

Greetings to All,

Happy Monday, everyone! Here we are, already into the second week of August — summer is moving quickly, and we are making the most of every moment of it!

*We are now three weeks into our summer sermon series, *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*, and the response has been absolutely wonderful. So many of you have been sharing how much you are enjoying the rhyming — it is such a joy to bring a little of that playful spirit into our worship together. If you missed the first two weeks, make sure to go back and watch them on our YouTube channel! August 2nd, we explored *The Sneetches*, and this past Sunday, August 9th, we spent time with *Yertle the Turtle*. Both are well worth a watch!*

*This coming Sunday, August 16th, we will be diving into *Green Eggs and Ham*. And looking a little further ahead — August 30th brings us *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back*, and then on September 6th we wrap up the series with *Horton Hears a Who*, which will carry us beautifully into our Welcome Back Sunday on September 13th, complete with the Scouts Annual BBQ following the Worship Service. What a wonderful way to step into the fall season together!*

Here are a few dates to mark on your calendar as we look ahead to September:

Friday, September 4 — Messy Church, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Our first Messy Church back after the summer — come out and join us for a warm and wonderful evening together!

Sunday, September 6 — First Communion of the Fall

*Join us as we celebrate Communion together on the final Sunday of *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*.*

Sunday, September 13 — Welcome Back Sunday

The Scouts Annual BBQ follows the Worship Service — a wonderful way to kick off the fall season together. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Wishing you a restful and joyful remainder of your summer!

Blessings to you and your family,

Rev. Carolin

Pastoral Prayer for the congregation during the week:

Gracious and Ever-Present God,

We come to you at the beginning of a new week, grateful for the gift of this summer season and for the ways you have met us in it. You are the God who is present in every moment — in the laughter, in the rest, and in the gathering together — and for that we give you thanks.

We lift to you our friends and loved ones who are living with illness, with pain, and with uncertainty: John, Bruce, Faye, Virginia, Barry, Lynn, Pearl, Wayne, Patty, Doug, Vince, Chris, Dick, Bud, Scott, Jeannette, Mitchell, Victoria, Savannah, Pat, Jan, and Wendy. Surround each one with your healing presence, and give strength to all who love and care for them.

We pray for families carrying invisible burdens — grief that has no easy name, fear that hasn't yet found its words, and exhaustion that runs deeper than sleep can reach. Be near to them, God. Let them feel the nearness of your love even when they cannot find the words to ask for it.

We pray for our world, where so much remains unsettled — where your children carry the weight of conflict, uncertainty, and need. Stir in us a compassion that moves beyond words, and give us the courage to be your hands and feet in whatever ways we are able.

Where healing is needed, bring healing. Where strength is needed, bring strength. Where hope feels distant, breathe new life.

Into your hands we place all these prayers, trusting in your mercy and your love.
Amen.

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. — August 16

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss — Week Three: Green Eggs and Ham

Scripture Readings:

 **Ezekiel 37:1-14 — The Valley of Dry Bones**

 **2 Corinthians 5:16-20 — A New Creation; the Ministry of Reconciliation**

Reflection — Try it anyway! The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss: Green Eggs and Ham

This Sunday we bring together one of the most beloved children's books of all time and two passages of scripture that have far more in common with Sam-I-Am than you might expect.

In Ezekiel 37, the prophet stands in a valley full of dry bones — as unlikely a setting for new life as you could possibly imagine. And yet, God asks the question that changes everything: “Can these bones live?” It is the question of someone who refuses to accept that the story is over. God breathes life into what was dead, brings together what was scattered, and makes something wholly new out of what seemed beyond hope. The valley of dry bones becomes a place of resurrection.

Paul, writing to the Corinthians, picks up that same thread. In Christ, he says, there is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come. We are invited — called, even — into a ministry of reconciliation, of helping to make things new, of being part of what God is always doing in the world.

And then there is Sam-I-Am. Persistent, creative, utterly undeterred by every no he receives, offering something new in every possible way he can think of — on a train, in the rain, with a goat, on a boat. Sam-I-Am will not give up. And in the end, the one who was so certain he would never change his mind takes one small bite — and discovers that new can be wonderful.

These three voices together carry the same invitation: try the new thing. Say yes to what God is offering. You just might discover that dry bones can dance, that old things can become new, and that green eggs and ham are better than you ever imagined.

Save These Dates!

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Reminders

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

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

Watch our Sunday Services online via our [YouTube channel](#).

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.

Washroom Refurbishment Project — Update

We are so pleased to share that the Ladies' and Men's washrooms have been completed on schedule and on budget — and they look beautiful! A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful renovation team of volunteers who worked so hard to make this happen. The Family washroom is currently undergoing its own refurbishment and will remain closed until approximately Labour Day. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we put the finishing touches on these important spaces in our church building.

Summer Office Hours

Starting Thur. July 2th- 9 a.m. – noon, Regular office hours resume Monday, August 31st, 2026.

Volunteers Needed For “Lemonade On The Lawn”

Thanks for signing up we still need one more Volunteer to sign up for 30th August.



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Thank You!

