

ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 22, 2024 10:30 am

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have lived on and cared for this land. We seek to rebuild right relations with the Algonquin Anishinaabe, to learn from them, and to live on their land with respect and gratitude.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and The Announcements

The Call to Worship: (in unison) "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Gathering Prayer:

Great God of every generation, we come from various places to join together here as one in thanksgiving, prayer and song. Help us to feel your Holy Spirit mingling among now in all that we do here and again as we take our worship out into our world, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. **Children's Time with Gus and Gloria**

Choir Anthem: "Jesus is Lord of All"

Mission and Service Story

Hymn: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Scripture: Psalm 150 (page VU 874 with Sung Response)

Hymn: "I Come to The Garden Alone"

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 (page 921 in VU)

Closing Hymn: Just a Closer Walk With Thee

The Benediction

Musical Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

AUC Search Committee Message

If you know anyone who is interested in applying to our church for ministry or have been asked by someone who is interested, please ask them to apply through <u>www.churchhub.ca</u>. They may also reach out to the Search Committee email at <u>almonteucsearch@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Almonte United Church - Report on Givings to			
September 30, 2024			
Budget Revenue	Actual	Budgeted Amount	2023
Givings to General Fund	\$74,054	\$78,875	\$67,731
(envelope, e-transfer, PAR)			
Fund raising	\$6,467	\$2,250	\$1,643
Rentals	\$24,283	\$20,272	\$16,028
Total	\$104,803	\$101,397	\$85,401
Outreach Givings			
Mission and Service	\$14,592	\$17,320	
Likulezi	\$1,396	\$3,832	
Camp Lauren	\$1,615	\$1,750	
Canadian Foodgrains	\$300	\$1,665	
Local Foodbank	\$1,820	\$3,062	
Total Outreach Givings	\$19,722	\$27,629	

You've probably noticed that the stores are decorated for Christmas. The Christian tradition, however, calls for a time of spiritual preparation; it's called Advent, meaning "to wait." Each Sunday in December, we will light the Advent candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love culminating on Christmas Eve with The Christ Candle.

The Advent Worship Services

December 1st, Advent I. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

December 8th, Advent II. We will be learning about John the Baptist.

December 15th, Advent III. The Sunday School and Youth Group will lead worship. Following the service will be a time of fellowship and a Potluck Buffet of Nibblies in the hall.

December 22nd, Advent IV: The Choir will present their Christmas Cantata.

Advent Bible Study

We will be taking a closer look at the Christmas stories as told by Luke. (On January 5th, we will look at the visit of the wise men). Please bring a bag lunch for each session; tea and coffee will be provided.

Sunday, November 24th at Noon: We will examine the angel's visit to Mary and her Song of Praise.

Sunday, December 1st at Noon: We will look at the familiar story of Jesus' birth.

Coping with the Christmas Season

For those who are missing loved ones; lonely, or find no joy in the activities of the season, there will be two sessions:

Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 pm and Friday, December 6th at 2:30 pm.

Our time together will include quiet conversation, candle lighting, and comforting words of peace.

The Pastoral Care Team has kindly offered to provide tea and cookies.

These events are open to the Almonte community and anyone who would like to join us in a quiet time of contemplation.



The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon is at noon this Tuesday November 19, 2024, 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.

A Meal for All Dinner

In the spirit of community, a Free Sunday Supper is being offered at the Almonte United Church next Sunday November 24 th. **Doors open at 5:15. A donation is welcome.**

Lanark Food Bank Stocking Drive



The Church is helping the Lanark Food Bank collect Christmas stockings for those less fortunate in our community. For many of the Food Bank adults, this is the only gift they will receive this Christmas, and they look forward to the wonderful surprises that the stocking brings. If you are able, please fill a stocking

with toiletries for either a lady or a gentleman, **clearly marked HIS or HERS**, and return it no later than Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Again this year, the stockings can be dropped off at one of the following:

1. At Textile Traditions, 87 Mill Street, from Monday to Saturday. A huge note of appreciation to Kelly Church who again this year has graciously offered to help us with this important initiative.

2. At the Church Office on Mondays between 10am and 2 pm, Tuesdays 10 -2 and Thursdays from 10 am- 2 pm.

Examples of useful toiletries include:

Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash, 5blade razors, Nail file, Nail clippers, Shaving cream, After-shave lotion, Hand lotion, Moisturizing lotion, Loofa, Hairbrush, Comb, Cleansing cream/wash, Dental floss/picks, Deodorant, Liquid hand soap, Bar soap, Wet wipes, Hand sanitizer, Q-tips, Facial mask, Sunscreen, Mouthwash, Nail polish, Nail polish remover, and perhaps a small sweet.

Thank you for 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

<u>Monday to Friday</u> 9:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

> Monday, November 18 5:30 Taekwon Do

<u>Tuesday, November 19</u> 12:00 AUC Community Luncheon 6:30 Almonte Embers

> Wednesday, November 20 1:00 Carebridge Pilates 5:30 Taekwon Do 7:00 Choir Practice

<u>Thursday, November 21</u> 10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout 6:00 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists 6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

> Friday, November 22 9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, November 23 8:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

Sunday, November 24 10:30 Sunday Worship Sunday School Youth Group 5:30 A Meal for All Dinner