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November 5



Annoucements and Notices

Pop-Up Cleaning Bee

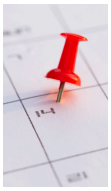
In preparation for the musical performance this Saturday in the sanctuary, it will be nice to give it a quick once over to clear away cobwebs and ensure the floors and rugs are presentable. If you have an hour this Friday at 1:00 pm, please drop by the church with a swiffer and other cleaning supplies you think will be helpful. Always nice to do a bit of housekeeping every once in a while for all our church members, visitors and it may help attract other performances to our church. Hoping to see you there! Thanks.



For Sale ~One ticket available for Saturday, Nov. 7, concert at AUC with amazing musicians Sean McCann and Jeremy Fisher. Selling at original price: $60 ($50 + service fee + HST) ~ Email Laurie at roadtowisdom@hotmail.com

Dates to Keep In Mind

November 8 - **Remembrance Day Sunday**
November 15 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 22 - Reign of Christ Sunday (the last Sunday of the liturgical year)
November 29 - **Advent 1 ~ Communion**
December 6 - Advent 2 ~ Children's Sunday



Fall Programming

Monday Walking Group ~ 9am in the parking lot
Bi-Weekly Book Study ~*An Altar in the World*
Thursday 's 3pm: Nov 12 and 26- Dec 10
Exploring Together (Confirmation) Wednesdays ~ 10 am
Journeying with the Mystics - Next Session Dec 1~ 6:45 pm ~Topic: Hildegard of Bingen

Facing Forward

The **2026 Identities Survey** is part of the United Church's work on Toward 2035. Almonte United Church has been selected as a Your responses to this survey will helps understand who participates in United Church communities of faith at the moment.
They would like responses by November 20th, 2026. More info in the bulletin. To complete the survey please go to the link at:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AllIdentities2026SL

Looking Towards Sunday

This Sunday we are with the Hebrew people just before they cross into the promise land. Joshua reminds the people of their history asking them to remember who they are and whose they are. This is Remembrance Day Sunday where we will take time to remember those who served, and commit to the work of peace. Remembering is never only about the past it is also about the future and it shapes the kind of community we choose to be.

Heather's Thursday Thoughts



This week has me wondering about the people we never see. It has been quite a week, with an election to the south, a federal budget whose decisions will touch people those in power will never meet, bomb threats against airline travellers across Europe and supermarket refrigerators in Europe turned off by unknown cyber attacks and so much food ruined. Sunday we will mark Remembrance Day. In worship we will hear the roll call of names, hear Last Post and listen to Lament on the bagpipes. Saying names aloud is one of the oldest ways we have of making sure people are not forgotten, both the ones whose names we know and the many we don't. Remembering is how we say that people matter.
So much of what holds a community together is also done by people whose names rarely get said. Today I was at a community lunch where Tara Hillier from Volunteer Ottawa spoke about building strong volunteer programs. She indicated that it is hard to find community when so much of life happens through phones and screens and so many people feel lonely. She described a needed shift away from old leadership models, where one leader sat at the top and people held the same committee roles for years, toward a collaborative model where roles can change and leadership is shared. In her words, community leadership is "the practice of bringing people together around a shared purpose, making good decisions, and turning trust into coordinated action."
That happens here every week. People set up, make coffee, count the offering, visit, sing and show up for one another, often without anyone noticing. To everyone who makes this church work, thank you. You are not overlooked, and you are what makes this a community. No one here goes unseen. ~See you Sunday.