

## Introduction to the Season of Advent-2022 Comfort & Joy (The Carols of Our Lives)



As in every year, the Worship Committee has chosen a theme for the season of Advent which we will highlight in worship as we make our way along the days and weeks towards Christmas.

**‘Comfort & Joy: The Carols of Our Lives’** will provide a focus for our worship in this time. Week to week we will begin our worship hour with carol-singing, and then highlight a particular carol within the hour-its origins and importance in our lives-and, of course, we will sing it!

The singing of carols takes us to long-held and cherished memories, of Christmas Pageants and concerts, church suppers and craft sales-to making our way to Christmas Eve services where we were able to sing our favourites, loudly and with a full heart!

Alongside the perennial Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, we will find our way to Bethlehem once again where we will sing our alleluias in celebration of the Christ Child’s birth.

We can look forward to another virtual Christmas Pageant this year, presented by the children, teachers and parents of our Funday Sunday program which has been meeting during the worship hour in Binions Hall. The Pageant will be pre-recorded and shown during worship.

Our **Christmas Eve service**, we are so very happy to say, will be an in-person event in the **Trinity sanctuary at 5pm**. And, as has become our practice in this time, the service will be live-streamed for those who wish to view from home and away. Please spread the word to family and friends of this change of venue-and we will be sure to get the word out otherwise to the Aurora community and beyond.

Christmas Day is a Sunday this year and we will have our regular service at 11am- a service of carols and story-telling.

And so, as we experience this wonderful time of turning in the liturgical year, the Worship Committee wishes you and yours a blessed Advent and Christmas season.



## Aurora United Church

NOVEMBER 27, 2022~11 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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### November 28th to December 4th

Sun. Nov. 27	11 am Worship ~ <b>Advent 1 - Hope</b> 11:15 am Funday Sunday children's program ~ Binions Hall 12 noon Last day to place poinsettia order in memory of Loved One.
Mon. Nov. 28	7 pm UCW Grace Unit ~ Historic Chapel 7 pm Worship Committee ~ Rev. Lorraine's office
Wed. Nov. 30	10 am - 2:00 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St Andrews Presbyterian Church 11 am Worship Service ~ Chartwell Hollandview 5 pm - 6 pm Welcome Table ~ Trinity parking lot 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm Faith-A-Peal, handbells ~ Binions Hall 7 pm - 6:45 pm Bellissimo, handbells ~ Binions Hall
Thurs. Dec. 1	11:30 am -1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (in person or take away) 1 pm Prayer Shawl Group ~ Trinity Historic Chapel 7 pm - 8 pm Carols by Candlelight rehearsal ~ Sanctuary 8 pm - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Dec. 2	9:00 am - 10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Trinity Parking Lot
Sun. Dec. 3 Cash Card Order Day	11 am Worship ~ <b>Advent 2 - Peace</b> 11:15 am Funday Sunday Children's program ~ Binions Hall



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

### Funday Sunday - Children's Program

The Funday Sunday Children's Program is for children from Grades 1-4. Children go downstairs to Binions Hall following the lighting of the orange candle. Children will return upstairs following the service.

### **Pageant**

The pageant will be virtual again this year. Watch for the video presentation Sunday December 18 in worship.



### **Aurora Community Café Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm**



Drop by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm for a pop-up, non-profit café serving fair trade coffee, tea, lunch items and fresh baked goods. The café offers work experience for adults with differing abilities and a space for the community to come together. There will be a DJ and live music ongoing. Each person visiting can purchase their items using cash only.



2023 Offering Envelopes are Here  
Pick-up in Trinity by Sanctuary doors



### **Order Cash Cards for Christmas**

Orders will be taken Sunday, December 4th for delivery on Sunday December 11th.

Order forms are available on the church website, or by contacting Nancy Kerswill at 905-727-8080 or by email at [cashcards@auroraunitedchurch.ca](mailto:cashcards@auroraunitedchurch.ca)

### **Welcoming Arms Christmas Assistance**

Welcoming Arms, in partnership with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, provides special Christmas assistance to Bridging the Gap visitors (families and individuals). Gifts consist of PC grocery gift cards, hot chocolate/tea/coffee, holiday cookies and chocolates. Providing our visitors with this type of gift package allows them the opportunity to shop with their families, selecting their own holiday groceries and gifts. If you are interested in assisting us in our efforts, please place your donation (cheques made out to Welcoming Arms) on the offering plate or bring it into the AUC office. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting those in our community who are in need!



### **CHRISTMAS**

### **UCW Potluck Dinner**

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 Binions Hall

Doors open: 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

Details: bring your own dishes, cup, and cutlery and bring one of a salad, main dish, or dessert.

Guest Speaker: Donna Lewis, Swan keeper @ Adema Springs North Farm



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **AUC Finance Update**

**As of October 31, 2022**

	<u>October, 2022</u>	<u>Year to Date Oct-22</u>	<u>Budget YTD Oct-22</u>	<u>YTD Oct 2021</u>	<u>Mission &amp; Service</u>
INCOME	\$ 40,817	\$364,804	\$ 429,610	\$ 333,082	2022 Commitment \$18,300
EXPENSES	\$ 40,366	\$ 389,288	\$ 441,240	\$ 352,624	YTD Sent \$15,250
NET INCOME	\$ 451	\$ (24,484)	\$ (11,629)	\$ (19,542)	

Interest installment from insurance payout—\$125,000K per 2022 Budget received to Oct 31, 2022

### **Account Balances as of October 31, 2022**

### **\*plus \$115.0 invested by Trustees**

Operating Bank Account	\$46,748	Earmarked Donations - donations pointed to a specific purpose invested by Trustees \$22,224.33
AUC Future Fund*	\$9,052	

YTD Oct 31<sup>st</sup> we have taken \$125,000 from the interest on the insurance, below budgeted expectation. Our YTD net income is slightly worse than budget, driven by the reduced draw from insurance interest. We continue to project a balanced budget at year end. We will meet our M & S and UCC Assessment commitments in 2022 as always. With our current bank balance, along with continued strong congregational support, AUC will move through the traditionally strong Christmas season on a strong financial foundation and good cash flow.

**A sincere thank you to all for your continued financial support of AUC.**

Finance Committee, October 31, 2022

### **Advent Awareness**

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

**Food for the North** - Food prices are rising steeply because of inflation and worldwide supply chain disruptions. In the fly-in communities of northern Manitoba, already high food prices will rise even higher and more families will go hungry. Everyone has a right to have enough nourishing food for themselves and their families. Help people in the far north access the food they need. Would your office co-workers, neighbours, hockey team, curling team, extended family etc. be interested in capturing the true meaning of Christmas giving? You may mail your donation to the church, with "Advent Appeal" in memo line (15186 Yonge St. Aurora ON L4G 1L9), make an e-transfer with the notation "Advent Appeal" in the comment box, drop it off at the AUC office during the week, or in the Trinity parking lot to Rev. Andy on Saturday morning between 9-10 am.

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

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