

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

*"Planting seeds -  
watching them grow."*

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**Minister's Musings**

**"Maintenance Required - Visit your dealer"**

That is the message my vehicle has been giving me every time I have started it for the past few weeks as I wait for a scheduled service appointment at my local garage. At first, it was a surprise, as I had added more kilometers to my odometer than I had realized during my summer vacation. Then, it was an irritant, constantly reminding me that there was a task that needed doing. Even when I did call for an appointment time, the message remained, to be eventually reset by the mechanics.

Over the past week, as I have seen the reminder a few times a day, it has occurred to me that perhaps I need that message not just for my mode of transportation, but for myself. Where and in what ways is maintenance required in my life? Of course, there is the regular upkeep of my home, visits to the salon to maintain my hairstyle, but I sensed that the kind of maintenance pointed to was something deeper, something connected to God's Spirit.

How am I looking after my connection to God? Like my service appointment, it does take some time away from other activities and requires me to focus not on the latest disturbing quote from the news, but on what is sacred in my life.

Regular prayer – even for a few moments a day – can prompt me to visit my Holy dealer. The practice of gratitude for the small and big things in my life can also direct me to spiritual upkeep. Actively looking for opportunities to live out God's justice (like wearing an orange shirt next Tuesday, or in worship this Sunday) are an element of that maintenance, I believe. Taking care of our physical and emotional selves also honours that commitment to stay connected, "tuned up" to serve and to follow God's way.

That is the hope, of course, that like my vehicle which will perform better with regular maintenance, we will be able to "do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God" (*Micah 6:8*) with strength, with courage, with all the energy we have when we take time to maintain that relationship with our Holy Source.

Maintenance Required – visit with God today.

## Worshipping with Applewood United - September 28

**UPDATE**

This Sunday, join us at Applewood United Church or on ZOOM for worship celebrating the fourth Sunday of the Season of Creation with a blessing of our pets and a time to remember our former ones, as well as marking Orange Shirt Sunday. An informal refreshment time will follow the service if volunteers are available. If you are attending on ZOOM, a direct link will be emailed on Saturday, 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 - Erin Doherty**  
**Announcer - Joan Marshall**  
**Reader - Joan Marshall**

**Greeter - Leslie West**  
**Usher - Lynn Williamson**  
**Refreshments - Sophie Cook and Debbie McIntosh**

**Sound - The Carruthers**  
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## Meetings and Events - September 28

**UPDATE**

<b>Sunday</b>	September 28	10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Creation Time Blessing of the Animals and Orange Shirt Sunday
<b>Tuesday</b>	September 30	10:30 am	Worship Committee Meeting (P)
<b>Wednesday</b>	October 1	9:30 am	ZOOM Men's Group
<b>Thursday</b>	October 2	9:30 am	Applewood Playgroup (AGCH)
		10:00 am	Knitting Circle (P)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)

## Upcoming Worship Services

<b>Sunday, October 5</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	World Wide Communion Sunday
<b>Sunday, October 12</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving Sunday
<b>Sunday, November 2</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Sacrament of Communion
<b>Sunday, November 9</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Remembrance Sunday

## Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, September 27, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**, Electronics Recycling Event at Erin Mills United Church, 3010 The Collegeway at Winston Churchill Blvd..
- **Sunday, October 5, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm**, "The Apple Jam" open mic night - an all-ages community event where all are welcome to share their talents in a supportive, casual environment, and/or to just come and enjoy the show. Refreshments. See page 6 for more details.

## Blessing of the Animals

**UPDATE**

It's not too late for your pet to be included, or remembered, in our service this Sunday. You can bring a photo of former pets to be displayed as we remember, or a photo of your present pet to be blessed along with others. Pets who are with us in the sanctuary will receive an individual blessing. Rev. Joanne for the Worship Committee

# News You Can Use

Please remember that announcements must be received by **Nancy Beatty** at [editor@applewoodunited.ca](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@applewoodunited.ca)

## RGSW/SMART



Past members of RGSW/SMART - some now retired - enjoyed a reunion in the parlour on September 9. Regrets were received from several whose work schedules conflicted.

