



Aurora United Church Presents...
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

"A JOHN RUTTER CHRISTMAS"

AURORA UNITED CHURCH • 79 VICTORIA ST • AURORA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024 4:00 & 7:30 PM

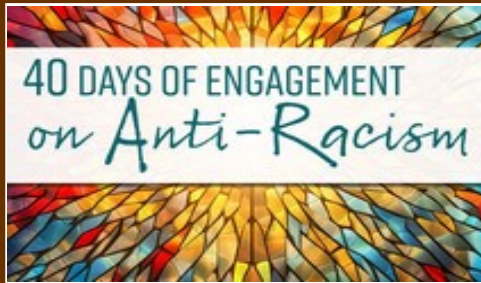
AUC Chancel Choir & Handbell Ensembles
 Aldbury Gardens Brass Quintet
 Tim Birch, trumpet Wesley Bells, violin
 Jakob Robertson, timpani

Come early to join in the Christmas spirit with carol singing!
 Freewill Offering

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YouTube



40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

October 15–November 29.

See AUC website for more details and events:
<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/ucc-anti-racism-ongoing-work>



UCW

2024 Christmas Stocking Programme



“Women’s Centre of York Region (W.C.Y.R.) works to improve the lives of local women facing challenges with mental health, domestic violence, financial insecurity, and unemployment.

A.U.C.W. will again be collecting only monetary donations to support the clients of the Women’s Centre just as we did in 2023. These monetary donations will be used for the purchase of gift cards appropriate to the needs of the organization’s clients.

This year’s programme will run from Sunday, November 3, 2024 until Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

See UCW website for donations details, or call office:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/united-church-women>



Coffee Time

You are invited to remain in the entranceway following worship for a time of conversation and refreshment.



Funday Sunday—Children’s Program

The Funday Sunday Children’s Program is for children from age 5-11.

Children go downstairs to Binions Hall following the lighting of the rainbow candle.

Children will return upstairs following the service.



Aurora United Church

November 17, 2024~11 am

Church Office Hours 9 am ~ 12 pm (noon) Monday ~ Thursday

Aurora United Church Office 905-727-1935 x 21 ~ www.auroraunitedchurch.ca

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Hearing assists available on the Welcome Table and from the volunteer in the sound booth.



November 17 to November 24 ~ Pentecost 26

Sun. Nov 17 cash card del'v	11 am Pentecost 26 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children’s program (ages 5-11) 3 pm Covenanting Service Trinity United Church Newmarket
Mon. Nov 18	1 pm Rising From the Ashes group _ Minister’s office 7 pm - 9 pm Woman Spirit ~ Minister’s office
Tue. Nov 19	10:30 am Sunrise of Aurora ~ service 1 pm Board of Trustees ~ Zoom 7pm - 9 pm AUC Book Club ~ Minister’s office
Wed. Nov 20	9 am AUC Breakfast ~ Sunny Morning (15975 Bayview Ave/enter off St. John Side RD) 10 am - 2 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church 5 pm Welcome Table ~ Trinity Anglican 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7 pm–8:15pm Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7:30 pm Finance Committee ~ Sacristy
Thurs. Nov 11	11:30 am – 1 pm Martha’s Table ~ St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church 7 pm – 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Nov 23	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Nov 24	11 am Reign of Christ - Sacrament of Holy Communion 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children’s program (ages 5-11)



RISING FROM THE ASHES

Check out the AUC website:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/aur-rising-from-the-ashes>

to read more about the campaign and see how you can donate today!

As of Sunday November 10th we have raised

\$170,326.26

Thank you for your support!

The Life and Work of our Congregation continues

Sunday Morning Nursery

Infants to 4yrs



If you are interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer (ages teen to adult) contact the office at: info@auroraunitedchurch.ca

Christmas Poinsettias



The Congregation is invited to place poinsettias in the sanctuary in memory or honour of a loved one on Sunday December 1st.

Orders will be taken in the entranceway on Sundays during the month of November. You may place your order in the entranceway on Sunday morning at church, in the church office (during regular office hours), or by e-transfer (link to e-transfer is on the AUC website.) The cost for each plant is \$8.00.

