

The Life & Work of Applewood United Church

February 5, 2012

"Planting seeds - Watching them grow."



Welcome!

We warmly welcome you to Applewood United Church! Newcomers and visitors are invited to sign our guest book, and to complete a pew envelope and place it in the offering plate.

A special welcome is extended to the **West Humber Collegiate Institute Steel Band** and leader, Joe Cullen.

The preparation time before worship is a space for contemplation and quiet reflection. We would encourage you to use this time for this expressed purpose, and, when worship is concluded, visit with friends and guests at coffee hour.

Announcement Submissions:

Please submit your notices to the Church Office in writing **by 5:00 pm on Wednesday each week**. Submission forms are available in the Narthex, or e-mail valerie@applewoodunited.ca.

Please enjoy the announcements displayed on the screen in the Sanctuary before the worship service. They are also posted each week (usually Friday) on the church's website at www.applewoodunited.ca. If you feel you need a hardcopy, a limited quantity is available at the back of the Sanctuary or from the ushers.

After Worship:

Please join us in the Auditorium for a time of **refreshments and fellowship**.

Worship Next Week

Sunday, February 12, 10:30 am - A **Congregational Meeting** will be held after worship to discuss and approve the Applewood United Church 2012 Budget. Your attendance and participation are extremely important in the future life of our church.

This Week at a Glance

All use of Applewood's facilities must be booked through the Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett. If you require setup/takedown services by our Building Superintendent, complete a request form (available in Narthex) and leave it at the Church Office.

A = Auditorium P = Parlour K = Kitchen S = Sanctuary B = Boardroom
L = Lawrence Purdy Learning Centre F = Friendship Room N = Nursery

Mon.	Feb. 6	2:00 pm	Apple Tree Yoga (P)
Mon.	Feb. 6	7:00 pm	Visioning Implementation Team (L)
Mon.	Feb. 6	7:30 pm	Stewardship Team (B)
Tues.	Feb. 7	9:40 am	Ready? Get Set ... Work! group (P,K)
Tues.	Feb. 7	11:00 am	Worship @ Amica
Wed.	Feb. 8	10:00 am	Men's Coffee Group (P, K)
Thurs.	Feb. 9	10:00 am	Toddlers' Playgroup (N)
Thurs.	Feb. 9	10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
Thurs.	Feb. 9	7:30 pm	Senior Choir practice (P)
Sun.	Feb. 12	10:15 am	Appleseeds Children's Choir practice (A)



Note: Carolyn Smith will be on vacation until February 10.

News You Can Use

Did You Know ...

... that the Beechwood congregation through their freewill offerings at our church services there have contributed over \$300 to our 2011 Mission & Service Fund?

Worship for Seniors at Amica: All friends, elders, and singers of Applewood are welcome to join us in worship, song and fellowship conducted by Rev. Cynthia and supported by the Friendship & Visiting Team. The next service is at Amica-in-the-City on **Tuesday, February 7** at 11:00 am. Amica is located at 380 Princess Royal Drive, Mississauga.

World Day of Prayer: This year, St. John the Baptist Anglican Church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer service on March 2. If you would like to participate as a reader, please contact Sophie Cook **by February 9.**

2012 Observer: The subscription deadline for the 2012 *Observer* is **February 15**. The cost remains \$20 per year. New readers are welcome to subscribe to this award-winning United Church magazine. *Observer* envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex near the nametag unit, or you can call Polly Coleman for further information. Thanks for subscribing.

Applewood Women's Friendship Circle: All women of the church are invited to come and enjoy friendship, fun and laughter at a 'Box Dessert' Valentine Party on **Friday, February 17** at 1:30 pm. Please decorate a box or small container and fill it with a serving of a scrumptious dessert. Your box will be a random Valentine gift for another person in the group. For fun, you might choose to include a joke, a poem or a short, short, short story as part of your decoration to be read by the recipient during or after dessert time. Hope to see you all there and 'Happy Valentines Day'!



