



Port Nelson Notebook

December 10, 2017

The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

- Michael Brooks, Minister
- Martha Reynolds, Supply Minister of Pastoral Care
- Candy Harvey, Voluntary Associate Minister
- Stillman Matheson, Director of Music
- Sharon Holmes, Developer of Children’s Ministry
- Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry
- Rebecca Murphy, Church Administrator
- Rick Tucker, Church Custodian
- Sue Reed, Bookkeeper
- David Hebb, Security Lock-up

OUR MISSION

To reach out to one another and our world as we grow spiritually in a caring, inclusive, Christian community enriched by meaningful worship

OUR VALUES

A Sense of Community ~ Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Meaningful Worship ~ Reaching Out



Port Nelson is an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada



DURING TODAY’S SERVICE

**LARGE PRINT bulletins and music books, and assistive hearing devices** for improved sound are available.

**A STAFFED NURSERY** for infants and toddlers is available with a pager system; speak to an usher for assistance.

TEMPORARY LIBRARY

At the back of the sanctuary is a temporary library of “top books” that will be available during renovations.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the seats; if you would like your own set of envelopes, or if you would like to begin pre-authorized remittance (PAR), contact the church office.

HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

**WELCOME!** Please record your name in our **Guest Book** so that we may welcome you this coming week. We invite you to stay after worship **for coffee, tea, juice, cookies and conversation.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for the 2017-2018 program year are available this morning or on the website.

**ADVENTURE CREW** is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games.

**Sundays at 10.30am**

Contact: Sharon Holmes |

[sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**PINNACLE YOUNG LEADERS** is for youth in grades 6 to 12 to build leadership skills and explore current issues from a faith perspective.

**Sundays at 10.30am**

Contact: Jay Poitras |

[jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

TODAY

- Greeters** Paul & Janice Sweeny; Marilyn Parsons  
Evan & Donna McDade
- Coffee** Laurel Grace & Doug Walper  
Tania & Tim Laurie; Edith Danna
- Sound System** Bill Leithead
- Flowers** Peggy & Bill Ellicott
- Nursery** Lisa Stewart

**Christmas Flowers** will once again decorate our church this season. If you would like to contribute in memory, or in honour of a loved one, please do so today by using the envelope provided in the pews. The last day for submissions is **Tuesday, December 12.** **Note** – Names will be printed in the **December 17** bulletin and the flowers distributed to retirement homes by our Caring Connection. Minimum donation is \$10.



Worship this Morning

We are grateful for the leadership of our Pinnacle Youth and Adventure Crew children this morning through reading, drama and music. Thanks to Jay Poitras, Sharon Holmes, Stillman Matheson and others for their leadership with our youth and children not only today but throughout the year. It is appreciated!

Advent and Christmas Decorating

Sincere thanks to the “December Decorators” who have beautified our worship space: Linda Barnett, Brian and Donna Duncombe, Carly Lowry, and Hal and Lynda Rosser, and Rick Tucker.

Gifts and Food for Wesley Centre

Following this morning’s service, the gifts and food items will be transported to Wesley Urban Ministries’ No-Charge Christmas Store in Hamilton. If you can assist with transportation, please meet at the front of the church following the service. This coming Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, youth in our confirmation program will work at the Christmas Store to experience first-hand the sharing of the gifts with those in need.

## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

A **brochure** is available this morning outlining the various Adult Small Groups of the church.

## WOMEN'S DESSERT & CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

(A SPECIAL PORT NELSON TRADITION)

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Dessert: 7pm

Communion: 8pm

All Women are invited



## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

Be sure to pick up your very own copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2017* this morning in the gathering place. This booklet contains brief readings for each day in Advent, including a passage of Scripture, a short devotion, and a closing prayer. In honour of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the selections for 2017 reflect the writings of the Protestant reformers.

## DONATION OF SECURITIES & MUTUAL FUNDS

This is a reminder that you can make donations to Rekindle, operating funds or any other cause by directly transferring securities or mutual funds to a charity. The United Church of Canada (UCC) Foundation handles this transfer and then forwards the money to Port Nelson at no cost to us. The process takes about a month so if you use this method **we recommend you initiate the transfer soon** so you can obtain an income tax receipt from the UCC Foundation for 2017. In addition to helping Port Nelson and getting an income tax receipt, you save the tax that would be otherwise payable on the capital gain. To download the "easy to use" forms you can go to <http://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/ways-to-give/gifts-of-securities/> or for more information: Contact: Steve Jones | [steve@jtca.ca](mailto:steve@jtca.ca) CPA, CA Treasurer **905 319 3515 x 21**

## OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018

Are available for pick-up in the lower foyer today. There are no boxed envelopes for those using Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). You are welcome to use the envelopes in the pews for special donations, but please make sure you write your name on the outside of the envelope. If you would like envelopes or if you wish to begin pre-authorized remittance please phone the church office Contact: Rebecca Murphy | **905 637 5631**

## Annual Reports

The deadline to submit 2017 reports is **Monday, January 15**. Please email reports to Rebecca at [office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com) or bring them to the church office. The Annual Report will be available on **Sunday, February 4** prior to the **Sunday, February 11** Annual Meeting of the congregation.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

A **brochure** is available this morning outlining the various Reaching Out Ministries of the church.

A **brochure** is available this morning outlining the various Caring Ministries of the church.

## Caring Connection - Cookies and Poinsettias



It's that wonderful time of year again when we have an opportunity to share our Caring Connection with visits to special Port Nelson folks! We need bakers to make Christmas cookies (no nuts). Please drop them off **December 13 and 14 to the table in the Sanctuary** to be packaged **Thursday, December 14**. On **Sunday, December 17** we need smiling, friendly visitors to deliver boxes of cookies and poinsettias bringing cheer to special Port Nelson folks. God bless you everyone!

Contact: Laurel Grace | **905 699 2290**  
[laugelg@cogeco.ca](mailto:laugelg@cogeco.ca)

## Christmas Gift Giving

Looking to give gifts that are both meaningful and help others? Consider using the Christmas Blessings Menu inserted in today's bulletin. Every year, people contact the church seeking assistance with purchasing Christmas gifts. Using the Blessings Menu helps us support families in need in our community so that Christmastime will be merrier than it would otherwise be.

## Gift Card Program

Purchase shopping cards for restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and even big box stores. See the table in the Upper Gathering Place – each purchase helps our food voucher program and those in need. **NEW! Tim Horton's Cards now available! For purchasing cards for Christmas gifts the deadline is December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Help to Families at Christmas

There are always families in our community who need extra assistance at Christmastime with gifts for their children. We are looking for **5-6 people who would have fun doing some Christmas shopping** for these families (all costs will be reimbursed and you will be given guidance on ages of children, requests, etc.), and **5-6 people who would have fun delivering the gifts**. Interested in helping? Contact Carolyn Ellison: [hal.ellison@sympatico.ca](mailto:hal.ellison@sympatico.ca)

## CHURCH KEYS

If you are in possession of church keys that are not being used please return them to the church office for recycling.

## HYMN BOOK STORAGE

The Transition Team is looking for a place to store 5 boxes of New Hymn Books. If you have a warm, dry space that you might store them for the duration of the Renovation please call:

Contact: John Greven | **905 320 3315**