Many members of the group have bonded over their past job-search challenges and experiences and have continued to keep in touch remotely.



They very much appreciated the opportunity to get together in person and express their thanks to Applewood United Church for hosting.

Donations to our Food Bank basket were gratefully received.

Submitted by Lynn Williamson



Last Sunday afternoon, a group of eight gathered for worship in the contemplative style of Taizé. We were happy to welcome at least one participant who had never experienced Taizé worship, one from another community of faith, and to reconnect with others. Our next service will be announced closer to the date.

With gratitude, Rev. Joanne for the Worship Committee





**FOOD  
BANKS**  
MISSISSAUGA

The Outreach Committee will be holding a Food Drive Donation Drop Off at Applewood United Church to support Food Banks Mississauga on Saturday October 4th and Saturday October 18th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Non-perishable items only and please check the expiration dates.



Most urgent needed items are peanut butter, pasta, cooking oil and tuna. Other food required are fruit juice, canned vegetables and fruits, rice, cereal, soups, stews, mac and cheese, along with baby food and formula.

Members of the committee will be on site to accept your food or monetary donation directly from your vehicle. Enter through the parking lot and exit by the church. Any cheques are to be made payable to Food Banks Mississauga.

If you're not available on those days you can make a donation online [here](#).

Thank you,  
Leslie West on behalf of the Outreach Committee



## New Minister Search Team

Rev. Joanne will be retiring at the end of June 2026, and the executive of Applewood United Church has identified the need to form a New Minister search team. This group will take on an important and exciting task, and we encourage you to consider joining.

You can find details about the team's role and the search process here [Pastoral Relations: Guidelines for Search and Selection \(April 2020\)](#) on the United Church of Canada website. Participation is open to all members and adherents of Applewood. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to any member of the executive.

Applewood United Church Executive

## Prayer Request Cards

**NEW**

Thanks to Marguerite Porter, we have a new Prayer Request box located on the desk at the front entrance of the church. The green Prayer Request cards are also on the entrance desk and also in each pew.

The prayer cards are given to Anne Moore and Joan Marshall for inclusion in the Prayer Chain.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Prentice

## Sunday Morning Refreshments!



**We need YOU to make and serve refreshments!**  
**Sign up now!**

## 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](mailto: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.

## Encampments in Mississauga: A complex issue demanding compassionate solutions

Homelessness in Mississauga is more than just a hidden problem – it's a clear sign of the real challenges facing our community. It's a complex issue with deep roots, affecting many cities across Ontario. Anyone can find themselves unhoused at any point no matter of age, gender, background. Every individual living in an encampment has a unique story, and their housing situation shouldn't define how they are treated by community.

Inadequate housing, funding shortfalls, overwhelmed shelters, limited resources, and personal circumstances such as job loss, mental health issues, and substance abuse, have led to many residents facing eviction, and lacking the means to provide for themselves and their families. Not everyone chooses to live in an encampment. For many, it's a last resort when they have nowhere else to turn to.

On June 26, Peel Region Council approved a new [Co-ordinated Homeless Encampment Response](#), establishing a consistent, compassionate and collaborative human rights-based approach to supporting people experiencing homelessness in Mississauga.

Mississauga's approach is grounded in dignity and respect for every individual, including those living in encampments. The City, in partnership with Peel Region and community organizations, is committed to a coordinated, human rights-based response that balances the needs of encampment residents with those of the broader community. [Source - City of Mississauga](#)

Submitted by Leslie West

## Child Care Centre Traffic Safety

Following the tragic incident at a child care centre in Richmond Hill recently, the Government of Ontario is proposing immediate changes to better safeguard children and staff in child care centres across the province. With our treasured Appleseed Academy in mind, temporary parking restrictions will be in place during the daycare's hours of operation as we await further government guidance and legislation.

