

**RECOGNITION OF TERRITORY AND TREATY**

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishnaabe first peoples, covered by the Fort Albany Treaty in 1701. With respect for their history, their spirituality and their culture, we give thanks for God's gift of gathering in this space on this land.



**AFFIRMING STATEMENT**

Port Nelson is an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada. We affirm, include, and celebrate people of every age, race, belief, culture, ability, income level, family configuration, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation in our life and ministry.

**PORT NELSON NOTEBOOK  
Sunday, December 2, 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*



**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.**

**DURING TODAY'S SERVICE**

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the seats; if you would like your own envelopes, or if you would like to begin pre-authorized remittance (PAR), contact the church office. **The 2019 offering envelopes will be available for pick-up from the church office on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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

**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 and explore issues from a faith perspective.

**Sundays at 10.30am**

Contact: Jay Poitras |

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

**FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHTS**

Presents



**THE STAR**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Port Nelson United Church**

**Room 5**

R.S.V.P. to Sharon

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

**ASSISTING TODAY**

**Ushers** Joan Thompson; Murray Thompson  
Carol Inkster; Pat Gilmore  
**Greeters** Bev Osborne; Ken Posgate  
**Coffee** Bob & Donna Weitendorf  
Thomas & Katherine Yantzi  
Dorothy Stansfield  
**Flowers** Bobbie Mulveney  
**Sound System** John Zinkie  
Communion Servers: Donna & Brian Duncombe,  
Cathy & John Greven, Ken Posgate, Marty Walmsley  
Jill & Ham Jukes

**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 18**. **Note** – Names will be printed in the **December 23** bulletin.



**BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER:**



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|----|---------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Ann Fleming   | 16 | Marilyn Parsons   |
| 9  | Nancy McGrath | 19 | Anneka Van Gemert |
| 13 | Linda Barnett |    |                   |

**Name Tags**

An opportunity will be available today to order a Port Nelson Name Tag. Please see Ham Jukes in the sanctuary after worship.

**The Staff of Port Nelson United Church**

**Michael Brooks, Minister**  
**Martha Reynolds, 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**  
**Tina Depko & Riley Denver, Communications**  
**Andrea Stevens, Event Coordinator**  
**Sue Reed, Bookkeeper**  
**David Hebb, Security Lock-up**

## NEW EVENT COORDINATOR

The **Property Management Ministry and the Ministry & Personnel Committee** are pleased to announce that **Andrea Stevens** has been hired as **Event Coordinator**. In this position, Andrea will promote the use of Port Nelson United Church's newly renovated facility. Andrea will work closely with users of rented space and the Port Nelson family to coordinate and schedule the events and functions.

## SMALL GROUPS

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

**Advent Study Book** is available this morning on the tables at the front of the sanctuary.

## Seniors' Christmas Luncheon – Dec. 5, 12 noon

We will be having lunch at the Swiss Chalet on Fairview St. (just west of Guelph Line) on **Wednesday, December 5 at 12:00 noon**. The restaurant can accommodate a group of 24 (maximum!) so make sure you sign up promptly – today is your only opportunity to sign up. We will each be responsible for our own bill. Please sign up today if you are interested in joining us.

Contacts: Donna Duncombe | [905-639-6260](tel:905-639-6260)  
Anne Smith | [905-639-1645](tel:905-639-1645)



## Implementation of a *Speaker Series* at Port Nelson

The Visioning Report 2017 recommended the exploration of an opportunity for a second "service" or community "gathering" in addition to Sunday morning worship. Over the past several months the Gathering Group met and recommended that a speaker series be implemented since this activity encompasses many benefits: it is flexible, can be combined with secular and non-secular activities (i.e. other speakers, music), and provides a way of introducing Port Nelson United Church to members of the community who might not otherwise visit unless expressly invited. The Gathering Group suggested that a steering committee composed of people from Port Nelson UC, members of the Roseland and East Roseland Community Associations, Roseland Park Country Club and the Events Coordinator be struck to help determine the practicalities and format of a speaker series. If you would like more information and/or are interested in being part of the implementation group please contact Marilyn Parsons at 905 637-5983 or [parsonsm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:parsonsm@mcmaster.ca). An organizational meeting will be held on **January 7th 2019 at 7pm Room 5**.

