

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



DECEMBER 11, 2022~Advent 3-JOY
Church Office Hours 9 am ~ 12 pm (noon) Monday ~ Thursday
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December 11th to December 18th	
Sun. Dec. 11 Cash Card pick-up	11 am Worship ~ Advent 3 ~ Joy 11:15 am Funday Sunday children's program ~ Binions Hall 4:00 pm Carols by Candlelight
Wed. Dec. 14	10 am - 2:00 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St Andrews Presbyterian Church 10:30 am Worship Service ~ Chartwell Park Place 5 pm - 6 pm Welcome Table ~ Trinity parking lot 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Binions Hall 7 pm - 8:15 pm Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Binions Hall 7:30 pm Finance Committee—Zoom
Thurs. Dec. 15	11:30 am -1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (in person or take away) 8 pm - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Dec. 17	9:00 am - 10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Trinity Parking Lot
Sun. Dec. 18	11 am Worship ~ Advent 4 ~ Love - (virtual pageant) 11:15 am Funday Sunday Children's program ~ Binions Hall 2:00 pm Worship Service ~ Chartwell Aurora

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.

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 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 on 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.

Last café Wednesday December 14'22. Back February 1'23



Cash Cards for Christmas –READY for pick-up

Delivery of Cash Cards are today, Sunday December 11th.

Nancy Kerswill at 905-727-8080 or by email at cashcards@auroraunitedchurch.ca



2023 Offering
Envelopes are Here

Pick-up in Trinity at
Welcome Table

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!



2022 CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROGRAMME

The 2022 Christmas Stocking Programme raised \$4,780 for the clients of Women's Centre of York Region. In addition, eighty unfilled stockings were also provided for the clients of the centre to fill themselves.

Thanks to every person who chose to donate, or to cut and sew stockings. Your generous participation is appreciated. Also thanks to the AUCW treasurer, Leslie Stoangi, and the AUCW unit treasurers, Carolyn Stafford and Laurie Graham, for all of their work in collecting and banking donations.

Jean Heys and Anne Ella-Arnold,
Christmas Stocking Programme Coordinators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Poinsettias in Honour and Loving Memory...

In Memory of Loved Ones, from Lloyd & Nancy Kerswill
In Memory of Phyllis Ibrahim, from Joan & Don Stevenson
In Memory of Mel & Margaret Mitchell, from Allyson Mitchell & Family
In Memory of Jean & Walter Blackman, from Kathie Blackman
In Memory of Manuel Lopez, from Nelly Lopez
In Memory of John Caleb Ross from Colleen Abbott
In Memory of Carol Beaver, from Colleen Abbott
In Memory of Manuel Lopez from Carmen Harany
In Memory of Mom & Dad from Alan & Doren Sutton
In Memory of Cecil W. Anderson from Paul G. Anderson
In Memory of Erwin & Gladys Arnold from Craig & Anne Arnold
In Memory of Bruce & Juanita Ella, from Craig & Anne Arnold
In Memory of Mother, Father, Wife, from Peter Zsebik
In Memory of John D. Ramsell, from Elizabeth Ramsell
In Memory of Neville & Evelyn Lewis, from Susan Sue-Ling
In Memory of Cal & Jean Harper from Martha & Don Bailkowski
In Memory of Marjorie & Roy Bailkowski, from Martha & Don Bailkowski
In Memory of Colleen Stanton, from Martha & Don Bailkowski
In Memory of Ivor Roberts, from Helen Roberts
In Memory of Teresa Smith from Suzanne & Ken Whitehurst
In Memory of Florence Helms from Suzanne & Ken Whitehurst
In Memory of Michael (Smith) Disney from Suzanne & Ken Whitehurst
In Memory of Barb & John Houston,
In Memory of All Our Loved Family & Friends,
In Memory of Our Loved Ones, from Rev Andy & Rev Lorraine
In Memory of Our Loved Ones, from Brian & Penny Elliot
In Memory of Dana Elisabeth Gibeau, from Peter Cox
In Memory of Clayton & Doris Videan from Peter Cox
In Memory of Rosa & Lambert Farr, from Peter Cox
In Memory of Jim & Lil Innes from Pat Innes
In Memory of Warren Gamble & Dorothy Hubbs from Pat Innes
In Memory of Our Parents, from John & Joan Kuropatwa
In Memory of Carole Hant, from Rick Lyon
In Memory of parents Molly & Lorne Uens from Myrtle & Charles Truax
In Memory of parents Florence & Newman Truax from Myrtle & Charles Truax

Thank you to those who purchased plants in honour and memory of loved ones, and those who delivered them

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