Be careful out there and be especially mindful of the wee ones in our community.

Ian Prentice - Rental Coordinator

## From the Affirming Committee



Mohawk Institute was Canada's longest running residential school. It was the last to close in 1970. Two years later its building was used as the Woodland Cultural Centre with the purpose of collecting research and artifacts from its time as a residential school. This September 30th, for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, it will open its doors to the public as a museum so that people can visit and learn what life was like inside the residential school. Please read more [here](#).

Submitted by Christina Miller

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**Applewood United Financial Recap August 2025 - Lori Coleman**

	Aug <u>Actuals</u>	Aug <u>YTD 2025</u>	Aug <u>YTD 2024</u>
Local	25,678	203,095	202,885
Virtual Auction	-	-	6,895
M&S	4,172	35,497	34,607
Total Receipts	29,850	238,592	244,387
Operating Exp	28,182	228,246	172,408
M&S	4,172	35,497	34,607
Total Expenses	32,354	263,743	207,015
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,504)	(25,151)	37,372

Note: Maintenance interest of 5K relating to 2024 deposited in January 2025

Note: Local receipts in 2024/2025 include RCP insurance payments

**The Apple Jam**

"The Apple Jam" open mic night returns on **Sunday, October 5 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm** in the community hall at Applewood United Church. This is an all-ages community event where all are welcome to share their talents in a supportive, casual environment, and/or to just come and enjoy the show. We create a cabaret type experience and refreshments will be available. Doors open at 6:00 pm.



# The Apple Jam

## OPEN MIC LIVE

**Sunday October 5, 2025**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**All welcome!**  
**Drop in or stay for the entire event!**

**Applewood United Church**  
**2067 Stanfield Rd. Mississauga, ON**



## September Dates of Significance



### September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day occurs on **September 30th** each year. It is a time for us to acknowledge the experiences of those who attended residential schools in Canada, and to uplift and honour the resiliency of survivors of the residential school system as well as to affirm that “Every Child Matters”.

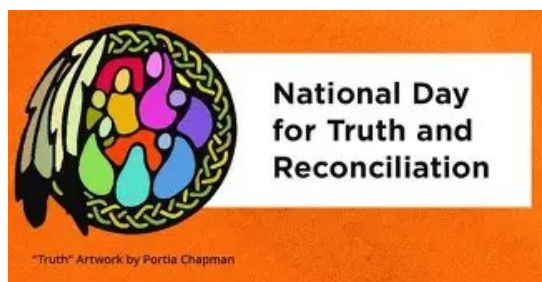


The Orange Shirt Day campaign was launched in 2013 by Phyllis Jack Webstad, a residential school survivor. On her first day at school at the age of six, Phyllis had her new orange shirt bought by her grandmother taken away from her.

September 30th was chosen for Orange Shirt Day because it was around this time that Indigenous children were taken from their families to residential schools. An estimated 150,000 children attended 130 residential schools from 1831 to 1996.

Today, people wear orange shirts on September 30 to commemorate the tragic and painful history of residential schools and their cruel assimilation practices, to listen to the stories of survivors, their families and communities and to remember and honour those who didn't make it.

### September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



One of the 94 calls to action of The Truth and Reconciliation Commission states: “We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.”

Inaugurated in 2021, September 30 marks Canada's fifth National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Over 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis children were forced to attend residential schools. At least 6,000 died. The last residential school closed in 1996.

APTN TV, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, CBC/Radio-Canada and the Algonquin Nation have united to produce a 90-minute multilingual commemorative gathering entitled *Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*. The gathering will encompass powerful reflections from esteemed Elders and Survivors as well as moving performances by First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists. The gathering will broadcast live from Parliament Hill on September 30 on APTN and APTN Languages — as well as on partnering Canadian broadcasters — to reach as many viewers as possible. In Ottawa, among other events, [the Canadian Museum of History will host the official inauguration of an Indian Residential School Memorial Monument, with free admission to the museum](#). There will be local gatherings and events in all provinces.

