

# The Season of Advent - 'Starry Nights - Light & Wonder'

In the darkest time of the year, God's people await the light of Christ, born to us at Christmas. In these days of preparation, we will mark the weeks of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love...** this year turning our eyes to the skies in wonder at the vastness of God's creation. 'Starry Nights - Light & Wonder' is this year's Advent Theme, expressed beautifully in this year's Advent Devotional booklet of the same title which is available from the Welcome Table, or from the Church Office.

You can participate in marking our theme this year by bringing a star to place on the Communion Table to add to our worship week to week...perhaps a star that holds special meaning to you in this time of the year, reminding us of the star that leads the way in this time.

As we consider what it means to give of ourselves in this time, let us encourage one another to open ourselves to the light, which even now is making its way to us.

The Worship Committee wishes you and yours, a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

**December 1 Advent 1 Hope** Worship 11:00 a.m. (Poinsettia deliveries)

**December 8 Advent 2 Peace** Pageant/Baptism Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pageant: 'What's Important About Christmas?'

Carols by Candlelight: 'A John Rutter Christmas'

4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Trinity Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m - Christmas Calm  
Thompson Funeral Home

**December 15 Advent 3 Joy** Worship 11:00 a.m.

**December 22 Advent 4 Love** Worship 11:00 a.m. Communion

**Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Family Worship, 5:00 p.m.** Trinity Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 29 Christmas 1** Worship 11:00 a.m.



The Story Nights -- Light & Wonder resource is available on the AUC website--Worship page (<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/worship>)



# Aurora United Church

December 1, 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](http://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca)

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



## December 1 to December 8~ Advent 1

Sun. Dec 1	11 am 11 am Advent 1 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11)
Mon. Dec 2	
Tue. Dec 3	7 pm Movie Night ~ Binions Hall
Wed. Dec 4	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
Thurs. Dec 5	11:30 am - 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 1 pm - 3 pm Prayer Shawl Crafter Circle ~ Nursery 7 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Dec 7	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Dec 8 Cash card order	11 am Advent 2 - Pageant Sunday 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11) 4 pm & 7:30 pm Carols By Candlelight ~ Trinity Sanctuary

## RISING FROM THE ASHES

Check out the AUC website:

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

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

*As of Sunday November 24th we have raised*

**\$171,497.76**

*Thank you for your support!*





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

[WWW.AURORAUNITEDCHURCH.CA](http://WWW.AURORAUNITEDCHURCH.CA)



### 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.

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

### AUC MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday Dec. 3rd, 7 pm  
Binions Hall

A Christmas Story (1983)



In the 1940s, a young boy named Ralphie Parker attempts to convince his parents, teacher, and Santa Claus that a Red Ryder Range 200 Shot BB gun really is the perfect Christmas gift.

### Advent Awareness!

The Outreach Committee invites you to join the Advent journey through the United Church of Canada's *Gifts with Vision* program –

### Displaced Persons:

On average, one person flees their home every two seconds because of war, persecution, starvation, or climate disasters. In 2022, 108.4 million people worldwide were displaced. The United Church's partners in Africa, the Middle East, and South America provide care and support to people who have had to leave everything behind.

### Food for the North

Everyone has a right to have enough affordable nourishing food for themselves and their families. Help people in the Far North access the food they need.

You can support this initiative after service or by contacting the office.

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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](mailto:andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca)



### 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, AUC makes \$4.00.

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

### 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](mailto:info@auroraunitedchurch.ca)



### Coffee Time

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@auroraunitedchurch.ca) [hurch.ca](http://hurch.ca)



### UCW

### Potluck Dinner

For all Women of the congregation  
Please join us for a joyous evening of good food and fellowship

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in Binions Hall.

We will gather at 6:00 pm  
dinner begins at 6:30.



Please bring a potluck dish as well as your plates, cutlery and mug.

Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar is our Guest Speaker.

The topic of her presentation will be "Christmas Traditions".

Hope to see you there.



The Life and Work of our Congregation continues.....