

News From the Edge




Church Community Update November 2023

Fall has provided some exciting steps forward as the EDGE Committee met with AUC's new Project Manager, Scott McIvor, from the Dalton Company to review the construction plan for the Aurora United Church building. Here are some of the updates we are excited about:

- The Dalton Company provided the EDGE committee with a Preliminary Construction Schedule that maps out the timelines of the project clearly identifying the milestones with dates.
- Construction scheduled to begin mid-October 2023 with the completion of the exterior slated for September 2024 at which time the interior work will commence.
- Substantial Performance, which by definition means the building is ready for its intended use, is slated for May 2025.
- Dalton has created spacious meeting rooms and work spaces in the basement of the church for their ongoing work.
- Currently the form work is being constructed for the two stair towers.

As the Amica building has been surging ahead in the past months, soon the AUC building will take the dominant role as the building rises up to meet the sky.

EDGE and our construction teams continue to search for savings in time and cost. Through value engineering, by identifying our priorities and deferring some building features to a later date, substantial savings have already been discovered.



Volunteers NEEDED
for the
Aurora Community Café
see Rev. Andy @ auroraunitedchurch.ca

Please consider donating...



Please consider donating the items listed below to help those in need. The drop off bin for these items is in the entranceway on Sunday morning.

Donations may also be brought to the church office during regular office hours – Monday to Thursday (9 am to Noon). Thank you for your support!

1. **Milk Bags:** The outer bag that contains the 3 bags of milk needs to be dry but does not need to be washed.
3. **Plastic Tabs:** Tabs from bread, baked goods and milk
4. **Eyeglasses and Eyeglass Cases:**
5. **Postage Stamps:** Used stamps need to be cut from the envelope with a border of 1/4" paper around the stamp.
6. **Aluminum Pop Tabs:**

Prescription Pill Bottles are NO longer being collected

Giving Tuesday November 28, 2023.

This year, The United Church of Canada is focusing on the Emergency Response efforts that are so vitally needed worldwide.

For more info....
auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/giving-tuesday-is-november-28



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Aurora United Church

November 26, 2023~11 am

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

Aurora United Church Office 905-727-1935 x 21 ~ www.auroraunitedchurch.ca

Annual License w/Podcasting, no. A-718074 for Mar 01, 2023- Feb 28, 2024

Hearing assists available from the volunteer in the sound booth.



November 26th to December 3~ Reign of Christ

Sun. Nov 26 Cash card delivery	11 am Worship ~ Reign of Christ—Communion 11:15—Funday Sunday ~ children's program
Mon. Nov 27	7 pm—UCW Grace ~ Historic Chapel 7 pm—Worship Committee ~ Minister's office
Tues. Nov 28	
Wed. Nov 29	10 am—2 pm—Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm – Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7 pm – 8:15 pm – Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Sanctuary
Thurs. Nov 30	11:30 am – 1 pm – Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7-8:30 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Dec 2	9:30 am - 1:30 pm—Rise & Shine Breakfast ~ Binions Hall
Sun. Dec 3	11 am - Worship ~ Advent 1 11:15—Funday Sunday ~ children's program

AUC Carols by Candlelight Sing Nowell

AUC Chancel Choir & Handbell Ensembles
 Aldbury Gardens Brass Quintet
 Tim Birtch, trumpet Wesley Bell violin

December 10th, 4pm and 7:30 pm

COME EARLY to join in the Christmas spirit with carol singing

Trinity Anglican ~ 79 Victoria St.



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.

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

Advent Awareness!

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



Over 300 young mothers ages 13 to 24, with very low or no income, come to Abiona Centre (formerly Massey Centre and Humewood House) in Toronto for support each year.

Often, they are fleeing violence or difficult situations. They want to stabilize their lives and provide the best start they can for their babies. A large source of stress for the young mothers is the high cost of baby supplies like clothing, diapers, and formula. They will choose to go without food or care for themselves to ensure their little ones are taken care of first. Helping these women meet their babies' basic needs will allow them to shift their focus to parenting, so they can go back to school and plan for the future.

Your Gift of \$45 will help provide a month of formula for one baby.
Our goal is to raise \$2500 over the season of Advent to support the Basics of Kindness program.

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 Binions Hall to Rev. Andy on Saturday morning between 9:30 -10:30 am.

Sunday Morning Nursery

If you are interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer (ages teen to adult) contact the office at:
info@auroraunitedchurch.ca



Aurora Community Café

Begins again Wednesday November 29th, and runs until December 20th

10 am - 2 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora

Come and enjoy 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.

Come and join us and see what is new at the Café

For more information and weekly menu:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/serve-at-aurora-united/aurora-community-cafe--61>



Prayer Shawl Ministry

AUC creates hundreds of Prayer Shawls which are blessed and made available to anyone who is in need of comfort and encouragement.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are available after worship, downstairs, outside Binion Hall.

This ministry is all encompassing for anyone within and beyond the A.U.C. congregation.

AUC 2023 Christmas Stocking Programme

"Women's Centre of York Region (W.C.Y.R.) works to improve the lives of local women facing challenges with mental health, domestic violence, financial insecurity, and unemployment. "

A.U.C.W. will again be collecting only monetary donations to support the clients of the Women's Centre just as we did in 2022. These monetary donations will be used for the purchase of gift cards appropriate to the needs of the organization's clients. .

This year's programme will run from Sunday, November 5, 2023 until Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

For all donors there are three options for making your donations:

1. Submit your donations at the Welcome Table at church on any Sunday.
2. Mail your donation to Anne Ella-Arnold c/o Aurora United Church 15186 Yonge Street Aurora, ON L4G 1L9 Telephone Number: 905 – 727 – 1935
3. Deliver your donation to the office of Aurora United Church during office hours.



All donors note:

Cheques should be made payable to "Aurora United Church Women" with the memo "Women's Centre of York Region". E-transfers are not possible. Cash is accepted.

All donations should clearly indicate the name, address, and phone number of the donor. Donations of \$10 or more will be receipted by Aurora United Church Women before the end of February 2024.

The A.U.C.W. hopes that you will consider supporting this worthy cause.

For more details see: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/united-church-women>

Poinsettias



This year the Pastoral Care Committee will be delivering poinsettia plants to AUC members and friends. You are invited to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honour of a loved one. The cost for each plant is \$8.00.

Orders need to be completed by Sunday November 26. All donated plants will be delivered to those on our Flower List. We are not able to accommodate personal orders this year.

A memorial list will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday December 3 and will also be on the AUC website.

Please see envelop on the Welcome Table on Sunday, or Suzanne in the office Mon. to Thurs. 9am-12noon.



Coffee Time

Join us following Worship

to greet friends, ~ old and new.