

Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, June 7, 2026
Annual Congregational Meeting
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the “Dish with One Spoon” Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God’s Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

*** Call to Work and Worship:** *(responsive)*

One: God gathers us to worship and work.

All: In these we celebrate God’s presence.

One: God’s Spirit enlivens our time together,

All: may we be led and inspired by that Spirit.

Two: In the name of Jesus Christ,
the one true head of the church,
this gathering is called to order,
for worship and for work appropriate to its time.

Motion regarding temporal matters

Review and Approval of Agenda

Motions to accept minutes of past meetings

*** Opening Hymn:** “Let Us Build A House” MV 1 Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Opening Prayer: *(together)*

Loving God, source of life and love,
source of true community,
you call us together, you call us here
to Applewood United Church,
you call us to faithfulness as your people.
Help us to live out our calling as we work to
listen respectfully, speak courageously,
imagine a future fearlessly, and plan faithfully
throughout our meeting today.
We pray with hope, with hearts for caring
and for celebration, and in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation:

Remembering Community Members

Musical Response: "Those Hearts That We Have Treasured" VU 494 Verse 1

Scripture Readings: Psalm 33:1-12 *The Inclusive Bible*

John 15:1-15 *The Inclusive Bible*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: "May We Rise" (*Pat Mayberry*)

Chair's Remarks

Annual Reports

Motion to receive and accept Reports

Celebration of ministries

***Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" VU 509

Motion to reappoint the treasurer

Motion to elect Committee Chairs and Members for the
2026-27 church year

Motion to give the governing body the power to fill any
vacant positions

Offering of Music: "Je connais les projets" TLUS 136

*** Hymn of Dedication:** "Know that God is Good" MV 104

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

*** Offering Prayer** (*together*)

**All: Holy and giving God,
bless the gifts represented today.
Bless our time offered in your service,
bless our skills and talents shared in love,
bless our resources given to reshape your world.
Amen**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: VU 960

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

New Business

Motion to end the Annual Congregational Meeting

*** Closing Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU 575

*** Commissioning/Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

Music for Scattering