



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 26th/March 5th) 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). 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 2nd/Good Friday-April 7th/Easter Sunday-April 9th

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Aurora United Church

March 19, 2023~11 am

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

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March 19th to March 26th—Lent

Sun. Mar 19 Cash Card delivery	11 am Worship ~ Lent 4 No Funday Sunday program—Happy March break 2pm - Chartwell Aurora ~worship service
Mon. Mar 20	7:00- Women's Spirit ~ Zoom
Tues. Mar 21	3-5 pm — EmBellished Rehearsal ~ Binions Hall 10:30am—Sunrise of Aurora ~ worship service 7:00- Book Club ~ Zoom
Wed. Mar 22	10:00am-2:00 pm —Aurora Community Café ~ St Andrews Presbyterian Church 11am - Chartwell Hollandview ~ worship service 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 Study ~ Zoom (see website below for Zoom link)
Thurs. Mar 23	11:30 am -1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (in person or take away) 7pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Mar 25	9:00 am - 10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Trinity Parking Lot
Sun. Mar 26	11 am Worship ~ Lent 5 10:15am Funday Sunday program

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....

Sunday Morning Nursery – Sunday April 2

Trinity Anglican has hired a Nursery Coordinator to begin on Sunday April 2. We look forward to sharing in this ministry again with Trinity.

We will need one volunteer to assist in the Nursery every week (ages teen to adult).

If you would like to participate in this ministry, then please either be in contact with Suzanne in the office, or email Rev. Andy.



Woman Spirit

Monday March 20 at 7 pm on Zoom!

Please email Rev. Lorraine for the Zoom link



Funday Sunday -Children's Program

NO Funday Sunday March 19th ~ enjoy March break

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.



Community Café Looking for Volunteers

Contact Rev. Andy: andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca

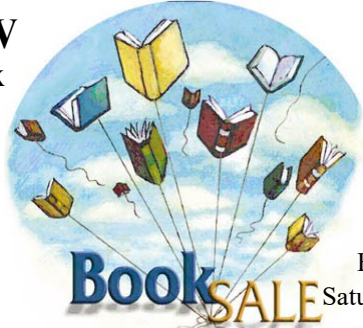


Cash Card
Del'v March 19th
See AUC website

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/cash-cards--43>

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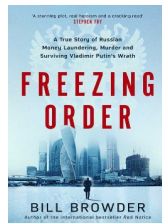
ACCEPTING ONLY:

-paperbacks and
children's books .

Drop off Books

Friday May 12, 4-7pm

Saturday May 13, 8am-10am



Book Club

March 21 @ 7pm
on Zoom

-see AUC website for
Zoom link and for book
list for the year.

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/book-club>

MASKS MANDATE LIFTED

Mask are optional at Aurora United Church service

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



Congratulations to...

Graham and Celidah Hilliard on the birth of their
second child, Declan Joseph.

A new brother for big sister Austyn and second
grandchild for Debra and Grant Hilliard.



WELCOMING ARMS: Welcome Table



Aurora United Church is a partner in Welcoming Arms.
Welcome Table offers a homemade style hot meal for
takeaway every Wednesday

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

Subscriptions or Renewals April 1st

Let the office know you would like to renew or order a sub-
scription of Broadview, (info@auroraunitedchurch.ca).

Order before April 1st to get the 8 issues for \$25



Coffee Time After Worship



We hope you
will stay
following
Worship

To greet friends, ~ old and new.



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>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In-Person and on Zoom

You are invited to the Annual Meeting (AGM) of Aurora United Church
either in-person or on Zoom.

When: Sunday March 26, 2023 12:30 –after service

Lunch will be provided for those attending in-person.

Please watch your e-mail for AGM updates

If you would like to attend on Zoom, please register in advance.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pf-GurD0qGtZJSP0BgpiGZpLHWPBNK3yw>