Orders need to be completed by Sunday November 24. All donated plants will be delivered to AUC members and friends on our Flower List. We are not able to accommodate personal orders this year.

A memorial list will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday December 1st and will also be on the AUC website. Please call Suzanne at the office if you have any questions 905-727-1935 x.21 or email info@auroraunitedchurch.ca

Anyone able to assist with delivery of the plants is invited to come to the side chapel after the service of worship on December 1st.



Contacting Our Church Staff by Phone 905-727-1935 or Email

Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar x 23 Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care
Rev. Andy Comar x 22 Minister of Faith Formation & Pastoral Care
Suzanne Whitehurst x 21 Secretary
Affe Zhao x 24 Bookkeeper
Margaret Heney x 26 Music Coordinator
Lisa Kyriakides x 27 Handbell Choir Director

Empty bowls



Tickets for the lunch and dinner sittings of Empty Bowls are now sold out.

There is an added opportunity for you to support the work of Inn From The Cold and Welcoming Arms.

See: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/empty-bowls-2024>

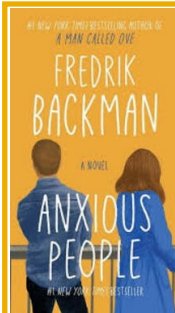


Book Club

November 19

-group meets in Minister's office

Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage.

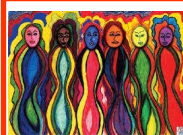


For book list see: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/book-club>

Woman Spirit

November 18

-group meets in Ministers office




Women of the congregation are invited to gather to further explore faith and life issues related to spirituality.

Come for sharing, for friendship ... come for community. For more information contact: Rev. Lorraine, lorraine@auroraunitedchurch.ca



Stained Glass Window greeting cards available in the entranceway after service
Set of 5 for \$20

All proceeds to Rising From The Ashes campaign!

 **Aurora Community Café**
10 am—2 pm
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Volunteers Needed -contact Rev. Andy If you would like to volunteer: andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca


Sunny Morning
Breakfast & Lunch

AUC Breakfast
Sunny Morning
Wed., Nov., 20th
@ 9am

(15975 Bayview Ave/enter off St. John Side RD/in Favoris plaza)

Join us and your AUC friends for breakfast.



Cash cards

When you purchase gift cards for everyday items you are buying anyway - groceries, gas, coffee, etc. - the church benefits because the retailers offer the cards to us at a discount. For example, if you purchase a \$100 Loblaw gift card, Aurora United Church makes \$4.00.

To purchase Cash Cards go to: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/cash-cards-43>



News From the EDGE

The EDGE Property Committee continues the work of monitoring the progress of the construction project and the Board of Trustees of AUC continue to keep a close eye on the funds available and to balance the costs of the construction progressing.

For more pictures and information see: [auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/building-our-future](https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/building-our-future)

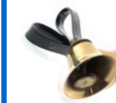
Join the AUC Handbells

No experience necessary.
Lots of fun and fellowship.
Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings.

Visit the AUC website Handbell page at <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/worship/handbell-choirs> for more information.

Please contact Lisa Kyriakides at handbells@auroraunitedchurch.ca or 647-828-3317.

Everyone Welcome



Rise & Shine Volunteers NEEDED

Strong volunteers to help once every 4 weeks to set up and take down the large round tables.

Contact the office: info@auroraunitedchurch.ca

What is a Phishing Email?

- ▶ Email sent by an attacker pretending to be someone you know.
- ▶ They are called "phishing" emails as a play on the word "fishing".



- ▶ The attacker is going phishing hoping to lure you in.

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Spotting Phishing Emails

1. ALWAYS check "from" email address, NOT the visible name.
2. On computers hover over the "from" name, do NOT click it.
3. On phones / tablets tap then release the "from" name.
4. ACT on emails, DON'T react to them.
5. Emails are NOT a secure form of communication.
6. Anything serious will NOT be conducted over email.
7. Do NOT reply to the email - you are replying to the attacker.
8. DO pick up the phone & call the sender to verify authenticity.



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Phishing Email Red Flags

1. Email has the wrong "from" email address.
2. Email has urgent tone - immediate attention needed.
3. Email content doesn't make sense like getting unexpected links or attachments.
4. Email content or tone just "feels" wrong.

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