



# ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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**Sunday May 14th, 2023 10:30 am**

*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory  
of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation.*

*May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer:

**God of love, we are thankful for this time together and  
for the gift of this day.**

**We are thankful for each other, for the gift of this  
community.**

**Creator God, in this time together may we be  
strengthened to continue to be about the work you call  
us to, to pour out the gift of your love in the world.**

**Amen.**

Hymn: MV#178 “Who is My Mother”

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Story

Choir Anthem

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading: John 14: 15-21 Jesus talks about love

Sermon

Hymn: VU#375 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

The offering is collected-

\*Sung Response: MV#191

**“What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.  
I’ll bring my love. I’ll to my share” x2**

Dedication of Offerings

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: VU#356 “Seek Ye First”

Benediction

Postlude



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Almonte United Church - Report on Givings to April 30, 2023

<i><b>Budget Revenue</b></i>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>2022</b>	
Givings to General Fund (envelope, e-transfer & PAR)	\$31,678	\$34,050	\$26,424	\$29,025
Fund raising	\$388	0	\$0	158.7
Rentals	\$6,363	\$7,200	\$4,799	8110
<b><i>Outreach Givings</i></b>				
Mission and Service	\$6,867	\$7,000	\$7,549	
Local Food Bank	\$330		\$250	
Camp Lauren	\$115		\$0	
Afghan Refugee Resettlement	- -		\$100	
Likulezi Project	\$160		\$160	
<b>Total Outreach Givings</b>	<b>\$7,472</b>		<b>\$8,059</b>	



**Discussion Group-** We're starting up a discussion group this Thursday at 7:00 in the Parlour. Our topic is the book of Acts. We're going to read chapters 1-4 and discuss them. No experience necessary! Let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to come.

# COMING EVENTS

## The AUC PLANT SALE



We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday (the 20th) at the plant sale. Hours are from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. It promises to be a great sale with lots of

indoor, outdoor, annual and perennial plants for you to add to your home and/or garden. There will be planter boxes from the Men's Shed and refreshments by the Likulezi project. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!



## **Plant Sale - Refreshment Booth**

**(May 20)**

The AUC Likulezi Group will be selling sandwiches, coffee, tea, lavender iced tea, and flower-themed cookies among other tasty items to eat on the spot or take home. Keep your strength up!

- Other donated baked goods are much appreciated: cookies, squares, cupcakes, bread, buns, etc!
- Drop off baked goods in church kitchen Friday May 19, 3pm-7pm or Saturday May 20 at 8am.
- Please contact Laurie re: what you are thinking of baking: [roadtowisdom@hotmail.com](mailto:roadtowisdom@hotmail.com) or call/text 613-796-2116.
- All proceeds from this booth will go to the Likulezi Project in Phalombe district of Malawi. Many community members lost their homes and seedling crops this spring due to the devastating Cyclone Freddy!
- If you would like to help out but can't bake 😊, we will have a donation box at the refreshment booth. Cash or cheques made out to Almonte United Church – memo line: Likulezi. Tax receipts can be issued for \$20 or more.
- New Likulezi Group members welcome!

## **The Lanark Food Bank Needs our Help.**

Demand is high and supplies are low!



On or before Sunday May 21st please make food or a financial contribution to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

If unable to attend church on Sunday May 21st please bring your food or financial donations to the church office. The office is open Mondays 10am – 2pm and Thursdays 10am-3 pm. A collection container will be available outside the office for food items. Otherwise, your donations will be received with thanks prior to the church service on the 21st. The list of food items needed include: soups & canned

meats; breakfast cereals; peanut butter; beans; canned fruit & veggies; spaghetti & sauce and baby items (formula, cereal, jarred food & diapers). Financial donations can be made by cash or by cheque made payable to Almonte United Church. A financial donation allows staff to purchase items that are in short supply and fresh food such as milk, eggs and bread. *Thanks for helping!\_\_*

## WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday from 10 to 2**

**Thursday from 10 to 3**

**Friday 10 to 12 noon**

Monday to Friday: 7:00 am Almonte Co-Operative  
Nursery School

Monday, May 15

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

Tuesday, May 16

5:45 pm Almonte Brownie Troop

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 am Heuwlén Rankin Yoga

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18

6:30 pm Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

7:00 Discussion Group

Friday, May 19

3:00 pm Likulezi Project

Saturday, May 20



**8:30 am AUC PLANT SALE**



**Likulezi Refreshment Booth/ Men's Shed planter boxes**

Sunday, May 21

10:30 Sunday Worship / Sunday School / Youth Group



*Do you miss seeing some people at Church? If so, phone or email them and ask them to meet you at Church and to join us for coffee after Worship.*



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<b>Minister:</b>	<b>Rev. Mary Royal-Duczek</b>
<b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Neil Milnes</b>
<b>Custodian:</b>	<b>Kim Julian</b>
<b>Office:</b>	<b>Virginia Atkinson</b>
<b>Counter this month:</b>	<b>Evelyn Ironside &amp; Nick Frans</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Mary MacMeekin</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Dawn Morrison</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Eleanor Rintoul</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Amanda Pulker-Mok</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Margie Graff</b>

***N.B. We have an automated external defibrillator!  
It can be found on the table outside the office door.***