In Southern Ontario, consider a visit (virtual and/or in person) to the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford to help understand and celebrate the history, culture, language and art of Southern Ontario's First Nations peoples.

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## September Dates of Significance...cont'd

Mississauga events include:

- The Museums of Mississauga will be offering Truth and Reconciliation tours on September 30<sup>th</sup> at no cost.
- The University of Toronto, Mississauga will be having their All Nations Pow Wow on October 4<sup>th</sup> <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/all-nations-powwow/>
- On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Parks Canada, in partnership with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, will be unveiling the City's first National Historic site marker in honour of Nahnebahwequay <https://parks.canada.ca/culture/designation/personnage-person/nahnebahwequay>
- Eagle Spirits Over the Great Waters will be hosting their Gathering and Healing weekend September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> <https://eaglespirits.ca/2025-healing-and-gathering-weekend/>

## October Dates of Significance

### October 1 - National Seniors Day



National Seniors Day which coincides with the UN International Day of Older Persons, is an occasion where all Canadians can join in celebrating older adults across Canada - whether a parent, a co-worker, a neighbour, or a friend. It is a day for Canadians to show appreciation for their wisdom, experience and the life-long contributions they have made and continue to make to their families, communities, and society. Officially declared in 2011, this day highlights not only the positive impact seniors have on our lives but also raises awareness of the challenges of ageism, social isolation and lack of accessibility faced by older members of our Canadian communities.

By 2030, seniors will make up 23% of Canada's population

By 2050, the global population of people 60 years and over is expected to reach 2.1 billion.

Submitted by Sophie Cook



EAGLE SPIRITS OF THE GREAT WATERS PRESENTS:  
**5TH ANNUAL GATHERING & HEALING CEREMONY**  
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**SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2025**  
**10 AM - 4PM**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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Submitted by Anne Moore

ALL ARE WELCOME

**PUBLIC GATHERING HONOURING THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AT THE CAMPFIRE SCULPTURE, HUMBER BAY SHORES PARK**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AT 12:00 PM**


**THE TRUTH ABOUT RECONCILIATION IN 2025 - 10 YEARS SINCE THE TRC'S FINAL REPORT**

GUEST SPEAKER:  
 MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION CHIEF  
 CLAIRE SAULT



The Campfire sculpture is located at the end of Palace Pier Ct, just west of the Humber River along the Martin Goodman Trail. It is a short walk from paid parking and public transit stops along Marine Parade Dr. Carpooling encouraged. Please wear an orange shirt. Bring your own chair if needed.

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## Orange Shirt Sunday is September 28



On September 30, wear an orange shirt to say that Every Child Matters. And on September 28, mark [Orange Shirt Sunday](#) in your community of faith.

This year in particular we ask you to honour the children with a [gift or special offering to the Healing Fund](#), which supports initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts.

[Image credit: Central Labrador Pastoral Charge]

On September 30, we also invite you to join in the [Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event](#) on Parliament Hill. This 90-minute program is a united effort of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, the Algonquin Nation, APTN, and CBC/Radio-Canada. It begins at 3:00 p.m. ET and all are welcome. Not near Ottawa? It will also be broadcast live on APTN and on YouTube.

*The United Church of Canada E-ssentials - September 9, 2025*

## Mission and Service Stories: Keeping Language and Culture Alive

NEW



The Inuinnaqtun language is the cultural foundation of the Inuinnaqtun people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. Today, fewer than 600 people can speak Inuinnaqtun fluently. Mission and Service partner Pitquhirmikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, is dedicated to [keeping Inuinnaqtun alive](#).

Your compassionate gifts through [Mission and Service](#) are supporting programs that help preserve language and culture.

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### Men's Coffee Group

Wednesdays @ 9:45 am via ZOOM

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

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