

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

*“Planting seeds -
watching them grow.”*

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Your Weekly Guide to What's Happening at Applewood United Church

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Minister's Musings

As I wrote back in March of last year, when this AppleLog arrives in your inbox, I will likely still be in surgery at Mississauga Hospital site of Trillium Health Partners. Once again, if you have a moment as you read, a silent prayer for my family, and especially for my surgeon and doctors and others who are part of the surgical, recovery and nursing teams on my journey would be most appreciated.

We cannot always know what the future may hold for us. Despite careful planning and well-considered possibilities, bumps, curves and unforeseen changes do occur on the roadways of our lives. For me, the curve is a return to surgery to remove a lesion that was left behind last time – it feels a bit like being stuck in an unexpected turning circle, where I must rely on the skill and care of others to safely exit and get back on the road that I had planned to take.

When life's detours come along, I like to remember that I am not alone in my journey. I have family who care deeply about me, I have friends and colleagues who keep me in their prayers. I have you, the Applewood United Church faith family, that gives me hope, support, strength and purpose, and for whom I am so very grateful. I – as we all do – also have God's presence in the hands of those who will care for me, Jesus' compassion in the ones who might visit or say a prayer, and the energy of the Spirit to guide me back to healing and health.

I hope to return to my ministry with you all before Easter, so that we can truly celebrate the last months we will have together before my retirement on June 30th. News about my surgery and recovery will be shared as I am able, through updates to the office and through our Ministry and Personnel Committee. Prayers and greetings can be mailed to me directly, or shared through the office, and these are so very much appreciated.

I am already looking forward to my return, with God's help.



“A picture's worth a thousand words” - the Minister's Musings will once again be replaced with photos – from you! Pictures of the changing seasons, pictures of something warm—or cold! Pictures of something new or soothingly old, a special place you have visited or a special time in your lives are all welcome, with a few words of explanation. Submissions can be sent to [Nancy](#).

Worshipping with Applewood United - January 11



This Sunday, join us at Applewood or on ZOOM for a service marking the Baptism of Jesus led by Rev. Alison Nicholson. 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 - Glenna Armour

Reader - Glenna Armour

Greeter - Peter Kite

Usher - Lynn Detcher

Refreshments - Ruth Walker, Lynn Detcher, Pam Perri

Sound - Wayne Detcher

Tech - Ian Prentice

Reader - Glenna Armour

Meetings and Events - January 11



Sunday	January 11	10:30 am	Worship led by Rev Alison Nicholson
Tuesday	January 13	11:00 am	Worship at Parkland on the Glen—led by Anne Moore
Wednesday	January 14	9:45 am	ZOOM Men's Group
Thursday	January 15	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (P)

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, January 18	10:30 am	Second Sunday after Epiphany - Rev Alison Nicholson
Sunday, January 25	10:30 am	Third Sunday after Epiphany - Rev Alison Nicholson
Sunday, February 1	10:30 am	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany with Communion

Emergency Pastoral Care



These local ministers have offered to provide EMERGENCY pastoral care while Rev. Joanne is on her restorative care leave. Please contact the office if you have any questions, or to share concerns.

January 9 - 16 Rev. Irene Ty Westminster United Church
irenety888@gmail.com 647-997-1378

January 17 - 29 Rev. Heather Weaver-Ortiz, Christ First United Church
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January 30 - February 12 and February 18 - 20 Rev. Trevor Brisbin, St. Stephen's on the Hill UC
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February 13 - 17 and February 21 - March 8 Rev. Joe Hopkins, Streetsville United Church
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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

Book Display

NEW



The Affirming Committee is hosting a book display during coffee hour on Sunday. You are invited to come and browse, ask questions, chat about the books and borrow something that might interest you. Winter is a great time for settling down with a good book and learning something new! See you on Sunday!

Submitted by Anne Moore

From the Affirming Committee

NEW



CBC has compiled a list of recommended reading by Indigenous authors for 2026. This list promises to provide readers with wisdom for the coming year on topics ranging from caring for the next generation, self-compassion and even an Indigenous author's view on the violence in Gaza. Whichever title you pick up, it will deepen your understanding of the broad spectrum of being Indigenous in Canada. 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.

It is with sadness we announce the death of Bob Beaton, husband of Joan Beaton. on December 31 at Trillium Health Partners Mississauga Hospital. A private family gathering has already taken place.

A service to celebrate the life of Roy Hicks will be held at Applewood United Church on Tuesday, January 27 at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow in the Ann Graham Community Hall. If you wish to view Roy's obituary, you will find it here: <https://tranquilitycremation.com/hicks-roy-leon/>



Everything you need to know about the 2026 recycling change in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon

Residential recycling in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon will be in new hands starting Jan. 1, 2026 with Circular Materials, a national non-profit organization, taking over from Peel Region.



- Peel Region will continue to provide recycling services until Dec. 31.
- Residents will keep their existing blue recycling bins, and collection schedules will remain unchanged.
- Peel Region will continue to collect garbage (black bin), organics (green bin), and yard waste. The cities of Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon [will take over responsibility for these services](#) starting Oct. 1, 2027.

For recycling collection or bin issues after Jan. 1, residents should contact GFL, Peel's new recycling contractor, at peelrecycling@gflenv.com or call [1-877-268-4351](tel:1-877-268-4351).

For general questions about Ontario's new recycling system, contact Circular Materials at customerservice@circularmaterials.ca or call [1-877-667-2626](tel:1-877-667-2626).

Applewood Playgroup



Join us for Playgroup on Thursdays from 9:30—11:30 am. All are welcome!

Annemaria Bakker

Sunday Morning Coffee!

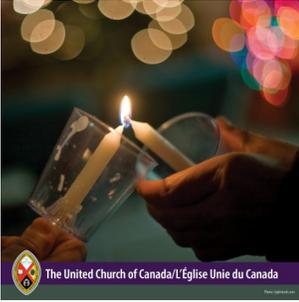
We need YOU to make and serve coffee!

Please signup now!





The Spark That Carries Us Forward



We all have an impulse inside of us: to give, to help, and to make the world a better place. As the hymn says, "it only takes a spark to get a fire going." While the season of Advent has passed, the need for that spark remains as urgent as ever.

As we begin this new year, your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) provide a lifeline for children across Canada and around the world. Your generosity reaches those living amidst the realities of war in Ukraine and Palestine, children facing hunger, and families seeking safety after escaping disaster.

That spark of generosity doesn't end with the holidays. Every child deserves to know they are not forgotten—that they are seen, cherished, and loved as children of God. Help us keep the fire of hope burning bright this winter.

The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - January 6, 2026



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

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Anne Moore 905-279-0557 - Christina Miller 416-436-9234
Len Vantol 905-823-0574 - Blair Carruthers 905-275-5724/647-609-5723



Donations to the Church by Interac e-Transfer

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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