



## Step Onto the Lenten Pathway... Like a Rock - Becoming Living Stones

The Worship Committee invites you to step onto the Lenten pathway, observing the theme: 'Like a Rock-Becoming Living Stones', a reflection of the scripture from 1 Peter 2:4-5... *'come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.'*

To that end, stones of various sizes and textures will be available at the welcome table, with the invitation to carry a stone for the season of Lent, carrying it or placing it somewhere where you can see or feel it, using it as a prayer or meditational focus. Stones can be a reminder of our foundations-a metaphor for strength and endurance whereby we become living stones, building a spiritual house of which Jesus is the corner stone-the foundation of our Lenten journey. On Good Friday we will return our stones as part of the liturgy of the Passion, creating a cairn as offering.

Weekly worship in this time will reflect on the act of carrying a stone as a Lenten spiritual discipline, especially in terms of mindfulness as to why we walk this path year to year.

Additionally, begonia plants will be available for two Sundays (February 26<sup>th</sup>/March 5<sup>th</sup>) and at the Rise and Shine breakfast. Through the solemnity of Lent, there is ample proof of hope that comes to us in growth; evidence of God's ongoing acts of Creation. You are invited to nurture a plant over the coming weeks, returning the blossomed beauties for Easter Sunday worship when we will create a lovely display in celebration of Resurrection.

As in every year, a number of Lent and Easter resources, including print and video are available on our website ([www.auroraunitedchurch.ca](http://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca)). Information regarding the Lenten Study-'Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope' is included in these announcement pages and online.

The Worship Committee offers blessings to all for a meaningful Lenten season.



Palm Sunday-April 2<sup>nd</sup>/Good Friday-April 7<sup>th</sup>/Easter Sunday-April 9<sup>th</sup>

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## Aurora United Church

FEBRUARY 26 2023~11 am

Church Office Hours 9 am ~ 12 pm (noon) Monday ~ Thursday

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### February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup> — Lent

Sun, Feb 26	11 am Worship ~ Lent 1 11:15 am Funday Sunday Children's program ~ Binions Hall
Mon. Feb 27	1:30-3:30 UCW Grace Unit ~ Historic Chapel 7 pm Worship Committee ~ Ministers office
Tues. Feb 28	3-5 pm — EmBellished Rehearsal ~ Binions Hall
Wed. Mar 1	10 am-2:00 pm —Aurora Community Café ~ St Andrews Presbyterian Church 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 7pm— Lenten studies ~ Zoom (see website below for Zoom link)
Thurs. Mar 2	11:30 am -1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (in person or take away) 1-3 pm -Prayer Shawl Crafters Circle ~ Historic Chapel 7pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Mar 4	9:00 am - 10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Trinity Parking Lot
Sun. Mar 5	11 am Worship ~ Lent 2 11:15 am Funday Sunday Children's program ~ Binions Hall

### Lenten Study Group on Zoom

### Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope—Books are in

This Lent, Find the Courage to Go Against the Stream  
Lent is almost here; instead of giving something up, why not think about what you would like to learn from your journey this year?  
Good Courage offers honest testimonies from people who have had the courage to follow their hearts, to hope against hope, and to faithfully work toward a better world.

Every Wednesday from March 1 to April 5 at 7:00 pm

Check out the AUC website for the Zoom link

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/good-courage-daily-reflections-on-hope>

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



### Prayer Shawls ~ Crafters Circle

Thurs March 2nd, 1pm ~ 3pm  
Historic Chapel



The purpose of this group is to gather with others who are preparing prayer shawls for our ministry. These meetings are a time of creating, supporting, sharing of crafting ideas and techniques, and fellowship.

**All are welcome to attend—seasoned and beginner**



2023 Offering  
Envelopes

-are ready for pick-up

Pick-up in Trinity, at the Welcome  
Table, before or after service.



### 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.



### SAVE THE DATE

UCW BOOK SALE

May 13th, 10am—2 pm

### Donations Needed

-accepting only children's books and  
paperbacks. No hardcovers please!

Drop off books:

Friday May 12, 4-7pm

Saturday May 13, 8-10am



As of Sunday February 19,  
masking will be optional for  
attending worship services at  
Aurora United Church.

### MASK MANDATE LIFTED

If you wish to wear a mask, they will be available at the  
Welcome Table for you.



### Community Café

Looking for  
**Volunteers**

Twice a month in kitchen, or  
coffee station: contact

Rev. Andy

([andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca](mailto:andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca))



### UCW

Grace Unit next meeting **Monday February 27th**  
1:30 pm -3:00 pm in the Historic Chapel

We are composed of two units which meet monthly in the  
historic chapel of Trinity Anglican.

Our meetings include worship, a program and most  
importantly fellowship.

**All Are Welcome**



## ATTENTION ALL SINGERS



The AUC Chancel Choir will be presenting excerpts from the Rutter Requiem during  
our **Good Friday** service on April 7th at Trinity Anglican Church.

### WE ARE INVITING YOU TO SING WITH US!

Our Rutter Requiem rehearsals will take place from 7:00-8:00 pm each Thursday from  
March 2nd-April 6th.

SAVE THE DATE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
March 28, 7pm ~ Zoom meeting



### BOOK KEEPER

16hr/week + 1 evening/month

Candidate should have a good knowledge of  
QuickBooks and of accounting basics and  
principles.

Resumes will be considered up until  
**February 28, 2023**

Enquiries and resumes may be directed to:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/treasurer>

### United Church of Canada



Seeking lay and ministry  
personnel leaders for  
roles on the General  
Council Executive, the  
General Council Planning  
Committee, a special task  
group, and a new  
interfaith opportunity.

*Called to Serve*  
THROUGH THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

See UCC website for  
more information.



The Adventure begins this  
SUMMER

**We can't wait to see you at Hart Lake!**

PeeWee camp all the way up to Highschool  
Leadership course.

[https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/  
camp-big-canoe](https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/camp-big-canoe)

### DONATE NOW

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Helping the people in Turkey and North Syria after the devastating earthquake  
on February 6th.

The Winter weather makes the situation even more dire for people who are without  
shelter, warm clothes, blankets, water, and food.. Some of the people affected by the earth-  
quake were already displaced by conflict.

To Donate Go To:

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/earthquake-turkiye>

