

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 finding appropriate research methods and in interpreting the data they collect. To address these challenges, the paper suggests that researchers should adopt a more flexible and open-minded approach to their research. This involves being willing to learn from the community and to adapt their research methods as needed. The paper also emphasizes the importance of building trust and rapport with the community, which is essential for conducting high-quality research. Finally, the paper concludes by noting that while there are many challenges to conducting research in culturally diverse settings, the potential benefits are great. By understanding the cultural context of the research, researchers can develop more effective interventions and policies that better serve the needs of all students.

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Sunday, February 16, 2025 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.*

## **The Musical Prelude**

## **Welcome and The Announcements**

**The Call to Worship:** (in unison)

**“Make us to know your ways, O Lord;**

**Teach us your paths.**

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us,**

**For you are the God of our salvation;**

**For you we wait all day long.”**

(from Psalm 25)

**Opening Hymn:** 234 (vu) “Let Us With a Gladsome Mind”

**The Gathering Prayer:**

**O God of blessings and goodness, we gather here in faith and Christian fellowship seeking guidance for the days that lie ahead. Help us to feel your Holy Presence during this time of worship now and when we take our discipleship out into our everyday world. Amen.**

**The Children’s Time with Gus and Gloria**

**The Choir Anthem**

**The Almonte United Church Story**

**The New Testament Reading:** Luke 6:17-26 (page 838)  
“Luke’s version of the Beatitudes also includes some warnings for the rich and contented.”

## **Meditation**

**Hymns:** 589 (vu) “Lord, Speak to Me”

**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:** 337 (vu) “Blessed Assurance”

**The Benediction**

**Singing of ‘O Canada’**

**Musical Postlude**



# Congregational News

## The Coldest Night of the Year Fund Raising Walk

On **February 22nd, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**, our AUC Youth Group members will be 'walking the walk' as they raise awareness and funds for Cornerstone Landing Youth Services, providing assistance to youth ages 16-24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Lanark County. The walk begins and ends at the Carleton Place Canoe Club. (Some of our youth will be walking off site too as they are away that weekend)

### **How can you help?**

-join us for the walk or come to cheer us on...

Our team's name is Team AUC and Margie Graff is our captain.

-donate to any of our team members on our team page

-learn more about youth homelessness and Cornerstone Landing

Go to:

<https://cnoy.org/location/lanarkcounty> and scroll down to see the various prompts to do any of the above. (If you need help with this, just let us know and we can give you a hand)

We are excited to be joining teams across Canada to help fight homelessness. Thank you for all your support.



## *Bring Your Appetite*



**The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon** is at noon **this Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>** in the social hall of Almonte United Church. Workers from several

churches, as well as community individuals come together to provide a light and tasty lunch of soup, sandwiches and delicious homemade desserts for \$10/person. These luncheons are a friendly get-together for people in our community. Any money left over after expenses is donated back to the community. In 2024 we gave donations to the healthy snack programs in Almonte's four schools as well as donating to the Lions Club /Carebridge Christmas hampers.

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### **Donation Receipts**

**Donation Receipts for the 2024 year, will be made available in the next few weeks .**

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### **Mmmmmm Pancakes!**



AUC will be hosting a tasty Pancake Lunch after service on **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We are looking for a few helpers as well. If you are able to help out, please see Terri-Lynn Funnekotter for more information.

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## Winter Bible Study Group

For those interested in a winter bible study group, please speak to Rev. Heather and let her know if you have a topic of interest. If there is enough interest, we will set the dates and times and provide those to you.

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## Congregational Meeting



Save the date! **The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned for more details.

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# What's On at AUC This Week

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday from 10 to 2**

**Tuesday from 10 to 2**

**Thursday from 10 to 2**

### Monday, February 17

**Family Day**

5:30 Taekwon Do

### Tuesday, February 18

**12:00 Community Friendship Luncheon**

6:30 Almonte Embers

### Wednesday, February 19

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 20

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

### Friday February 21

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

### Saturday, February 22

10:00 Buddhist Meditation Group

2:00 Private Celebration of Life

### Sunday, February 23

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