## CANCELLATION OF SERVICES/EVENTS

If, for any reason (e.g. weather), a service or event with more than 50 people needs to be cancelled, notice will be posted on the church website, on our Facebook Page, and communicated by email news no later than 90 minutes before the scheduled service/event. The decision to cancel smaller group gatherings and meetings lies with the group's leadership.

## FIRE SAFETY

Thanks to the dedicated team of 29 PNUC Fire Wardens who have read the Fire Safety Plan that was approved by the Burlington Fire Department and stand ready to assist with an orderly evacuation if it is ever needed. Did you know that we also have 18 Fire Wardens who ensure the safety of mid-week groups?

## 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.

**The Food Voucher Program**, on Thursday Mornings, requires scarfs/mitts/hats for the upcoming Winter Season. Toiletries are also a necessary item.

## Don's Bakery Delivery – Sunday, December 9

Delivery of the frozen bakery goods from Don's Bakery is scheduled for next **Sunday, December 9**, after the service and the dedication ceremony. The truck will be in the parking lot and there will be people to assist you with your order. Please bring bags or boxes to carry your order. On behalf of Elaine's Vision "Thank you!" for making this fundraiser such a success.

Contact: Anne Smith | [905-639-1645](tel:905-639-1645)

## Friday Night Volunteer Opportunity – Dec. 7

Port Nelson will be helping with the Friday Night Community Dinner held at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline Street on **Friday Dec. 7** in the evening. Shifts are **4-6pm** (prep), **5.30-8pm** (serve & clean-up) or **6-8pm** (clean-up). Sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact Nancy McKenzie by phone: [905 483 0858](tel:905-483-0858) or email: [nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckenzie59@gmail.com) by **Monday, December 3 at noon**.

## 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)

## UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

### COME AND GO CANDLELIGHT VIGIL DECEMBER 6, AT 7PM



"A time to reflect on events of the past and the present while sending intentions for a change in the hearts of those who have perpetrated violence, so that love and peace can prevail"

### WOMEN'S DESSERT & CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

(A SPECIAL PORT NELSON TRADITION)

Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Dessert: 7pm  
Communion: 8pm

All Women are invited



## Advent and Christmas at Port Nelson



**Thursday, December 6 at 7pm**

**Candlelight Vigil**

Quiet reflection and prayer to honour all women

**Sunday, December 9 at 10.30am**

**Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE**

Service of Dedication

**Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm**

**Women's Dessert** followed by a **Candlelight Communion**  
at 8pm

*Women of all ages are welcome at this  
annual Christmas tradition*

**Sunday, December 16 at 10.30am**

**Third Sunday of Advent - JOY**

Carol singing at 10.15am

Gifts Service led by our youth

**Sunday, December 16 at 4.30pm**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols** presented by  
The Port Nelson Choir and Soloists

*Featuring traditional and contemporary carols*

**Sunday, December 23 at 10.30am**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE**

Carol singing at 10.15am

**CHRISTMAS EVE**



**Monday, December 24 at 4pm**

A Family Gathering in the Roseland Room (40 minutes)

**Monday, December 24 at 7pm**

Christmas Eve Family Service (45 minutes)

**Monday, December 24 at 11pm**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

A poster for the 'Festival of Lessons & Carols' event. The background is a vibrant, abstract design with shades of purple, blue, and pink, featuring silhouettes of camels and a nativity scene. The text is in various fonts and colors, including white, black, and blue. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and a church logo.

**Festival of Lessons & Carols**

*Sunday December 16, 2018 at 4:30 pm*

*Port Nelson United Church*  
*3132 South Drive, Burlington*  
*905-637-5631*

*The Choir of Port Nelson United Church*  
*Stillman Matheson, Director of Music*  
*Jennifer Goodine, Accompanist*

Free will offering. Proceeds to the music ministry at Port Nelson United Church.