

Almonte United Church

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Sunday, December 29, 2024 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.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and The Announcements

The Call to Worship:

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

One: The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God

will be your glory.

All: Come, let us worship our God of light and glory. Alleluia!

Amen!

(from Isaiah 60)

Re-Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles

Hymn: Good Christian Friends Rejoice (Vu # 35)

Gathering Prayer:

O God of our past, as we remember the momentous events of this year, 2024, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us. O God of our present, we anticipate the opportunities of this new day; be with us now in this time of worship and renewed commitment to you.

O God of our future, we are open to all the risks and challenges of the soon-to-come 2025, knowing you will continue to be our Comfort and our Guide.

O God of eternity, hear our prayers for we pray in the name of our Christmas Saviour, Amen.

Children's Time with Gloria and Gus

Hymn: The First Noel (Vu # 91)

The Scripture Lesson:

John 1: 1-5, 9-14. (Page 862) "In his opening chapter, John writes that the Word was with God at creation,"

Hymn Angels We Have Heard On High (Vu # 38)

The offering is collected
Offertory Prayer and Sung Response:
"What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him.... give my heart."

(VU, #55 verse 4)

Closing Hymn: Once In Royal David's City (Vu # 62)

Extinguishing the Advent Candles

The Benediction

Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Potluck Lunch

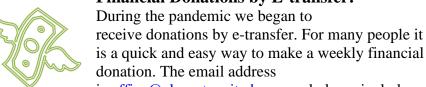
Please join us to bring in the New year with a New Year's Potluck Appetizer & Dessert Party on Sunday, January 12, 2025 following the service. These items can be your choice of hot or cold. As we have many allergies in the congregation, we ask you to please keep all dishes nut/peanut free and list out the ingredients on a card beside your items. We look forward to a wonderful time to connect, enjoy great food, and share fellowship with one another. We hope to see you there.

The office is now closed and will reopen on January 6th at 10:00 am

Marvellous MondayMeals

The email to those on our email list was sent out on December 26 and included the offerings for January 6th. If you wish to order meals, we need to receive it by December 31st. We will continue to send you a confirmation of your order. Pick up is between 1 and 2pm on Monday, January 6th.

Financial Donations by E-transfer:



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ST. PAUL'S/DUNROBIN UNITED CHURCH – CAFES EVENT

On **January 17, 2025** St. Paul's United Church will host a collaborative community workshop event with **CAFES** (Community Associations For Environmental Sustainability):

Date: Friday, January 17th, 2025

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm

Location: St Paul's United Church Carp, 3760 Carp Rd, Ottawa, ON K0A 1L0 **Food: Pizza!** Enjoy a pizza supper and beverages. Connect with community members about climate action. Ideal for ages 16 and up, and no prior knowledge of climate science is required.

Attendance for the event will be limited - preregistration will be required. Please use the following link to register:

LINK: https://bit.ly/stpaulscarp

Movie Nights at AUC

Almonte United Church is inviting any and all movie buffs to attend four showings in our Social Hall, located at 106 Elgin Street, Almonte over the coming months. Show times at 7:00pm and admission is by donation. Please refer to poster on our bulletin board and in the Social Hall for titles and dates. This is a community wide event so please feel free to invite a neighbour or friend. The movies have been chosen to appeal to a broad range of people however there are adult themes from time to time. Finally, as hosts we will do our best the re-create an authentic, movie worthy, hot dog and popcorn menu. The price for these will only be \$1 Hope to see you there. The next presentation will be "Sapphires" on January 24th at 7:00. This musical,/comedy/drama is set in 1968, when four young Australian Aboriginal girls learn about love, friendship and war as their all-girl singing group travels to Vietnam to entertain the U.S. Troops.



WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

The office is now closed and will reopen on January 6th at 10:00 am

Monday to Friday 7:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31 New Years Eve

Wednesday, January 1 New Years Day

Thursday, January 2
10:00 Mom & Baby physio workout

Friday, January 3 9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

10:30 Sunday Worship Sunday School Youth Group 7:00 Lindsey Lamden Yoga

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