

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local researchers and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of sharing research findings with the community. It argues that research should not be conducted in a vacuum, but should be a collaborative process that involves the community from the beginning to the end. This approach can help to ensure that the research is relevant and useful to the community, and can also help to build trust and rapport between researchers and participants.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 10:30 AM

Musical Prelude

Land Acknowledgement: We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Call to Worship: 352 (VU) Verse 2

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee
But they would not dance and they would not follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on

Chorus:

Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be ,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Welcome and The Announcements

Hymn: 356 (VU) "Seek Ye First"

The Gathering Prayer:

O God of all our seasons, we gather here with gratitude for the beauty and blessings of life, and for the many gifts of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. During this time of worship, we pray that you might inspire us with your ever present mercy and grace; make us always grateful for your countless blessings; and nurture our faith in Christ and his way, for we pray in his holy name. Amen.

The Children's Time with Gus and Gloria

The Choir

The Gospel Reading: (Pg 785) Matthew 4:12-23, "Jesus calls his first disciples"

Meditation:

Hymn: 508 (VU) "Just As I Am"

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 do my share" x2

Dedication of Offerings

The Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 420 (VU) "Go To the World"

The Commissioning and Benediction

Singing of "O Canada"

The Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon is taking place **this Tuesday, January 20th at 12:00 noon** in the Social Hall. It is a light and tasty lunch of soup, sandwiches and

delicious homemade desserts for \$10/person. All Welcome!

Almonte United Church - Report on Givings to December 30, 2025


<i>Budget Revenue</i>	Actual	Budgeted Amount	2024
Givings to General Fund (envelope, e-transfer & PAR)	\$115,253	\$104,850	\$108,208
Fund raising	\$6,750	\$9,000	\$10,428
Rentals	\$40,044	\$31,150	\$32,139
Total	\$162,047	\$145,000	\$150,775
<i>Outreach Givings</i>			
Mission and Service	\$17,258	\$17,289	
Food Bank	\$3,675	\$3,440	
Food Grains Bank	\$6,839	\$7,581	
SchoolBox North	\$956	- -	
Likulezi	\$4,766	\$1,596	
Camp Lauren	\$835	\$1,615	
Total Outreach Givings	\$34,329	\$31,521	

The Mississippi Mills Liaison Committee (MMLC)

During the past few years Ron MacMeekin has represented the Almonte United Church as a volunteer member of The Mississippi Mills Liaison Committee. At the end of 2025, he gave up this position and now wishes to pass the role to another willing member of our congregation.

The Mississippi Mills Liaison Committee brings caring community organizations together to share the expenses needed to support the Mississippi Mills residents in need. The MMLC provides financial support to residents of Mississippi Mills who are not, for whatever reason, able to find timely assistance from other organizations in the area. The committee meets periodically, as needed, to review and validate requests for assistance. Upon approval, each organization member then offers financial assistance based on their organization's budgeted ability to pay.

If you would like to assume this volunteer position representing the Almonte United Church, or require further information, please let Ron MacMeekin know. Additionally, you can visit the MMLC website at: <http://www.mississippimillsliaisoncommittee.com> or contact Ron MacMeekin at 613-299-8818, or by email: ronmardk@gmail.com



Check out our Website at
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WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

8:30 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, January 19

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

12:00 Community Friendship Luncheon

2:00 Drumming Circle

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, January 21

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

3:00 Union Meeting

5:30 Meditation Class

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, January 22

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Vicki Lafleur Exercise Class

6:00 Rhythm & Song Choir

7:00 AUC Choir Practice

Friday, January 23

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

7:00 Sound Healing

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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Minister:	Rev. Heather Kinkaid
Choir Director:	Neil Milnes
Custodian:	Kim Julian
Office:	Virginia Atkinson
Counter this month:	Nick Frans & Evelyn Ironside
Greeter:	Marina Johnston & Kathy Stewart
Greeter next week:	Ron & Leslie Williamson
Reader:	Ellie Badger
Reader next week:	Julie Julian
Sunday School:	Margie Graff
Sound System	Bob Lesser & Laurie Blackstock John Day

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