at the wide-sweeping structural changes to the United Church being proposed by the Team, and what will be the focus of the work of the 42nd General Council when it rises later this year.

I encourage you to read this report which can be found through the link above (if you need a paper copy please get in touch with Nancy in the office). I found it both frightening and hopeful, both disturbing and exciting. It is certainly full of change, and of what might be news for some. It is a report that deserves our response as individuals and as a faith community, even though we might prefer to simply react.

Look for opportunities to share our responses to this report in the AUC community later in April, and may God be with you, the Spirit surround you, and Jesus inspire you as you read – and as you prepare to celebrate Easter and new life in your own ways.

Rev. Joanne Hedge

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***“If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.” Anita Roddick***

On so many levels, we worry about this world in which we’re raising families. Sometimes, the solution seems to be turning off the news and tuning out the noise.

Church offers a fresh balance – a place to be refreshed, and yet, challenged to be neighbours in faithful ways. We come, hoping for a meaningful impact in our lives and for our kids. How do we respond to the challenges of the world while refreshing our faith? I think they go hand in hand, while we walk hand in hand as Applewood United Church.

Think of our church as a “Playground” – a place for an Outreach committee and children together to string a laundry line for charity. Or for teens to bake, or serve alongside older adults. Where young parents can discover their spirit with senior friends sharing wisdom. Making ARK happen, sharing worship, exploring youth group and more. Our families can make a difference here, not just for others, but for themselves – in small ways like that mosquito.

This year, adding to our roster of youth programs, ARK and great children’s camps (a mix of seniors, adults, teens and kids!), look for the United Church-based GO Project this summer. Many are familiar with the teenage 11-day trips. But, new this year, is the Go Project for children.

**We’re hosting the new children’s full Day Camp GO Project in early July** (dates to be confirmed) – an action-packed week for grades 2-7 exploring peace, faith and justice in our community, through unique service projects, environmental field trips, food growing and sharing, campfires, crafts, games and more. First United Church is joining in the fun, drawing our circle wide. Teens can help, adults can serve, as we foster young leaders and change-makers. Much better than little mosquitos 😊

Our popular summer morning camp will happen in July too – growing great kids with everyone’s favourite crafts, games, drama and more.

Good choices for everyone, room for all to work hand in hand, for God’s dream of peace.

Blessings,  
Carolyn Smith

I asked Jesus “How much do you love me?”  
He replied “This much...”  
And he stretched out his arms and died.



(This is a reproduction of an item submitted by Shirley Foster.)

## ***"Green News" - Sustainable and Innovative Technology!*** (by Christina Mulligan)

Brian Mittler and his daughter Heather are happy with their latest green technology purchase - the 'smart for-two electric drive' car. It has a powerful electric motor with 55 kW/75hp and a lithium-ion battery with capacity of 17.6KwH. This gives the driver a range to drive up to 138KM on one full charge. Brian has calculated at off peak hours, a full charge costs only \$1.28. Quite impressive. As most people do not drive more than 40 km per day, this is absolutely sufficient and economical too. The car has a 'green' license plate, which allows the driver to use car-pool lanes on the highway, even with just one person in the vehicle! Believe it or not, there are even places that you can plug in and charge up for free! (Including several places in Mississauga.) To date, we believe this is the 'greenest' car that has been in the Applewood parking lot!



### ***Did You or Do You Now...?***

Work in a company that practices Charitable Giving or has Employee Donation Matching Plans?

Many large companies offer one or some combination of these benefits to current and/or retired employees who are involved in charitable activities in their community. Usually, all that is required of the employee/former employee is to request and complete a form which details which charitable organization would benefit and the person's involvement in that organization. Once

a company has agreed to provide support, it will often maintain that support for as long as the individual continues to volunteer with the charity.

Ready? GET SET....Work!, Applewood United's outreach effort to help unemployed people, benefitted for several years from this type of arrangement and is again working to locate new sources of financial support. Those who are able to help in this way are not required to attend all our weekly meetings as part of their involvement!!

When you are submitting the application form to your employer, Ken Calder and I will be pleased to answer any questions about Ready? GET SET....Work! and can share the task of completing the form if necessary. It should not take long and it could be of great benefit to both Ready? GET SET...Work! and Applewood United Church.

Thank you to the Applewood members who have been supporting us financially with donations on the Sunday collection plate. Our members are facing very challenging situations and we all are extremely grateful for your help.

Lynn Williamson  
Ready? GET SET...Work!

### ***Applewood Social News***

Congratulations to Dr. Reg and Alison Perkin on their move into The Fairways. Not a long distance from the home they have had for the last 50 years!! Enjoy your new lifestyle.

On February 19th, Sheila Green's youngest granddaughter, Natalie Green, received the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Gold award is a non-competitive program (for ages 16-24), in which participants set and achieve personal goals for community service, skills, fitness and adventure. The awards were presented in Montreal this year by Princess Anne!

