

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 ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that the research is conducted in a way that respects the dignity and rights of all individuals.

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**Sunday, March 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:**

One: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"** (from Psalm 27)

**Hymn: 84 (MV) "In You There Is a Refuge"**

### **The Gathering Prayer: (together)**

**Loving God, you gather us as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. You watch over us in all the changes and unknowns of our lives. In times when uncertainties threaten to overwhelm us, keep us mindful of your faithfulness. In times when we see no reason for hope, teach us to be courageous and steadfast in our faith. Be especially with us now, O God, as we journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem. Amen.**

## **The Children's Time with Gus and Gloria**

## **The Choir Anthem: “ I Surrender All “**

### **My UC Story:**

**The Scripture Reading:** Luke 13:31-35. (Page 849) “On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus calls Herod a ‘fox’ and compares himself to a ‘broody hen with her chickens’.”

**Meditation:** “Foxes and Chickens”

**Hymn:** 642(vu) “Be Thou My Vision”

**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 Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn:** 586 (vu) “We Shall Go Out”

## **The Commissioning and Irish Benediction**

**Singing of “O Canada”**

## **The Musical Postlude**



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Almonte United Church - Report on Givings to February 28, 2025

<b><i>Budget Revenue</i></b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>2024</b>
Givings to General Fund (envelope, e-transfer & PAR)	\$15,937	\$17,158	\$13,894
Fund raising	\$827	\$1,500	\$572
Rentals	\$4,172	\$4,533	\$8,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,936</b>	<b>\$23,192</b>	<b>\$22,482</b>
<b><i>Outreach Givings</i></b>			
Mission and Service	\$3,390	\$2,862	
<b>Total Outreach Givings</b>	<b>\$3,390</b>	<b>\$2,862</b>	

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Revenue Canada (CRA) is allowing all donations made January 1 to February 28, 2025 for use on your 2024 Income Tax Returns due to the postal strike in Nov & December 2024. These receipts are printed and available for pickup or mailing, if you wish to use these on your 2024 Tax return. If not they will be keep for use on your 2025 Tax return. You may request your January 1 to February 28, 2025 receipts by contacting Robert Watson at [rwatson1051@gmail.com](mailto:rwatson1051@gmail.com) or contact the Church office. If you require more information, please contact me directly at my number or email below.

Thank you for your faithful support of Almonte United Church  
Blessings to all

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## *Bring Your Appetite*



**The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon** is at noon **this Tuesday March 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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### **Volunteers Needed**

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to make a few loaves of sandwiches for the meeting; please speak to, or e-mail Terri-Lynn at [tfunnko@gmail.com](mailto:tfunnko@gmail.com)

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### **Financial Donations by E-transfer:**

During the pandemic we began to receive donations by e-transfer. For many people it is a quick and easy way to make a weekly financial donation. The email address is [office@almonteunited.com](mailto:office@almonteunited.com) and please include your name and contact information in the message line.

# 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 to Friday

9:00 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

## Monday, March 17

11:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

## Tuesday, March 18

**12:00 pm Almonte Community Luncheon**

6:30 Almonte Embers

## Wednesday, March 19

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

## Thursday, March 20

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

## Friday March 21

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

## Saturday, March 22

1:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

## Sunday, March 23

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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<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>Nick Frans &amp; Evelyn Ironside</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Leon &amp; Nancy Page</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Marina Johnston &amp; Kathy Stewart</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>John Peters</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Mary MacMeekin</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Margie Graff</b>
<b>Sound System</b>	<b>Bob Lesser &amp; Laurie Blackstock</b>

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