Greetings to All,

As we move through the season of Easter, I came across a piece of writing that made me pause, smile, and reflect all at once. It's a mock obituary for Jesus—authorship unknown but its creative framing invites us to consider, in a fresh way, the impact of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. While written with a touch of humour, it carries a powerful reminder: the story did not end at the cross. In fact, it was just the beginning. I hope this piece stirs both thought and gratitude as we continue our journey through the Easter season.

Jerusalem Times Obituaries

33 AD

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the

Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion. extreme exhaustion, severe torture and loss of

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, his devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a

Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the good news, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On

the day before His death, He held a Last Supper, celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the Tomb. Roman Soldiers were put on guard. In lieu of flowers, the

family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did and believe in Him. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Blessings to you and your family,

Rev. Carolin

Easter Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. – April 27 - Scripture Readings

Stories of Jesus:

Acts 5:27-32(NRSVUE) we must obey God rather than any human authority

John 20:19-31(NRSVUE) Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Save These Dates!

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday at Appleby joint service with Grace 10:00 am

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday 10:00 am

Wednesday, April 23- Deadline for ordering bedding plants and hanging baskets

Saturday, April 26- Mad Hatter Tea Party (Sold out!)

Friday, May 2- Come As you are Casual Potluck/Worship

Monday, May 5- Project Revival 1pm

Saturday, May 10 - Spring plant pickup - Church parking lot.

Saturday June 14 - 200th Anniversary Congregational Pot Luck Dinner - Church hall.

Church Announcements



Friday, May 2 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Come As You Are – Casual Worship & Potluck

Join us for an evening of music, reflection, and good food as we gather for our final *Come As You Are* service before the summer break. It's a relaxed, come-asyou-are time to worship and share a meal together. Bring a dish to share—and feel free to bring a friend! We'd love to see you there.



"Memories of our lives, of our works & our deeds will continue in others."

Rosa Parks

<u>Thank you to the following people for their gift of Easter Flowers this</u> season:

Lorna Fargo in memory of Edith & Arthur Bielby, Gord Fargo - Parents and Husband.

Keith and Fran Pepper in memory of Harry & Hazel Stull, Harry & Margaret Pepper, Bill & Dolores Stull, Joy Stull.

Norm and Audrey Hockridge in memory of Loved Ones.

Wendy Lewis in memory of Husband Roger and Son Simon.

Dick and Marian Milsom in memory of William & Nina Leslie, Herbert & Lilian Milsom, Marjorie & Robert McKibbon, James Leslie, relatives & close friends.

David and Allison Montgomery in memory of Jack & Irene Montgomery, Mark & Patricia Sanders, Mary Lynn Sanders.

Chris and Dave McKenzie in memory of Fannie & Norman Dimitroff- Chris' Parents.

Tony and Diane van Veen in memory of Tony & Susan van Veen, Blair & Eileen Wallace.

Pauline Shackleton & Family in memory of Bill Shackleton and Janice Salter - husband & daughter.

Marjory Rixon in memory of Don Rixon - husband.

Bruce and Helen Lewis in memory of Lewis and Ross Families.

Lyle and Judith Jackson in memory of Jim & Lena Million, Grace & Frank Jackson- parents.

Peggy Steele in memory of Murray Steele - husband.

Dobson Family- in memory of parents, Milton & Rose Dobson John & Dorothy Moser

June & Bernie M.Garry- in memory of Brother John Van Esterik and mother Marjorie Van Esterik

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Sunday, April 27- 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating Baptism – Edward Sanchez

We invite you to join us next Sunday as we celebrate the baptism of Edward Sanchez, son of Katie Ihasz and Ivan Sanchez. It's a joyful occasion as we welcome Edward into the wider church family. Your presence and prayers will mean so much!



Pastoral Care Coverage – May 5 to July 1
Rev. Carolin will be away on Continuing
Education Leave and Vacation from Monday,
May 5 to Tuesday, July 1. During this
time, Rev. Richard Bott from Grace
United will be available for Pastoral Care. If
you have any concerns or are in need of
support, please contact Dickson in the church
office, and he will

Reminders

Coffee at 10 continues every Monday morning. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the parlour.

Project Revival every second Monday from 1 to 3 pm in the parlour.

Men's Group every Tuesday from 9 to 10 am in the parlour.

Watch our Sunday Services online via our YouTube page.

FundScrip Find out how to sign up by visiting our website or see Keith Pepper. Up to 10% of your everyday purchases at participating local retailers such as Fortinos, No Frills, and Food Basics will be automatically donated back to Appleby.

Spring Bedding Plants and Hanging Baskets - Order by April 23

Once again, Keith will be selling a variety of spring bedding plants, 4" potted plants, and 10" hanging baskets in support of Appleby's General Fund. Detailed information and order forms are available on the website. The deadline for ordering is April 23 and the date for pick up in the church parking lot is May 10th. Please contact Keith Pepper if you have any questions. Thanks for your support.

Celebration 200 Congregational Potluck Dinner.

Congregational Potluck Dinner to be held on Saturday June 14th in the Church Hall. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. If you plan on attending this event, please add your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the main parking lot entrance. We hope to see you all there.

200th Anniversary Committee

Pastoral Care

We are working to revive Pastoral Care at Appleby. Many people are in need of prayers and a caring presence. If you feel called to offer this gift—whether through visits, phone calls, or prayer, please contact Rev. Carolin.

Get well and sympathy cards will be mailed out on behalf of Appleby United Church, as well as Easter and Christmas cards, to residents of retirement or long term care homes, as well as anniversary cards for 25, 50 and 60 years. Please contact applebyoffice1@gmail.com, or Rev. Carolin if you know someone who would like to receive a card.

Prayer Requests

Please remember these members of our congregation and community in prayer or with a phone call, card or visit this week. If you would like someone added to the list, please email applebyoffice1@gmail.com.

- Those struggling with physical or mental conditions
- People struggling with relationships, finances, loneliness, homelessness
- Please keep Chris McKenzie, Dick Hames, Barb Hansen, Judy Jackson, Gerald Million (Judy Jackson's brother) and Scott Doerrl and his family (Pat and Alex Miskimins' son-in-law) in your thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort.

Community Announcements

- Muppets Pre School Appleby United Church, 4407 Sprue Ave.
- Saturday April 26- The 12/4 Swing Orchestra-St. Luke's Parish Hall,1382 Ontario Street.
- Saturday April 26 Sing, Steep 'n Sway! by Halton Regional Police Chorus -Grace United Church, 2111 Walkers Line, Burlington
- Saturday April 26 Horseshoe Falls UCW Annual General Meeting-Stamford Lane United Church, 3855 St. Peter Avenue, Niagara Falls.
- Sunday, June 8-Joyful Journey High Tea at Burlington Waterfront Hotel
- Sunday May 3- Spring Tea Fundraiser for West plains United Church at DVO Salon Orchestra, 29 Park Street West, Dundas.
- Sunday, May 4-Earth, Seas and Air Kids Show at Port Nelson United Church, 3132 South Drive, Burlington.
- Saturday, May 10- In Lifting Others we Rise at Kerr Street Mission, 485 Kerr street, Oakville.
- Saturday, May 10- Spring Tea &Sweets& Vendor Markets at Grace United Church, 2111 Walkers Line, Burlington
- Saturday, May 17- Rummage Sale at S.t John's United Church, 262 Randall Street Oakville.
- Saturday, June 17- Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance by the Burlington Footnotes at The Burlington Performing Arts Centre.

Thank you for being part of our church family. Have a blessed week.