



The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

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- Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry
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- Rick Tucker, Church Custodian
- Sue Reed, Bookkeeper
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Port Nelson Notebook

March 11, 2018

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.

A TEMPORARY LIBRARY is set up at the back of the sanctuary with "top books" 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 the **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

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

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

TODAY

- Ushers** Joan Thompson; Murray Thompson
Carol Inkster; Pat Gilmore
- Greeters** Jean Redgrave; Susan Hill
Karen O'Halloran
- Coffee** Don McMillan & Sylvia Johnstone
Kerry McCarten; Susan Hill
- Flowers** Sharon Ife
- Sound System** Ross Hicks

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:

- 10th Alan Whiskin
- 12th Jordan Wall
- 15th Carol Ann Thomson
- 17th Patrick Sweeny
- 18th Susan Redgrave
- 19th Jim Thomblison
- 21st Ryan Tays
- 22nd Richard LeBlanc
- 22nd Lauren Baseggio
- 24th Michael Brooks
- 27th Marty Wamsley
- 28th Carolyn Petrie



Would you like your **birthday recognized** in the weekly Notebook? Simply fill out one of the birthday slips at the entrances and place it in the offering plates.

SUMMER JOB OPENING

The Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P), in conjunction with the Property Management Ministry (PMM), is searching for an **Assistant Custodian** for July and August (full-time). Please see our website: portnelsonunitedchurch.com or the bulletin boards for details.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

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

This week, the following groups are meeting:

- Affirm Group – Tuesday at 7:00pm
- Prayer Group – Thursday at 9:30am
- Choir – Thursday at 7:30pm

Lenten Study - Wednesdays

All are invited to join in a Lenten Study Opportunity- Wednesday Mornings 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. We are discussing the United Church Lenten Daily Reflection booklet Why I Believe. We gather, over breakfast (your expense), at Cora's, 3455 Fairview. *Books are available for those who wish to read /reflect at home.*

Contact: Ann Fleming | **905 319 1064**
eann.fleming@sympatico.ca

SUMMER GLEE CAMP

GLEE Camp Update and Registration

Summer GLEE Camp is for children in Senior Kindergarten (Yr. 2 FDK) to grade 6 as of September 2018, with a young leaders' program (GLEEders) for grade 7s.

Dates:

Week 1: July 9 to 13 (**60 percent full**)

Week 2: July 23 to 27 (**70 percent full**)

Week 3: August 7 to 10 - a 4-day camp (**40 percent full**)



Location:

Due to renovations here at Port Nelson, **all 2018 GLEE Camps will be held at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline Street.**

Registration:

Visit www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com for details and on-line registration.

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.

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!**

Hungry, Stressed Students

They fly from our nests to attend Post -Secondary Education! Freedom! Adulthood! Study! Stress! Although they may not tell us, we suspect they miss us. Let them know we continue to care for them by donating funds to purchase a \$25.00 gift card to Subway or Starbucks. We will send each student a card just in time for final exams, so the deadline to donate is **Sunday, March 25th**. Please make your cheque payable to 'Port Nelson United Church' and label it 'Student Gift Cards'. THANK YOU!! Our more than 40 recipients will love you for it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates...Upcoming Events

Monday, March 12 at 7:30pm

Monthly prayer time at St. Raphael's Church, 4072 New Street

Sunday, March 25 at 7pm

Tenebrae service at Port Nelson United Church

Friday, March 30 at 8 pm

Stations of the Cross at St. Raphael's church (tableaux vivants)

Monday, April 9

No "regular" prayer meeting



Sunday, April 15 at 7pm

Spiritual Practices Event

Sunday, April 29 at 7.30pm

Taize Service at Port Nelson United

Monday, May 14 at 7:30pm

Prayer Meeting at Christian Reform Church 3422 New Street

Sunday, May 27 at 7:30pm

Choir Spring Concert – Celebration of Healey Willan

Saturday, June 9 at 6:30pm

A Night at the Races – Mohawk Raceway

Monday, June 11 at 7:30pm

Prayer meeting at St. Raphael's church

There will be no prayer meetings scheduled for the months of July and August

Tenebrae: A Journey into Darkness



The service of Tenebrae has its roots in the offices, or daily services of the ancient church and usually takes place during Holy Week. The word "Tenebrae" means "shadows" or "darkness," and the purpose of the service is to remember the dramatic events that occurred during the last week of Jesus' life. It includes music, readings, prayers and the extinguishing of candles symbolizing the "Journey into Darkness." Hamilton Schola Cantorum, a Gregorian chant choir under the direction of William Renwick, will lead a service of Tenebrae at Port Nelson United Church on **Palm Sunday, March 25 beginning at 7:00 pm**. Please plan to attend this meaningful and beautiful service at the beginning of Holy Week.



You're Invited
Island Dreams Resort
Fundraising Dinner Sat. May 12
An evening of island music, dining and dancing!

SAVE THE DATE