It's Coming ... and it's better than ever ...

Applewood's 28th Annual Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Delicious pancakes, ham, dessert and beverages.
Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 12.

Adults \$6.00 Children (12 & under) \$3.00

Bring your family ... Bring your neighbours and friends.

*Call Bryan Bakker to reserve, if you miss
buying your ticket before the deadline, Sunday, February 19.*



Celebrate the Leap Year! The Youth Group invites you to join them for dessert, with card and board games on **Wednesday, February 29** from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Parlour. Cost is \$3 per person at the door, with proceedings going to support the Youth Retreat and other projects. Come make some friends!

Heroes Headquarters: March Break Camp is Back! Two half-days of fun and learning about the Hero inside us. Please pick up a flyer/registration form in the church Narthex and register early to get a spot! Contact Carolyn Smith for information at carolyn@applewoodunited.ca, or call 905 277-4162, ext. 3.

Calling All Hero Sidekicks! Are you *Super-Organized* and like tracking information? Are you *Mighty* on kitchen duty? Do you have a *Wondersmile* for grumpy kids? **Heroes Headquarters** needs YOU! Our camp runs just two half-days, and we want new faces! There are big jobs and little ones - something for everyone. By the way, we often have a big pile of boys at camp. Be a role model, men! Sign up to show that Applewood Camp is Guy-Territory, too. We have a safe environment for all to pitch in. No superhero tights or capes necessary. Contact Carolyn Smith.



Hank Ankenmann Book Repair Program: Although Hank Ankenmann has moved, he is still available to do book repairs. He visits us at church from time to time. If you have some precious books that need repair, please give them to me or the Church Office with your repair instructions, name and phone number. I will see that these are available for Hank. Hank does not ask for payment; he only asks that you make a donation to the United Church's Mission & Service Fund (M&S) in an envelope and indicate that it relates to the "Hank Ankenmann Book Repair Program". If you pay by cheque, please make it payable to *Applewood United Church*. This program raised almost \$1,000 for M&S in the two years ended Dec. 31, 2003.

- Ross Holden, M&S Councillor

Green Audit: Applewood recently underwent a Green Audit. The report on this audit contains many specific suggestions for reducing our energy consumption, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, and saving money. To receive an electronic copy of the report, please give your name and e-mail address to Roy Hicks. You will also receive an e-copy of a Natural Resources Canada publication "Keeping the Heat In" and an energy cost tracking worksheet (both of which can be used personally in your home).

Helping our Community ... Helping our World

Sue Silva - Malawi Mission: Prayers are need at this time for the people of Bangula, the town where Sue helps the widows and the prisoners. This little town, which is close to the Mission, has been devastated by a severe flood and has been declared a disaster. Many buildings and livestock are lost, having received 115 mm of rain in 1 ½ hours. The people have survived and are now combing the ruins for anything that might be salvaged. Infrastructure is damaged, and the highway south of Bangula remains cut off from the rest of Malawi. Communications are very difficult as well. Please keep Sue and the staff at the mission in your prayers that they may have the strength to help the people of Bangula. **Monetary donations are much needed to help the people recover from this devastation.** If you can help, cheques should be made out to *Iris Ministries Canada*, with the notation "Iris Africa Malawi". Iris Ministries Canada is a registered Canadian charity providing tax receipts. Send you donations to: Iris Ministries Canada, 10-1425 Abbeywood Drive, Oakville, ON L6M 3R3. There are some photos posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Peel Poverty Action Group - March 4: There will be a presentation by the PPAG on **Sunday, March 4** at 12 noon in the Parlour following the regular coffee fellowship. The 15 minute video, 'Spaces and Places' will focus attention on homelessness in Mississauga. Edna Toth, Chair of PPAG and Mississauga Citizen of the Year, and Emily Fox will speak about this social justice issue. Light refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Outreach Team. Plan to attend this 1 hour presentation to learn more about our Mississauga community.

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