

**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.

For more information see:  
<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/>



**AUC BREAKFAST**

Join us for breakfast,  
 Wed. Feb.19, 9am

Sunny Morning (15975 Bayview Ave. - St. John's "Chocolats Favoris" plaza), entrance off of St. John Side Road.

For more information speak to:  
 Rev Andy or Rev Lorraine



**The Aurora Community Café**  
**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Wednesday 10 am - 2pm**

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](mailto:andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca)  
 See: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/aurora-community-cafe--256>

**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)



**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.

Pastoral Care Committee  
 Paula Hanna  
 905-727-2584 [phanna6@gmail.com](mailto:phanna6@gmail.com)

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

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 Rev. Andy Comar x 22 Minister of Faith Formation & Pastoral Care  
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**Aurora United Church**

February 16, 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](http://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca)

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



**February 16 to February 23 ~ Epiphany 6**

Sun. Feb 16	11 am Epiphany 6 Cash card del'v	
Mon. Feb 17	2 pm AgeCare Aurora ~ service Family Day ~ office closed	
Tue. Feb 18	7 pm - 9 pm AUC Book Club ~ Zoom	
Wed. Feb 19	9 am AUC breakfast ~ Sunny Morning (15975 Bayview Ave.) 10 am - 2 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 10:30 am Sunrise Aurora ~ 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	
Thurs. Feb 20	11:30 am - 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary	
Sat. Feb 22	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast	
Sun. Feb 23	11 am Epiphany 7 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Sunday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11)	

The deadline for submissions to the 2024 Annual Report is **Sunday 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

**\$183,844.86**

*Thank you for your support!*



**Coffee Time**

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

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



## 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 (<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/building-our-future>)

### Church Community Update January 2025

*Looking up at the cold steel, skeletal forms against a wintry 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)



## Welcoming Arms Lent Appeal

### What is Welcoming Arms – Bridging the Gap Program?

Many of those who come to Welcoming Arms for assistance need, food vouchers, toiletries and a listening ear. Aurora United Church is in partnership with six other churches in supporting Welcoming Arms, through financial assistance, volunteers, and providing toiletries each week.

### How Can You Help...

Shampoo and Conditioner-especially male scented or neutral scented - we get a lot of fruity more feminine scented items.

- Body wash - especially male scented or neutral scented- we get a lot of fruity more feminine scented items
- 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash items are convenient
- Paper towel
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish soap
- General household cleaning products (ie Windex/Lysol etc)

**Collectively we can make a difference  
in someone's life**

**Items may be brought to church on Sunday morning or to the church office during office hours.**

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/serve-at-aurora-united/welcoming-arms>



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.

See: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/ministries>



## 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.

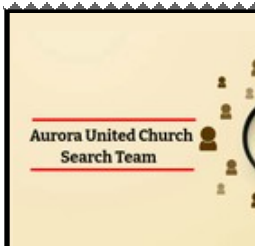
To purchase Cash Cards go to: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/cash-cards-43>



## Sunday Morning Ushers & Greeters

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>

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