



United Church of Canada – 100 Years

The United Church of Canada is an amalgamation of the Union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches.

The United Church of Canada was inaugurated at a large worship service at Toronto's Mutual Street Arena on June 10, 1925. Participants were handed a 38-page order of service containing the full text of the liturgy, prayers, hymns, and music. Hymns from all three churches were sung: "All people that on earth do dwell" from the Scottish Presbyterian psalm tradition; the Methodist favourite "O for a thousand tongues to sing" by Charles Wesley; the Congregationalist "O God of Bethel"; and "When I survey the wondrous cross" by the British Nonconformist, Isaac Watts.

The ecumenical tone of the new church was set at this first General Council. The former Methodist General Superintendent, Samuel Dwight Chown was considered the leading candidate to become the first Moderator because the Methodist Church made up the largest segment of the new United Church. However, in a surprise move, Dr. Chown graciously stepped aside in favour of George C. Pidgeon, the moderator of the Presbyterian Church and principal spokesperson for the uniting Presbyterians, in the hopes that this would strengthen the resolve of the Presbyterians who had chosen to join the new Church.

Although the entirety of the Methodist and Congregationalist Churches adopted the new union, the Presbyterian Church allowed each congregation to vote for or against union. It was the first union of churches in the world to cross historical denominational lines and received international acclaim.

By Helen Roberts

Source: Wikipedia

Note: The majority of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church members in Aurora voted to remain separate. Aurora Methodist Church at Yonge & Tyler became Aurora United Church.



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Aurora United Church

May 11, 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.



May 11~ May 18 ~ Easter 4

Sun. May 11 Cash card order	11 am Easter 4 ~ Christian Family/Baptism 11 am Nursery (to age 4) and Funday Sunday	
Mon. May 12	7 pm - 9 pm AUC Council ~ Binions Hall	
Tue. May 13	7 pm Movie night ~ Binions Hall (Chariots of Fire (1981)) 7 pm Search Committee ~ Sacristy	
Wed. May 14	10 am - 2 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 10:30 am Chartwell Park Place ~ service 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7 pm-8:15pm Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7:30 pm Finance Committee ~ Sacristy	
Thurs. May 15	7 pm - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary	
Sat. May 10		
Sun. May 18 Cash card del'v	11 am Easter 5 ~ Victoria Day Weekend 2 pm AgeCare Aurora ~ service	



RIISING FROM THE ASHES

Check out the AUC website:

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

*As of Sunday May 5, we have raised **\$262,668.56***

Thank you for your support!



Coffee Time After Worship

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

Sunday Morning Nursery

Infants to 4yrs



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

info@auroraunitedchurch.ca



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.

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



Cash Cards

When you purchase gift cards for everyday items you are buying anyway - groceries, gas, coffee, etc. - the church benefits.

To purchase Cash Cards go to: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/cash-cards--43>

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



Summer's coming! Campers and counsellors are gearing up and counting on the generosity of United Church Congregations in Shining Waters Region.

2025 Camp Big Canoe Wish List

Crafts: e.g. Scissors, gimp, yarn, cotton swabs, tape, fabric, plain white t-shirts, markers and glitter

Site Supplies: 6 ft ladder, shovels, rakes, battery-operated tools, heavy-duty work gloves

Waterfront Supplies: swim goggles, floating lily pad mat, pool noodles, life jackets, cookware for tripping

see website for full list:

<https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/united-church-women>

Donations may be brought to church on Sunday April 27, May 4 and May 11 and placed in the bin that will be provided in the Narthex or left in the church office M-Th, 9-12 until May 15th.



The Aurora Community Café

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Wednesday 10 am - 2pm

The cafe provides opportunities for adults with differing abilities learning to prepare food, serve and customer relations.

Last Café is Wednesday May 29

See: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/aurora-community-cafe--256>

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

www.auroraunitedchurch.ca

Scan QR code to go to Eventbrite

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Movie Night!

Chariots of Fire (1981)

Tuesday May 13 ~ 7 pm, in Binions Hall

Two British track athletes, one a determined Jew and the other a devout Christian, are driven to win in the 1924 Olympics as they wrestle with issues of pride and conscience.

Refreshments provided!

Go to AUC website for movie trailer: <https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/movie-night>

Staring Ian Charleson and Ben Cross star as Liddell and Abrahams, alongside Nigel Havers, Ian Holm, John Gielgud, Lindsay Anderson, Cheryl Campbell, Alice Krige, Brad Davis and Dennis Christopher in supporting roles.



Parade Season in Coming!

YORK PRIDE is a community-led event that celebrates 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion and brings together families, allies, businesses, and organizations.

The **York Pride Parade** is scheduled for
Sat. June 21st at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

The parade begins on Main Street in **Newmarket** and is **part of the larger York Pride Festival** which takes place on June 21st and 22nd

~Various community events, a vendor village, and entertainment stages~

DETAILS: **YORKPRIDE.ca**



Join us on Sunday June 22nd for a very special service - *Returning Of The Symbols* (Decovenanting) for Reverends Andy and Lorraine as they journey closer to their retirement at the end of August.

Date: Sunday June 22, 2025
Time: 11:00 am Worship Service
Place: Trinity Anglican Church - 79 Victoria Street

Celebration luncheon to follow

More details coming soon ...

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