



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 April 13, 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 20, 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, 2025- Feb 28, 2026

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



April 20 to April 27 ~ Easter

Sun. Apr 20 Cash Card order	11 am Easter Sunday 11 am Nursery (to age 4)
Mon. Apr 21	Church office closed -Easter Monday
Tue. Apr 22	7 pm Finance Committee ~ Sacristy
Wed. Apr 23	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
Thurs. Apr 24	11:30 am — 1 pm Martha's Table ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 7 pm — 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. Apr 26	9:30 - 10:30 Rise & Shine Community Breakfast
Sun. Apr 27 Cash Card del'v	11 am Easter 2 11 am Nursery (to age 4) and Funday Sunday



Easter Thanks & Blessings...

The seasons of Lent and Easter are made more meaningful in every year by a great number of people representing our AUC congregation in worship and also out and about in our local communities.

Deep thanks is extended to members of our Worship Committee (and friends) who oversee seasonal worship and who provided Easter treats once again; Margaret Heney and the AUC Chancel Choir; to Lisa Kyriakides and Handbell Ensembles—thank you all for your beautiful efforts to spread the message of love and new life through instrument and song.

Thanks also to members of the Pastoral Care Team, and the EmBellished Handbell Ensemble who, along with Rev. Andy provided Lent/Easter worship for our local retirement homes. To all who volunteered to oversee the Welcome Table, Ushers and Greeters, and those who made sure that we were seen and heard in worship...to worship participants throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter...and to those who always manage to see here there is a need and step in to help...

Thank You—Bless You!



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



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.



Aurora United Church

Rising From The Ashes Spring Concert
(in support of AUC's church rebuild)

Saturday May 24 7 pm

Trinity Anglican Church
79 Victoria Street Aurora

Featuring
AUC Chancel Choir- Margaret Heney (Music Coordinator)
Handbell Ensembles - Lisa Kyriakides (Director)
with soloists and invited musical guests

Tickets available on Eventbrite
\$20 at the door
Children and Youth Free Admission

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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.

At Funday Sunday, children will hear amazing stories, play fun games, make incredible crafts, sing songs, enjoy tasty snacks and explore faith/life issues. Along the way, kids will know God is always with them, explore God's presence in their lives and serve God by serving others.

Children will return upstairs following the service.

For <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/children>



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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