



ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, April 19, 2026 10:30 am
CAMPING SUNDAY



Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement: We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Call to Worship:

One: I know you are out there!

All: And we do to!

One: I can feel you splashing in the lake, so near!

All: We can feel you flowing through the trees, right here!

One: Shining in the campfire, twinkling in the stars!

All: In our song, in our friendships ever near, never far!

One: Come let us search together and discover!

All: Let us worship together and your love uncover!

Opening Hymn: (289 VU) "It Only Takes a Spark"

At the Campfire...

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, the spark has kindled a fire

All: We gather for its warmth and light.

Your love is the warmth that fills our hearts

All: Your love lights the way.

First, we experience the warmth and light of your love,

All: And then we pass it on. AMEN

Choir Anthem:” This Little Light of Mine”

Minute for Mission

Poem: The Power of One

A Campfire Story ... Stone Soup

A Campfire Song...Rockin’ Kum Ba Yah

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

Offertory Prayer

Crafty Cabin – God’s Eyes and Four Elements Weaving

Closing Hymn: Halle, Halle, Halle

**Halle, Halle, Halle...Halle-lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle...Halle-lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle...Halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!**

Commissioning and Blessing

Song: Amen!



Camping and other outdoor recreational ministries are:

- The largest youth faith formation forum in The United Church of Canada
- A safe, unique space where campers are welcome, accepted and valued for who they are
- A transformational opportunity to build relationship with the Sacred in creation, self, others
- A fun-filled place to try something new- games, crafting, swimming, canoe trips, campfires, sleeping under the stars
- An opportunity to develop leadership skills
- An oasis away from the stress and busyness of everyday life
- A safe place for campers to explore who and whose they are and to integrate faith with life

Camps- and the wider church- are being challenged to act and help shape ministries that meet the needs of all Canadians regardless of age, disability, gender identity, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or any other basis by which a person can be devalued.

Combined, all of the challenges faced by camps, produce the greatest challenge- providing an opportunity to commune with God in a space that is rarely found elsewhere in a way that is truly welcoming to all, at a cost that is affordable to all.

Today- thanks to generous United Church congregations and presbyteries, and Seeds of Hope and Mission & Service- United Church camping remains one of the largest providers of residential camp experience, and the largest Christian faith-based camp provider in Canada. Thank you for being a part of this important ministry!



**TODAY IS CAMPING SUNDAY!
WE WILL BE COLLECTING
DONATIONS FOR CAMP LAU-REN.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT IN
PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH THIS VALUABLE
CAMPING EXPERIENCE!**

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The monthly **Almonte Community Friendship Luncheon** is coming up **this Tuesday, April 21st** at noon in the social hall of Almonte United Church.

A light lunch of soup, sandwiches and homemade desserts is \$10/person.

Volunteers from several of the town's churches and also from the community at large work together to present these luncheons.

ALL ARE WELCOME !

Cakes for Apes Bake Sale



Emmett and the Youth Group will be hosting a bake sale next week, April 26th, in support of critically endangered orangutans through International Animal Rescue.

Everything will be available by donation.

Hope to see you there and thank you for your support



PLANT SALE MAY 16TH

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 8:00 A.M. - NOON FOR OUR ANNUAL PLANT SALE FEATURING ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, HERBS, VEGETABLES, HOUSE PLANTS, AND MORE.

BREAKFAST TO GO WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SUPPORT OF THE LIKULEZI PROJECT.

RAIN OR SHINE. CASH ONLY.

PLANT AND GARDEN TOOL DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AT THE CHURCH THE DAY BEFORE THE SALE. MORE DETAILS TO COME.

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

8:30 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, April 20

9:30 Alison Tait Yoga

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, April 21

12:00 Almonte Community Luncheon

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, April 22

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, April 23

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

7:00 AUC Choir Practice

Friday, April 24

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, April 25

Sunday, April 26

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

1:30 Sound Healing

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

