



RIISING FROM THE ASHES

We are filled with deep gratitude and joy as we announce that thanks to your incredible generosity we have surpassed the targeted amount in our Donor Matching Campaign for *Rising From The Ashes*.

Together, we have raised over \$25,785!

This achievement is a testament to the strength of our community and the spirit of giving. Your participation in the donor matching initiative has been wonderful. Thank you again to our anonymous donor for spearheading this campaign with an initial \$25,000. **The total amount raised is over \$75,000.**

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the life of Aurora United Church.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,



RIISING FROM THE ASHES

Check out the AUC website:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/aur-rising-from-the-ashes>

As of Sunday March 30, we have raised \$261,152.06

Thank you for your support!



Mark Your Calendars! Rising from the Ashes Spring Concert Saturday May 24 - 7 pm

The AUC Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensembles, and soloists are preparing for our upcoming Rising from the Ashes Spring Fundraising Concert

Singers are invited to join the Chancel Choir for this concert.
We will rehearse weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, April 3rd – Thursday, May 22nd.

Contacting Our Church Staff by Phone 905-727-1935 or Email

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Aurora United Church

April 13, 2025~11 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, 2024- Feb 28, 2025

Hearing assists available on the Welcome Table and from the volunteer in the sound booth.



April 13 to April 20 ~ Palm Sunday

Sun. Apr 13 Cash Card order	11 am Palm Sunday - Communion 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday ~ children's program (ages 5-11) 2 pm AgeCare Aurora ~ service
Mon. Apr 14	7 pm - 9 pm AUC Council ~ Binions Hall
Tue. Apr 15	10:30 am Sunrise of Aurora ~ service
Wed. Apr 16	9 am AUC Breakfast ~ Sunny Morning (15975 Bayview Ave.) 10 am - 2 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 5 pm Welcome Table ~ Trinity Anglican 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7 pm—8:15pm Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7 pm _Lenten Study Group ~ Zoom
Thurs. Apr 17	11:30 am — 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7 pm — 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Fri Apr 18	11 am Good Friday ~ Historic Chapel
Sat. Apr 19	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Apr 20 Cash Card del'v	11 am Easter Sunday 11 am Nursery (to age 4)



Walk the final steps of the Lenten Journey

Good Friday—

April 18th, Trinity Historic Chapel, 11 am

Easter Sunday—

April 20th Trinity Sanctuary 11 am



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

BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Trinity Anglican Church Foyer

The planning committee would like to thank the many of you who made the recent A.U.C.W. book sale a success! You supported us in a variety of ways: as donors of books, donors of time, and shoppers. We are also appreciative of the support of the staff of A.U.C. and T.A.C., in particular Suzanne Whitehurst, Kelly Clark and Vernon Tsukada

Thank you to all participants.

Sharon Corbett, Paula Hanna, Jennifer Kenwell,
Debby Schieck, Leslie Stoangi and Jerry Stoangi
Sale Coordinators



AUC BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast,
Wed. Apr. 16, 9am

(15975 Bayview Ave. -
St. John's "Chocolats Favis" plaza),
-entrance off of St. John Side Road.

For more information speak to:
Rev Andy or Rev Lorraine



Coffee Time After Worship

You are invited to remain in the
entranceway following worship for a time of
conversation and refreshment.



Affirming Ministry (Affirming is a verb!)

The Affirming Ministry Committee is
looking forward to **welcoming all** to our
annual **Pride Sunday** service on **May 4th, 2025**.

The congregation is encouraged to wear bright
colours to support our vision, "There is a place for
everyone at AUC". This year's theme for pride
Sunday is – "**Affirming is a Verb**". As such, we are
asking all members to tell us what "Affirming is a
Verb" means to you in a few short words.

You can submit your response by scanning the below
QR code, leave your answer in
the rainbow container at the
welcome table, or simply speak
to any member of the Affirming
Ministry Committee.

We hope to see you all there as
we **celebrate "love" together**.



Lenten Study Group on Zoom

Copies of *Something Sacred: Reflections
on Music and Faith* are available
through the UCRD store

[https://ucrdstore.ca/products/something-sacred-
reflections-on-music-and-faith](https://ucrdstore.ca/products/something-sacred-reflections-on-music-and-faith)

You do not need to have the book to join the
study group! Every Wednesday from March 12
to April 16 at 7:00 pm

Check out the AUC website for the Zoom
link: [https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/
something-sacred-reflections-on-music-and-faith](https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/news/something-sacred-reflections-on-music-and-faith)



Funday Sunday— Children's Program

The Funday Sunday Children's
Program is for children from age 5-11. Children go
downstairs to Binions Hall following the lighting of
the rainbow candle.

Children will return upstairs following the service.



AUC Book Club – Author's Event Tuesday, April 29th - 7pm on Zoom – go to:

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



Ian Smillie will present his memoir,
Under Development: A Journey Without Maps

Author and Order of Canada Member, Ian Smillie is a strong and effective
proponent of Third World development and social justice. Former executive
director of Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO), he co-founded
and directed Inter Pares, a Canadian NGO devoted to the principle of
partnership in development.

Under Development tells the story of Ian Smillie's 50-year
journey of learning and action, fighting poverty and advancing
justice in Africa and around the world.

Mr. Smillie will be introduced by his good friend, Charles Truax.

To prepare for the evening...check out this LRC review-
<https://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2025/04/an-aid-memoir/>

and this video from the Aga Khan Foundation- Global Books
Event from October 2024

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wg06YrwYer0>



Sunday Morning Nursery

Infants to 4yrs

If you are interested in serving as Nursery volunteer
(ages teen to adult) contact the office at:

info@auroraunitedchurch.ca



Cash Cards

When you purchase gift cards for everyday items you are
buying anyway - groceries, gas, coffee, etc. - the church benefits because
the retailers offer the cards to us at a discount. For example, if you purchase a \$100
Loblaw gift card, AUC makes \$4.00.

To purchase Cash Cards go to:

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

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