



United Church of Canada – 100 Years

Timeline Leading up to Church Union

- 1875** – Presbyterian Church in Canada is formed from four branches of Presbyterianism
- 1884** - Methodist Church is formed from four branches of the Methodist Church
- 1885** – Synod of the Anglican Province of Canada invites Methodists and Presbyterians to discuss union.
- 1889** – Conference on Church Unity meets in Toronto
- 1902** – Congregationalists, Presbyterians & Methodists appoint representatives to meet as a joint committee in response to an invitation from the Methodist Church.
- 1904** – Joint committee on Church Union meets for the first time.
- 1906** – Anglicans and Baptists decline to join negotiations. Joint Committee on Church Union agrees on Basis of Union.
- 1912** – Majority of Presbyterian presbyteries and congregations vote in favour of union.
- 1914** – The United Church of Canada is approved as the name.
- 1924** – **The United Church of Canada act is passed by the Dominion Parliament;** congregations are given the right to decide by majority vote, not to join the union.
- 1925** – Inaugural service on 10th of June creates a church of approximately 8,000 congregations and 600,000 members.
- 1925** – Non-concurring Presbyterians continue as the Presbyterian Church in Canada with approximately 1,000 congregations and 150,000 members.

By Helen Roberts

Source: A Church with the Soul of a Nation by Phyllis D. Airhart



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Aurora United Church

May 18, 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 18- May 25 ~ Easter 5

Sun. May 18 Cash card del'v	11 am Easter 5 ~ Victoria Day Weekend 2 pm AgeCare Aurora ~ service
Mon. May 19	Victoria Day ~ office closed
Tue. May 20	10:30 am Sunrise of Aurora ~ service 7 pm - 9 pm AUC Book Club ~ Minister's Office
Wed. May 21	9 am AUC Breakfast ~ Sunny Morning (15975 Bayview Ave. - St. John's) 10 am - 2 pm Aurora Community Café ~ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm Faith-A-Peal, Handbells ~ Sanctuary 7 pm-8:15pm Bellissimo, Handbells ~ Sanctuary
Thurs. May 22	7 pm — 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
Sat. May 24	7 pm Rising From the Ashes Spring Concert ~ Sanctuary
Sun. May 25	11 am Easter 6 11 am Nursery (to age 4) 11:15 am Funday Sunday



RIISING FROM THE ASHES

Check out the AUC website:

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

As of Sunday May 5, we have raised \$262,879.86

Thank you for your support!

Thank-you Everyone



For your generous contributions to Camp Big Canoe's Wish List!

We wish all the young people, campers and counsellors alike, an excellent summer!



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 more information [https://](https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/children)

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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....



AUC BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast,
Wed. May 21, 9am

(15975 Bayview Ave.

- St. John's "Chocolats Favoris" plaza),
-entrance off of St. John Side Road.

**For more information speak to:
Rev Andy or Rev Lorraine**

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

The special June addition of
Broadview, celebrating the United
Church of Canada's 100th
anniversary is now available!

Eleven copies are on the Welcome
Table – first come – for \$10 each.

If you currently subscribe to
Broadview then you will receive
this edition as part of your
subscription.



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](https://www.auroraunitedchurch.ca/connect/aurora-community-cafe--256)

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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



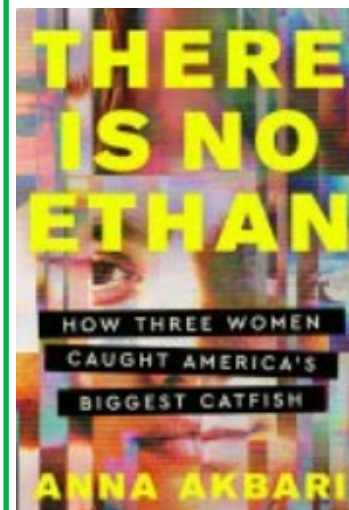
Scan QR code to purchase tickets

AUC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday May 20, 7-9 pm Minister's office
**There Is No Ethan: How Three Women Caught
America's Biggest Catfish** by Anna Akbari

*Part memoir, part explosive window into the mind of a
catfisher, a thrilling personal account of three women
coming face-to-face with an internet predator and
teaming up to expose them*

There is No Ethan catalogues Akbari's experience as both
victim and observer. By looking at the bigger picture—a
world where technology mediates our relationships; where
words and images are easily manipulated; and where truth,
reality, and identity have become slippery terms—Akbari
provides an explanation for why these stories matter.



Parade Season is 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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