

**The Life & Work of
Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation**

*"Planting seeds -
watching them grow."*

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Minister's Musings



It is poppy time again in Canada – remembrance time. From notices of “lest we forget” on transit vehicles, advertisements on television and social media, we are reminded that this is an important time in Canada. It is a time to consider the lives lost in service to Canada, it is time to respect what history can teach us, it is time to wear a poppy.

It has been just over one hundred years since the poppy was adopted as a symbol of remembrance by the organization that preceded the The Royal Canadian Legion, and according to the Legion website, the poppy is a “visual pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed.”

What does wearing a poppy mean to you? Respect? Remembering? Sacrifice?

For me, this little flower is a reminder that we must continue our work for peace in the world. I remember my father's hopeful words at many Remembrance Day observances: “never again.” His experiences in both World War II and the Korean War made him yearn for peace for all people and the hope that we would never again send those who serve this country, and those we love, into war, into conflict, into danger. Wearing a poppy over my heart helps me to set those words on my heart.

Sadly, the violence of war and conflict continue. So we wear a poppy, and we remember all of Canada's veterans, men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, Peace Officers, Merchant Navy, and Reserves. We remember those who have fallen, we remember the families and communities impacted by loss, we remember the past, and we look hopefully to the future when we might declare with certainty “never again.”

The early bird gets the worm – or the Tim Horton's gift card!

Hidden throughout the AppleLog this week are **poppies** (excluding the header photo on page 1), ready for you to discover as you read. The first person to find them all – and contact our AppleLog editor [Nancy Beatty](#) with the correct number - will be the winner of a \$10 Tim Horton's gift card! This is our thanks to the community for continuing to read and learn about the news at Applewood UC! The winner will be announced in next week's AppleLog.

Worshipping with Applewood United - November 9

UPDATE

This Sunday, join us at Applewood United Church or on ZOOM for a service focusing on Remembrance, with special prayers, music and actions. An informal refreshment time will follow the service if volunteers are available. If you are attending on ZOOM, a direct link will be emailed as an attachment on Friday, along with a copy of the service. To participate in the ZOOM worship over your telephone, call 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588, and when asked enter this meeting ID: 827 5263 8086 and this Pass Code: 753101.

Co-host - Susan Eccles
Announcer - Sara Moore
Reader - Nancy Garvie

Greeter - Peter Kite
Usher - Bryan Bakker
Refreshments - Linda and John Spence

Sound - Wayne Detcher
Tech - Len Vantol

Meetings and Events - November 9

UPDATE

Sunday	November 9	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday
Tuesday	November 11	7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting (P)
Wednesday	November 12	9:30 am	ZOOM Men's Group
Thursday	November 13	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (P)

Upcoming Worship Services



Sunday, November 16	10:30 am	Regular worship service
Sunday, November 23	10:30 am	Worship led by our Applewood team
Sunday, November 30	10:30 am	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7	10:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent
		Blessing of Pledges and Mitten Tree Donations

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, November 21, 8:00 pm**, "Invite Your Neighbour Service" at Solel Congregation of Mississauga (2399 Folkway Crescent, Miss). Rejoice in our multi-faith community and share with our community the philosophy and traditions of our own celebration of Shabbat. Social get-together over coffee and desserts after the service. RSVP to info@solel.ca by Friday, November 14, 2025 with the names of your attendees who will be joining.
- **Sunday, November 23, 7:30 pm**, Prayer with the Songs of Taize at Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Dr., Burlington) A quiet, reflective way to end the day and begin the week. All welcome!
- **Friday, December 12, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Minister's Christmas Tea. Details to follow – watch your AppleLog!**



Rev. Joanne will be away visiting with family from November 21 – November 29. If you have a pastoral emergency, she will be available at limited times on her cell phone, or contact the office.

News You Can Use

Please remember that announcements must be received by **Nancy Beatty** at editor@applewoodunited.ca no later than 10 am on Wednesday so they can be included in the weekly AppleLog. Articles submitted must have the name of the contact person and may be edited for content and/or size.

Applewood has developed a **Media Policy** to ensure that the content included in all our media reflects our inclusive ministry. This policy was approved by our Executive and can be found on our [website](#). We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the policy as they submit future articles.

Welcome to the Applewood United Church Community!

We are glad you are reading our newsletter! We gather on Sundays for hybrid worship, a combination of live + virtual participation (Zoom, when available). We work to stay connected via our [Facebook page](#), Instagram (applewoodunitedchurch), LED sign, telephone contact, visits, and delivery of materials to those without internet access. We are always looking for more ways to keep in touch! Please feel free to share this AppleLog, website links, contact information and any other documents we produce widely with friends or neighbours.

