



AUC Book Club The North Star

Tues. Feb. 18
7 pm Zoom

A riveting account of the years, months and days leading up to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, and the unexpected ways Canadians were involved in every aspect of the American Civil War.



AUC MOVIE NIGHT Tues. Feb. 11 7pm Judy (2019)

Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts.

Refreshments provided



The Café Returns St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Wednesday 10 am - 2pm

Volunteers are needed at the Café

The purpose of the cafe is to provide opportunity for adults with differing abilities to learn to prepare food, serve and customer relations.

Would you like to volunteer at the Café?

Contact: Rev. Andy andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca

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



Request for Assistance in Tracking Congregational Needs

The Pastoral Care Committee is reaching out to request your invaluable assistance in keeping track of the needs of our congregation. Our committee's mission is to provide support and care for our members, particularly during times of need, such as illness, bereavement, or personal challenges. We also celebrate successes and special occasions. To achieve this goal effectively, we need help in monitoring and documenting these needs so that we can respond promptly with visits, cards, or other forms of support. Your assistance in this matter would greatly enhance our ability to serve the spiritual and emotional well-being of our congregants. If you are aware of an individual in need of assistance, kindly reach out to Paula Hanna, one of the ministers, or the church office.

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

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Aurora United Church

February 9, 2025~11 am

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

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

Annual License w/Podcasting, no. A-718074 for Mar 01, 2024- Feb 28, 2025

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



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

February 9 to February 16 ~ Epiphany 5

Sun. Feb 9 Cash card orders	11 am Epiphany 5 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11)
Mon. Feb 10	7 pm - 9 pm AUC Council ~ Zoom
Tue. Feb 11	7 pm Movie Night ~ Binions Hall
Wed. Feb 12	10 am - 2 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 10:30 am Chartwell Park Place~ service 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. Feb 13	11:30 am - 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Feb 15	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Feb 16 Cash card del'v	11 am Epiphany 6

The deadline for submissions to
the 2024 Annual Report
is **Saturday February 23, 2025**



Save the date for
the AGM
Sunday March 30,
following worship!



RISING FROM THE ASHES

Check out the AUC website:

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

As of Sunday January 26th we have raised

\$183,775.16

Thank you for your support!



Coffee Time

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



Black History Month February

*Black History Month
'Black Legacy and Leadership:
Celebrating Canadian History
and Uplifting Future Generations'*

For more information, videos and events:
<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/black-history-month>



News From the EDGE Church Community Update January 2025

Looking up at the cold steel, skeletal forms against a wintery January sky, may bring shivers to your bones if you are standing at the corner of Yonge and Tyler these days. But truly, this is a sight that should keep the fires burning in our hopes and wishes for a bright future at AUC. Rising from the Ashes – one resolute step at a time.

Progress continues with the construction of the new church building and here are some updates the EDGE Property Committee is pleased to share:

- Weekly meetings of the construction teams started again the second week of January after a sabbatical through December*
- The Dalton crew has almost finished the waterproofing of the roof, which is a priority*
- Shortly the hydro should be changed over from temporary to permanent*
- The ceiling of the sanctuary is another focus for the team and should be ready for approval soon*
- Inspections and approvals continue: This month the fire spray has been inspected in all appropriate areas and all is well*

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.

(Holly Williamson for the EDGE Property Committee)



Transportation Coordinator Needed!

Are you passionate about helping others? Do you have strong organizational skills and a heart for service? The Pastoral Care Committee is seeking a Transportation Coordinator to support our congregation by organizing transportation for members to and from church services and events. As the Transportation Coordinator, you will be responsible for arranging rides for those who need assistance getting to church, coordinating with volunteers, and ensuring a smooth and reliable system for transporting our community members.

Go to <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/transportation-coordinator-needed>

For more information or contact Paula Hanna
905-727-2584 phanna6@gmail.com

Valentine Tea Sat Feb 15, 11am - 1pm \$10 per person!

Queensville Holland Landing United Church
20453 Leslie Street, Queensville
(905) 478-4781

Enjoy a variety of lovely sandwiches, sides and heart-warming desserts.

Don't forget to stop by our bake table.

Everyone is Welcome



Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Trinity Anglican Church Foyer
79 Victoria Street, Aurora

Donations Needed:

Accepting all children's books and only paperback adult books.

Donation Drop Off Details:

Friday, April 4, 2025 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 5, 2025 8:00 – 10:00 am

Volunteers Needed:

Members of the congregation are invited to donate a couple of hours of their time for sorting or selling. Teens are encouraged to earn community service hours.

Inquiries: Paula Hanna 905-727-2584

*Sponsored by Aurora United Church Women
Proceeds to support local charities*



Affirming Ministry (Affirming is a verb!)

Affirming ministries work in many different ways toward the healing and wholeness of creation, challenging bias and discrimination based on appearance, culture, class or age; working to end racism; promoting economic justice; increasing accessibility or caring for the planet.

Check out the Affirming Ministry table in the entranceway for resources, key fobs, buttons, and other items relating to our Affirming ministry.



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 Loblaws gift card, AUC makes \$4.00.

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



Sunday Morning Ushers & Greeters

Beginning Sunday February 2, we will return to having Ushers and Greeters. Please speak with Rev. Andy, Rev. Lorraine or contact Suzanne in the office if you would like to serve as an usher/greeter.

There is also a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.



Aurora United Church Search Team

Following the acceptance of the Community Of Faith Profile in 2024, the Search Team, looking for new Ministry Personnel has been appointed by the AUC Council. Search Team members are Brian Walter (Chair), Martha Bailkowski, Andrea Drost, Brandon Holmeshaw, Louise Procter Maio, Bill Newman, and Josh Szakal.

For more information: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/aurora-united-church>