*If you have a milestone you would like to share with the Applewood community, please speak with one of the Out on a Limb's Social Mavens, Sophie Cook and Shirley Webb.*

## Upcoming Events:

(See page 5 for a full list of upcoming services and special events.)

### Undie/Sock Sunday: March 15 – April 12



This Lenten season sees Outreach and our Sunday School collecting underwear and socks to help community agencies replenish their supplies after our very cold winter. All socks and underwear must be new for agencies to accept and can be for any sex and size. Have some fun deciding what to purchase and help our community agencies help those in need. Please place socks and underwear in the laundry baskets at the back of our sanctuary.

**Dedication of our Undies and Socks will take place on Sunday, April 12.** Thank you for making a difference!

### Compassionate Care Seminar:

**Financial Scams  
against Seniors and  
all Community Residents**



FAKE

HOAX

FRAUD

SCAM

PHONY

TRIP-UP

BEGUS

**Tuesday April 21**  
**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Presenter: Constable Claudia Wells  
Mental Health & Elder Abuse Coordinator  
Peel Regional Police

Refreshments will be served!

Presented by the Compassionate Care Team  
Applewood United Church  
2067 Stanfield Rd., Mississauga 905-277-4162



### Outreach Sunday, April 26:

This year's Outreach Sunday will focus on the work being done by Wesley Urban Ministries, a United Church ministry in Hamilton. Andrea Buttars,

Manager of Resources, will be the speaker. Wesley Urban Ministries has been serving the Hamilton community for many years in a variety of ways.

Please welcome Andrea and her family back to Applewood United on April 26. Andrea was with us a few years ago in connection with her work at Five Oaks. Outreach Team members will be participating in the service and special refreshments are planned for the day.

### From the Moms and Tots Group

On Thursday, April 16th, Rev. Joanne Hedge will do a musical fun program with the kids. Hope you can come.



Also, just a reminder that we are now meeting every Monday from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. as well as our regular Thursday morning program.

### Taizé Prayer Schedule for Spring 2015:

Please join us for 30–45 minutes of prayer, song and silence modeled on the practices of the Taizé community. A new song book has been purchased for our services, and we look forward to new music in our worship. Contact Rev. Joanne for more Information.

Sunday, April 19	9:00 am
Thursday, April 30	6:45 pm
Sunday, May 17	9:00 am
Thursday, May 28	6:45 pm
Sunday, June 14	9:00 am
Thursday, June 25	6:45 pm

### Chicken BBQ and Picnic, June 7:

Mmm...

**APPLEWOOD UNITED CHURCH**

**Chicken Barbecue**  
Sunday June 7th.  
Price \$8.00

grillin' and chillin'

**LUNCH TIME!**

**PICNIC TIME!**



## *Milestones - Gift Cards:*



Each year since 2009, Applewood United Church remembers young people who have been active in our congregation during their high school years and are currently pursuing further learning. They receive our best wishes along with a Tim Card.

This year's recipients are **Justin Brown**, who recently graduated from the University of Guelph with a BSc in Theoretical Physics and is now taking game programming at George Brown College; **Ryan Perkin**, final year, co-op computer science at the University of Guelph; **Michael Yousef**, final year, co-op computer science at University of Toronto; **Lisa Brown**, 4th year, Recreation & Leisure at Brock University; **Holly Lemme**, 4th year, Urban Planning at Ryerson University; **Jennifer Linghorne**, 3rd year, Teaching at Trent University; **Kevin Goodwin**, 3rd year Statistics at University of Toronto; **Josh Perkin**, 2nd year Science at the University of Guelph; **Ryan Finlayson**, 2nd year at Applewood School for Adult Learning; **Diana Yousef**, 1st year Sociology at York University; and **Katie Smith**, who has plans to return to school for physiotherapy this fall.

### *At a Glance: Upcoming Services and Special Events:*

Sunday, March 29 (10:30 a.m.) – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2 (7:00 p.m.) – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3 (10:30 a.m.) – Good Friday Service at Cooksville United Church

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Garden Service followed by light breakfast

10:30 a.m. – Regular Service with Communion

Tuesday, April 21 (2:00 to 4:00 p.m.) – Compassionate Care Seminar: “Financial Scams Against Seniors and All Community Residents”

Sunday, April 26 (10:30 a.m.) – Outreach Sunday with Guest Speaker Andrea Buttars of Wesley Urban Ministries, a United Church ministry in Hamilton

Sunday, May 24 (10:30 a.m.) – Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Faith

Sunday, June 7th – Chicken BBQ, Church Picnic and Annual Meeting

*See page 4 for details on some of these events. Also, look for more information on these and other special events in the AppleLog - your weekly guide to what's happening at Applewood United Church.*

#### ***A Reminder from the Editor:***

The deadline for submitting articles for inclusion in the June newsletter is Monday, May 25, 2015. A reminder will be sent to the Chairs of the church committees closer to the deadline.

Thank you,  
Nancy Garvie