

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 informants 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 their research does not cause harm or exploitation. The paper concludes by noting that while cross-cultural research is a complex and challenging endeavor, it is also a highly rewarding one that can lead to a deeper understanding of human behavior and culture.

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## Sunday, January 19, 2025 10:30 am Epiphany II

*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

#### Call to Worship:

One: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
Your justice is like the great deeps.**

One: Earth's children, high and low,  
Take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: We feast on the abundance of your goodness; You  
give us to drink from your river of delights.**

**For with you is the fountain of life;  
In your light, we see light.**

**Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!** (from  
Psalm 36)

**Hymn: 245 (VU) "Praise the Lord"**

#### 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**

### **A Story Celebrating Our AUC History**

**The Choir Anthem:** "Walk With Me"

**The Gospel Reading:** John 2:1-11. (Page 863)

"Accompanied by his mother and the first disciples, Jesus goes to a wedding in Cana where he transforms the water into the finest wine."

**Meditation:** "Remembering My Brother's Wedding"

**Hymn:** 150 (MV) "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

**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:** 639 (VU) "One More Step"

**The Commissioning and Benediction**

**The Musical Postlude**

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Almonte United Church - Report on Givings to December 31, 2024

<b><i>Budget Revenue</i></b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>2023</b>
Givings to General Fund (envelope, e-transfer & PAR)	\$107,808	\$105,500	\$99,414
Fund raising	\$10,468	\$3,000	\$2,726
Rentals	\$32,139	\$25,250	\$23,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,415</b>	<b>\$133,750</b>	<b>\$126,030</b>
<b><i>Outreach Givings</i></b>			
Mission and Service	\$17,289	\$20,552	
Likulezi	\$1,596	\$3,832	
Camp Lauren	\$1,615	\$1,750	
Canadian Foodgrains	\$7,581	\$8,538	
Local Foodbank	\$3,440	\$4,817	
<b>Total Outreach Givings</b>	<b>\$31,521</b>	<b>\$39,489</b>	

### ***Lend a Hand with Decorating***

We have a new Church Decorating Leader! Please contact [roadtowisdom@hotmail.com](mailto:roadtowisdom@hotmail.com) if you would like to help out. We will meet in February to tour the décor storage room, share ideas and prep a tentative schedule. You can assist with any or all of the 3 to 6 seasonal decorating days and/or take the lead on one particular décor change. Welcome!

### **New Dishwasher Ready to Go**

For anyone who anticipates using our brand-new dishwasher, you are invited to a tutorial on Monday Jan.20 at 9:30am.

*The Worship Committee  
thinks everyone for  
making our New Year's  
Party such a great  
success.... most especially  
the food, chatter and  
assistance. **All most  
appreciated!***



*We have received lovely thank you notes from Sister Angelina and the Carmelite Nuns for the books we gave them. Also, we have received a lovely thank you note from the generous benefactors of the dishwasher, for the flowers that we gave them.*

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### **Save The Date!**



**The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon** is at noon **this Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**, 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.

## **This Friday is Movie Night at AUC !**



**This Friday on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AUC's movie presentation will be "Sapphires".** *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*  
Admission is by donation.

This is a community-wide event so please feel free to invite a neighbour or friend. The movies we present have been chosen to appeal to a broad range of people, however there are adult themes from time to time. As hosts, we will do our best to re-create an authentic, movie worthy, hot dog and popcorn menu. The price for these will only be \$1 .  
Hope to see you there!

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## **Scripture Readers Needed**

We are looking for some additional Readers for the weekly Sunday scripture. If this is something you would like to help out with, please speak with Amanda Pulker- Mok for more details.

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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.

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# WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday from 10 to 2**

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**Thursday from 10 to 2**

### Monday, January 20

5:30 Taekwon Do

### Tuesday, January 21

**12:00 AUC Community Luncheon**

6:30 Almonte Embers

### Wednesday, January 22

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 23

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

7:00 Council Meeting

### Friday January 24

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

**7:00 AUC's Movie Night**

### Saturday, January 25

### Sunday, January 26

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