To access a written copy of our weekly services, or recordings of our services, please visit our website www.applewoodunited.ca, and go to the Worship tab. You can choose 'Worship at home' for the written service, ZOOM recordings for the 'live' version. You can also call one of our friendly helpers, names and numbers listed on the last page of the AppleLog.

Our rooms and building are available for rental for special occasions and meetings. Please contact the office for more information and rates. office@applewoodunited.ca



From the Affirming Committee



You are invited to our **Fall Lunch and Learn event on November 16th from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**. We are looking forward to giving a very warm welcome to our guest, Miguel Turato, a member of the Eagle Spirits of the Great Waters, along with an elder, who will be sharing stories and wisdom with us. Come and join us for good food and conversation which will help us to move forward together towards reconciliation. Plans for lunch are underway and we would like you to sign up so that we can make sure there is enough for everyone. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall - don't miss out - sign up today! Anne Moore



Referring to our article from last week, Carney's government, which delivered its proposed budget this Tuesday, is planning to cut funding to Indigenous Services Canada. While this is not good news to hear, they are planning to fund more money towards safer drinking water in First Nation communities. We will need to follow the government's work and ensure their proposed money gets used effectively. Please read more [here](#).

Submitted by Christina Miller

Lives in Transition



We hope this space in the AppleLog will allow the community to share news - joyful and sad - about their friends and family, former members of Applewood, or others who may be known in our faith community. Please send your notes to editor@applewoodunited.ca by Wednesday morning each week. We will continue to inform you directly of deaths in the Applewood family when we have that information to share.

NOVEMBER 14 - 7 PM FILM SCREENING

Film night featuring the National Film Board of Canada documentary



Film Night at Islington United Church, 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke. On Friday, November 14, at 7:00 pm., the Right Relations Circle and the Anti-Racism Working Group will co-sponsor the movie *Reel Injun*, by Cree Canadian filmmaker Neil Diamond. The film explores the portrayal of Indigenous peoples in Hollywood cinema and the stereotypical images that continue to reverberate on our collective discourse. Jesse Wentz, well-known for two decades as a columnist at CBC Radio's *Metro Morning* and an award-winning author of the national bestseller *Unreconciled: Truth and Indigenous Resistance*, will moderate the evening, and the Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada, will join us to welcome Jesse that night.

Submitted by Anne Moore

November is Stewardship Month!



In the next few days you will receive letters from the Stewardship Team and Rev. Joanne. Please take the time to read these letters. This coming Sunday, a Stewardship envelope will be at the back of the church, containing your Pledge Form and other material. Please pick yours up, and, if possible, that of a friend or neighbour. As we know, the mail is very unreliable now, and we must all pull together to get the Stewardship envelopes delivered in a timely manner. If you do not find your envelope, someone may have picked it up to deliver to you. If you have not received it in a week, please call Jo-Anne, Office Administrator, 905-277-4162, and she will make sure you get one. If you are unable to return your pledge form in person, please do not mail it. We shall be pleased to pick it up. Just call Jo-Anne to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration in completing your pledge form for 2026. The Stewardship Team



Preparations for the Advent season, which begins on November 30th, are under way with our choir rehearsing special music, prayers and services being written by our minister, and some planning for special events on the horizon.

Our theme this year is “**Reimagining the Light**”, and we will be providing a weekly devotional called “Starry Nights – An Advent Devotional Full of Light and Wonder” for anyone who may be interested. Print copies of the devotional will be available later in November in the Narthex, and for those who would prefer a digital copy you can contact Jo-Anne in the office or Rev. Joanne.

An **Advent Study** using the weekly devotional will begin on Wednesday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm in person at Applewood for three sessions. Please let Rev. Joanne know if you plan to attend.

Nativity Scenes will be a focus this year, and if you would like to share one to display for a week or two, please connect with Rev. Joanne and/or Marguerite Porter. Also, we are looking for larger figures of Mary and Joseph, who might be traveling through our worship space throughout Advent. Again, please reach out to Rev. Joanne or Marguerite if you have figures to share.

The Worship Committee



Supporting a Rainbow Railroad Refugee



As an Affirming congregation we support all 2SLGBTQ+ people in expressing their self-identity. We know, however, that many people suffer discrimination, abuse, severe persecution or even threats on their life because of their sexuality, especially in countries where their human rights aren't protected. The Rainbow Railroad (<https://www.rainbowrailroad.org/>), a registered Canadian charity, was formed to help refugees in countries where sexuality and gender identity persecution is rampant find safe haven elsewhere, enabling them to start a new life.

