



## 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

March 26, 2023~11 am

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

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### March 26th to April 2nd—Lent

Sun. Mar 26	11 am Worship ~ Lent 5 11:15 am Funday Sunday program 12:30 AGM ~ 'Sanctuary, lunch provided'
Mon. Mar 27	7:00 pm- Worship Committee
Tues. Mar 28	3-5 pm — EmBellished Rehearsal ~ Binions Hall 6:00 pm- UCW Grace Unit ~ Binions Hall
Wed. Mar 29	10:00am-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 Study ~ Zoom (see website below for Zoom link)
Thurs. Mar 30	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. Apr. 1	9:00 am - 10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Trinity Parking Lot
Sun. Apr. 2	11 am Worship ~ Palm Sunday 11:15am 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.



### 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.

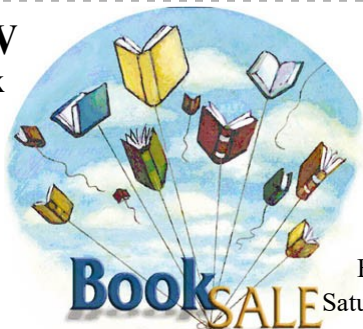


### Looking for Volunteers

To service in the kitchen or coffee station. If your interested contact Rev. Andy: [andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca](mailto:andy@auroraunitedchurch.ca)

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-paperbacks and  
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Drop off Books

Friday May 12, 4-7pm

Saturday May 13, 8am-10am

### 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.



### Congratulations to...

Jerry & Leslie Stoangi on the birth of their first grandchild, Leonardo Raimondo



### BRIDGING THE GAP

Bridging the Gap is one of the program offered by Welcoming Arms. It is a place of friendship, hope, a caring listening ear, where all are treated with dignity. This program is geared to support our visitors' needs through connections to other community agencies and resources (ie medical, dental, housing, etc.) as well as providing them with toiletries, household supplies and food vouchers. We provide Clothes Closet vouchers to our visitors that allows them to access cost-free, gently used clothing.

Drop in Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30-11am.

AUC is a member of Welcoming Arms

### BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

Subscriptions or Renewals April 1st

Let the office know you would like to renew or order a subscription of Broadview, ([info@auroraunitedchurch.ca](mailto: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

You are invited to the Annual Meeting (AGM) of Aurora United Church

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

Lunch is provided

