

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 establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local informants 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 their research does not cause harm or exploitation. The paper concludes by noting that while cross-cultural research presents many challenges, it is also a valuable way to gain a deeper understanding of the world and to promote cultural understanding and respect.

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**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**Musical Prelude**

**Land Acknowledgment (Together)**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Call to Worship** (Sung together, 570, VU)

**“Jesus’ hands were kind hands,**

**Doing good to all,**

**Healing pain and sickness,**

**Blessing children small.**

**Washing tired feet,**

**And saving those who fall,**

**Jesus’ hands were kind hands,**

**Doing good to all.**

**Take my hands, O Jesus,**

**Let them work for you,**

**Make them strong and gentle,**

**Kind in all I do;**

**Let me watch you, Jesus,**

**Till I’m gentle too,**

**Till my hands are kind hands,**

**Quick to work for you.”**

**The Opening Hymn: 663 (vu) “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

### **The Gathering Prayer:**

**O God of amazing grace and miraculous power,**

**We are secular people in a secular world.**

**Our prayer is like that of one who said so many years ago,  
“I believe; help my unbelief”**

**We have difficulty believing the miracles of scripture,  
but even more difficulty trusting your ability to work through  
us each day.**

**Be gentle with us, O God,**

**In our slowness to believe;**

**Increase our faith,**

**And make us faithful through your Spirit of hope and power.**

**Amen.**

### **My UC Faith Story**

**The Scripture Lesson:** Mark 9: 14-29(page 521) “Jesus heals a  
Boy with an Unclean Spirit”

**Meditation:** “My Name is Joseph”

**Hymn:** 560 (vu) “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

**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:** 580 “Faith of Our Fathers”

**The Commissioning and Benediction**

**Singing of “O Canada”**

**Musical Postlude**



## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Join us for cake in the Social Hall after service today,  
to celebrate all the July Birthdays!

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**The office will be closed from  
Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>.  
The office will reopen on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

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### **Financial Donations by E-transfer:**

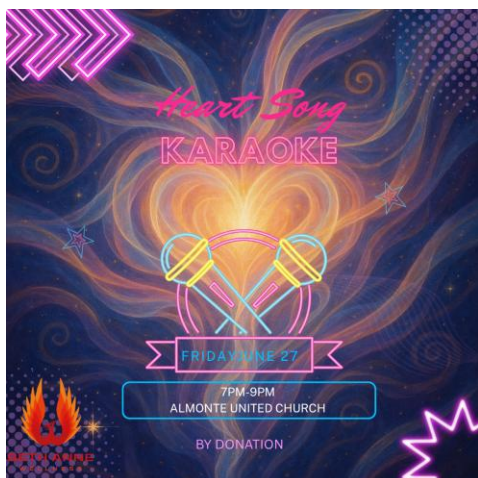
During the pandemic we began to receive donations by e-transfer. For many people it is a quick and easy way to make a weekly financial donation. The email address is [office@almontheunited.com](mailto:office@almontheunited.com) and please include your name and contact information in the message line.

Check out our Website at  
[www.almontheunited.com](http://www.almontheunited.com)



**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.

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## Heart Song Karaoke

**A playful evening of soulful singing, where your voice becomes a pathway to joy and connection.**

Join in on **Thursday, July 31st, 7pm-9pm** at the Almonte United Church Social Hall. No experience needed. All are welcome. Tea and snacks provided.

Contact Beth at [bethannewellness@gmail.com](mailto:bethannewellness@gmail.com) or call 416-904-8994 to learn more or join.

# WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

## OFFICE HOURS:

**The office will be closed from  
Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>  
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Monday, May 28

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, May 31

**7:00 Heart Song Karaoke**

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

10:30 Sunday Worship

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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<b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Neil Milnes</b>
<b>Custodian:</b>	<b>Kim Julian</b>
<b>Office:</b>	<b>Virginia Atkinson</b>
<b>Counter this month:</b>	<b>Ron MacMeekin &amp; Alan Paul</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Leslie Williamson</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Leon &amp; Nancy Page</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Terri-Lynn Funnekotter</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Julie Julian</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Margie Graff</b>
<b>Sound System</b>	<b>Bob Lesser &amp; Laurie Blackstock John Day</b>

***N.B. We have an automated external defibrillator!  
It can be found on the table outside the office door.***