A local Etobicoke-based activist, Noel Semple, has started to raise money to sponsor a Syrian man, Ash, who worked in the health care sector, who has fled from persecution but is still under threat in Iraq, where he currently is in hiding. The sponsorship is in collaboration with Rainbow Railroad, and \$18,000 is needed to bring Ash to Canada.

Your Affirming Committee encourages donations to help Ash escape persecution and come to Canada, and you can do so at this link: www.noelsemple.ca/Ash All donations will receive a charitable tax receipt.

If you would like more information about any of the above, feel free to ask Brian McIntosh or call him at 416-817-2606.

Christmas Bazaars

Friday, November 7, from 3:00 to 8:00pm, and Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Annual Rummage Sale at Islington United Church (25 Burnhamthorpe Road, Toronto). Gently used and new items including: clothing, accessories, costume jewelry, shoes, books, toys, games, linens, household goods, sports equipment, small appliances, arts & crafts, china, antiques, vintage, home décor, furniture, food stands, and all things Christmas! 416-239-1131 ext 221

Saturday, November 8, from 9 am to 2 pm, Mistletoe Mart at Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Drive, Burlington). \$4 donation for entry. Experience artisans, crafts, auctions, baked goods and more! pnucmistletoemart@gmail.com <https://portnelson.ca/mistletoe-mart/>

Saturday, November 15. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale at Eden United Church (3051 Battleford Rd. Mississauga). Artisan Marketplace with a variety of baked goods and our annual used book sale. Christmas Cafe will be open for a snack or light lunch.

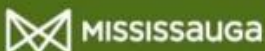
Saturday, November 15, 9:30 am to 2 pm, Treats 'n' Treasures Christmas Marketplace at Christ First United Church (1700 Mazo Cr) 21 Vendors! Unique, hand-crafted gifts including quilt raffle, jewelry, hand knits, fabric creations, holiday décor, home baking, fine art, pottery, chocolate, books and more! Enjoy a muffin and hot beverage in the Tea Room. Lots of free parking! No admission fee.

Saturday, November 29, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Vendor Fair at St. Dominic's Church (625 Atwater Ave). Hand crafted items, jewelry, knitted and crocheted items and much more. Lunch available.

Saturday, November 29, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 6th Annual Merry Market at the Small Arms Inspection Building (Dixie and Lakeshore). Local vendors, arts and crafts, antiques, home décor and much more! Tickets are \$5.00.



2025 VACUUM LEAF PICKUP



Fall Leaf Pickup

In the fall, the City of Mississauga provides a vacuum leaf pickup service on streets that are more than 35 years old and have many large mature trees.

Where leaves are picked up

You can refer to the [leaf pickup route map](#) and schedule to find out if your street is part of the leaf pickup program.

If your address is listed for the leaf pickup service, you'll get a notice in the mail letting you know when leaves will be picked up in your area.

If you need more information about the City's leaf pickup program, call 311 (905-615-4311 outside city limits).



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3 PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025
2655 BRISTOL CIRCLE, OAKVILLE



Sunday Morning Coffee!

We need YOU to make and serve coffee! There are still spots in December available.

Please sign up now!



Applewood Playgroup

Join us for Applewood Playgroup on Thursdays, from 9:30—11:30 am. If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let them know. All are welcome! Annemaria Bakker



Bold Investment Needed to Advance Equity, Human Rights, and Climate Justice



The United Church of Canada has issued a statement urging the federal government to ensure the 2025 budget reflects a moral commitment to justice, equity, and the planet, rather than prioritizing increased military spending. Rooted in faith, the church's core demands include fully funding Indigenous reconciliation commitments, raising climate justice targets to 60 percent, investing in racial equity and public health care (including pharmacare), and championing global peace through debt cancellation and increased international assistance. The church emphasizes that the budget must demonstrate compassion and commitment to human dignity. Read the [full news story and statement](#).

The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - November 2, 2025



Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

Contact the church office - 905-277-4162 or office@applewoodunited.ca



Computer Help



If you need help accessing ZOOM, our 'Worship at Home' links, or our website, please call one of the volunteers below. They are 'standing by' to help! Rev Joanne

Erin Doherty (evenings) 647-209-1677 - Jo-Anne Prentice 905-272-4424

Anne Moore 905-279-0557 - Christina Miller 416-436-9234

Len Vantol 905-823-0574 - Blair Carruthers 905-275-5724/647-609-5723



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Go to the Interac transfer feature on your financial institution's website, enter treasurer@applewoodunited.ca in the recipient box and follow directions.

There may be a small charge for this service, depending on your bank plan.

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