

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 diverse cultural 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, February 26, 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 Third Sunday After Epiphany

Musical Prelude

Welcome and The Announcements

The Call to Worship:

One: To you, O God, we lift our souls.

All: Make us to know your ways, O Lord;

Teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us ,

for you are the God of our salvation;

For you, we wait all day long.

So let us worship God!

(From Psalm 25)

Hymn: 220 (vu) "Praise to the Lord"

The Gathering Prayer: (in unison)

Great and Wondrous God, we come here as individuals but also as the body of Christ in this time and this place. During our time of worship, empower us, each one, to continue sharing our gifts for Christ's work here and in your world. Amen.

The Children's Time with Gus and Gloria

The Choir Anthem:” Teach Me O Lord”

The Mission Story

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a.
(page 933) “Using various parts of the human body, Paul describes how the body of Christ should work together.”

Meditation

Hymn: 371 (vu) “Open My Eyes”

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: 331 (Vu) “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Commissioning and Benediction

The Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Save the date Saturday, May 17th

Have you noticed that the Spring items are starting to appear in stores?

It's a bit early to start seeds indoors, however, it is not too soon to start planning and buying seeds for your own garden AND the 3rd Annual AUC Plant Sale. Consider starting vegetables, herbs and flowers in the coming weeks!!

This year's Plant Sale will be happening on Saturday, May 17th. The Likulezi Project will be joining us again and selling tasty bites, beverages and baked goods.

There will be more information in the weeks ahead but in the meantime, if you need pots we have quite a few available so, please speak with Mary Smiley or Amanda Pulker-Mok.

Marvellous Monday Meals are back. If you would like to order a meal or meals please email: marysmiley1@gmail.com. Orders need to be in by January 29th for pickup on February 3rd. The choices are layered cabbage roll casserole, pork and apple stew and squash, sweet potato and lentil meal with rice. Each meal costs \$15. All meals are gluten and dairy free with reduced salt.

Check out our Website at
www.almonteunited.com

Message from Lindsay Funnekotter

Good morning, everyone,

I stand here today filled with gratitude and love for this incredible community. This church is more than a place of worship—it has been a family, a source of strength, and a shining example of what it means to care for one another.

As a congregation, you have walked through so much together. You have faced challenges that tested faith and have seen moments of joy that lifted our spirits. You stood together in times of loss and celebrated with each other in times of abundance. We've shared tears, laughter, and countless prayers, always leaning on God and on each other.

This community is a testament to what love in action looks like. Together, you have given so much—your time, your resources, and your hearts—to help those in need. You have reached out to the hurting, fed the hungry, and supported those who felt forgotten. Every act of kindness has been a reflection of God's love, and it has been a privilege to be a part of it.

Each one of you has played a role in shaping this congregation into what it is today. Whether through your service, your prayers, or simply your presence, you have made a difference.

I want to thank you all for being a community where love truly dwells. And where someone like me can come and go and come and go and still feel a part of it. For being a congregation that gives, helps, and uplifts. And for being a family that reminds me, and all of us, of God's unending grace and faithfulness.

Thank you for being the incredible church family that you are. I am so grateful.

The Coldest Night of the Year Fund Raising Walk

On February 22nd, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, our AUC Youth Group members will be 'walking the walk' as they raise awareness and funds for Cornerstone Landing Youth Services, providing assistance to youth ages 16-24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Lanark County. The walk begins and ends at the Carleton Place Canoe Club. (Some of our youth will be walking off site too as they are away that weekend)

How can you help?

-join us for the walk or come to cheer us on...

Our team's name is Team AUC and Margie Graff is our captain.

-donate to any of our team members on our team page

-learn more about youth homelessness and Cornerstone Landing

Go to:

<https://cnoy.org/location/lanarkcounty> and scroll down to see the various prompts to do any of the above. (If you need help with this, just let us know and we can give you a hand)

We are excited to be joining teams across Canada to help fight homelessness. Thank you for all your support.



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- Friday

9:00 Nursery School

Monday, January 27

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, January 28

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, January 29

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, January 30

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

5:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

7:00 Council Meeting

Friday January 31

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, February 1

8:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

Sunday, February 2

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

