



Lenten Study Group on Zoom

Lent is almost here; instead of giving something up, why not think about what you would like to learn from your journey this year? What we sing together has the power to change us.

What music do you hope will be sung in churches generations from now? What music helps you become the follower of Christ you hope to be?

Copies of *Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith* are available after church on Sunday morning and through the week from Suzanne in the office. Books are \$13.

You do not need to have the book to join the study group! Every Wednesday from March 12 to April 23 at 7:00 pm

Check out the AUC website for the Zoom link:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/something-sacred-reflections-on-music-and->



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

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



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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Aurora United Church

February 23, 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.



February 23 to March 2 ~ Epiphany 7

Sun. Feb 23 Cash card del'v	11 am Epiphany 7 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11) 2 pm AgeCare Aurora ~ service
Mon. Feb 24	11 am Rising from the Ashes Committee ~ Minister's office 1 pm UCW Grace Unit ~ Historic Chapel 7 pm M&P Committee ~ Zoom
Tue. Feb 25	10 am Chartwell Hollandview Trail ~ service
Wed. Feb 26	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. Feb 27	11:30 am - 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Mar 1	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Mar 2	11 am Transfiguration ~ Communion 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11)

Annual General Meeting



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 February 16 we have raised

\$183,844.86



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>



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>



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)



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>