

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 is a complex and challenging endeavor, it is also a highly rewarding one that can lead to a deeper understanding of human behavior and culture.

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**Sunday, March 23, 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 Musical Prelude**

## **Welcome and The Announcements**

**The Call to Worship:** (together)

**“Let us seek the Lord while he may be found, Let call  
upon him while he is near.**

**Here in this holy place, let us worship God.”**

**Hymn: 79 MV) “Spirit, Open My Heart”**

**The Gathering Prayer** (together)

**Great God, we marvel at how dependable you are;  
how firm your judgement, how empowering your  
promises, how steadfast your care. Help us to worship  
you with wonder, reverence, and joy during this Lenten  
season as we journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem.  
Amen.**

## **The Children’s Time with Gus and Gloria**

**The Choir Anthem:” The Nail-Scarred Hand”**

**My United Church Story: by Rev. Cathy Hird**

**The Reading:** Luke 13:1-9. “Jesus tells the parable of the  
barren fig tree.”

## **Meditation:**

**Hymn:** 658 (vu) “O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

**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 of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn:** 669 (VU) “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

**The Commissioning and Benediction**

**Singing of “O Canada”**

**The Musical Postlude**



## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Today, we will celebrate the March Birthdays in our midst. Everyone is invited to share in birthday cake during coffee time in the Social Hall.

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## Congregational Meeting



**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** after service. A light lunch and coffee will be provided during the meeting.

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

# Annual Report



The 2024 Annual Report is ready. If anyone would like to read and copy it, it will be available on our website at [almonteunited.com](http://almonteunited.com), or you can contact the office for a copy to be sent to you.

**\*\*\*** When printing, please select to print pages 1-39 for just the report. If you would like extra pages for note taking during the meeting, then print the whole document (50 pages).

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## STUDY GROUP

The Something Sacred Study group will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesdays in the Parlour. If you don't have a book, copies of the study materials will be available

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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@almonteunited.com](mailto:office@almonteunited.com) and please include your name and contact information in the message line.

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# 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 to Friday

9:00 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

## Monday, March 17

5:30 Taekwon Do

## Tuesday, March 18

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

12:00 Winter Study Group

6:30 Almonte Embers

## Wednesday, March 19

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

## Thursday, March 20

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

7:00 Council Meeting

## Friday March 21

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

## Saturday, March 22

## Sunday, March 23

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

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>Nick Frans &amp; Evelyn Ironside</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Marina Johnston &amp; Kathy Stewart</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Laurie Blackstock &amp; Evelyn Ironside</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Mary MacMeekin</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Emmett Badger</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Margie Graff</b>
<b>Sound System</b>	<b>Bob Lesser &amp; Laurie Blackstock</b>

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