



### 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-faith>



### 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)



### Annual General Meeting

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

Lunch provided by UCW



### Coming Back to Life

Be sure to pick up your free copy of 'Coming Back to Life: Devotions and activities for Lent', available on the Welcome Table today.

Also...add a river stone to your Lenten journey (Welcome Table) and return it to the foot of the cross on Good Friday.



### Coffee Time

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

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

Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar x 23 Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care  
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# Aurora United Church

March 2, 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.\*



### March 2 to March 9~ Transfiguration

Sun. Mar 2	11 am Transfiguration - Communion 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11)
Mon. Mar 3	
Tue. Mar 4	7 pm EDGE Property Committee ~ Zoom 5-7pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper ~ Binions Hall
Wed. Mar 5	10:30 Ash Wednesday service ~ Chartwell Park Place 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. Mar 6	11:30 am - 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Mar 8	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Mar 9	11 am Lent 1 No Funday Sunday or Nursery ~ Happy March Break



### RIISING FROM THE ASHES

### Congregational Challenge - Donor Match

The Rising from the Ashes Campaign is thrilled to announce that an anonymous donor has made an initial gift of \$25,000 and committed up to another \$25,000 to match donations to this campaign made in the month of March. Help us reach our goal – a potential total of \$75,000!

Here's your chance to double your donation if you get it in before midnight on March 31st.

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

to read the full challenge!

As of Sunday February 23 we have raised

**\$209,030.96**

**Thank you for your support!**

The Life and Work of our Congregation continues...



### 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.



### 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 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)



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!)

#### MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on **Monday, March 31 at 7 pm** in Binions Hall for our first ever *Affirming Movie Night*. Named one of the top 5 documentary films of 2024, *Will & Harper*, follows actor Will Ferrell and SNL writer Harper Steele (who has recently completed a gender transition), as the duo takes a 17-day road trip across the USA.

Enjoy a piece of delicious PIE as you watch this intimate, honest and heartfelt documentary!



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 Loblaw gift card, AUC makes \$4.00.

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

### 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>