

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. This is essential for ensuring that the research is conducted in a respectful and ethical manner. Finally, the paper concludes by noting that while there are many challenges to conducting research in culturally diverse settings, it is also an opportunity to gain valuable insights into the lives of people from different cultures. By taking the time to understand and appreciate these differences, researchers can make a significant contribution to the field of education and to the well-being of the communities they study.

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Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:30 am

Family Sunday

*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: This is God's world and we belong to God's family.

**All: We come to worship God and to celebrate the
different gifts that God has given us.**

One: We share God's vision of the world's peoples bound
together as one family.

**All: For the vision of faith, love and peace that we
share, thanks be to God!**

Hymn: 226 (vu) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

The Gathering Prayer: (Together)

**Eternal God, you have called us to be a family of
faith; during this time of worship, help us to understand
that we are your family in Christ. Because we are called
to be a family of love, help us to truly rejoice and delight
in one another. Because we have been called to be a
family of hope, give us grace to see beyond our own
pain and despair to feel the joy of the Risen Christ
healing our wounds, for we pray in his holy name.
Amen.**

The Children's Time with Gus and Gloria

The Choir Anthem: “The Greatest Gift of All”

An Almonte United Church Story

The Gospel Lesson: John 10: 11-18. Page 872f. “Jesus says: ‘I Am the Good Shepherd’.”

Meditation

Hymn: Page 747 (vu) “The Lord’s My Shepherd”
(Tune: Crimond)

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

The Closing Hymn: 556 (vu) “Would You Bless Our
Homes and Families?”

The Commissioning and Benediction

Singing of “O Canada”

Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Mother's Day Carnations

Please help yourself to one of the 40 carnations at the end of the service today, especially those who relate to having been in a mothering role or nurturing role. If any carnations remain, feel free to take one for someone else to brighten their day.

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

<i>Budget Revenue</i>	Actual	Budgeted Amount	2024
Givings to General Fund (envelope, e-transfer & PAR)	\$34,435	\$34,717	\$33,854
Fund raising	\$2,710	\$3,000	\$2,980
Rentals	\$13,315	\$12,067	\$10,965
Total	\$50,460	\$49,783	\$47,800

Outreach Givings

Mission and Service	\$6,073	\$5,739
Food Bank	\$500	\$250
Camp Lauren	\$835	\$1,360
Total Outreach Givings	\$835	\$1,360

HELP NEEDED

Our Third Annual Plant Sale is happening on May 17th. We need your help with plants, distributing posters, setting up and cleaning up and at the sale. If you have an hour or several hours to share with us it will be greatly appreciated. The posters and the volunteer sign-up sheet are on the table across from the Office. We will be starting the set up at 1 pm on May 16th and will be accepting plants starting at 1pm until 6 pm. Please be sure your plants, bulbs, tubers etc. are in pots and well labeled.

We will need volunteers from 8 am on May 17th. We need your assistance; we cannot do it alone! We look forward to you joining us.

- Your Plant Sale Team



Refreshments and Baked Goods at Plant Sale May 17 * 8am-12pm

Donations of any baked goods or preserves would be much appreciated, especially muffins, cupcakes and egg bites (easy for visitors to eat on the spot).

Proceeds from this portion of the AUC Plant Sale will go to the Likulezi Project in Malawi, an initiative supported by the church since the 1990s.

Drop off in social hall Friday, May 16 at 2:00pm-7:00pm or Saturday May 17 at 7:30am-8:30am. Call 613-796-2116 if any questions or needing to drop off food at a different time. And come visit the booth to buy a light breakfast or lunch to go: coffee, black tea, herbal tea, juice, baked goods, and sandwiches for sale!



The 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada:

June is going to be a very special month celebrating this milestone event.

EOORC Event: On **June 15th at 11:00 am at the EY Centre** in Ottawa (near the Airport), our Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region is hosting a centennial worship service for all congregations in the region.

Lanark Bus: The Lanark congregation is renting a bus and have invited us to join them. Although it's still very early, we need to give them an idea of how many from AUC might join them on the bus. Some people may want to drive; parking is free. **For those wishing to ride on the bus, please speak to Rev. Heather or call the Church Office.** Live Stream Service at AUC: Plans are being made to live stream this service .



Greeters Needed- We're looking for a few more people to join the Greeter Schedule. It's an easy yet important job. Duties including greeting folks at the door as they arrive and then passing the offering plate. Please let Rev. Heather know if this

is something you can help with once a month.

Check out our Website at
www.almonteunited.com

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

9:00 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, May 12

10:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, May 13

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, May 14

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, May 15

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

2:00 Seated Qi Gong

6:00 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday May 16

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, May 17

8:00 AUC 3rd Annual Plant and Bake Sale

Sunday, May 18

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

3:00 Seated Qi Gong

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

