

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 9, 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 are available for pick-up from the church office.**

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

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 |

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NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR

We are delighted to welcome **Kelly Rogers** as our new Coordinator of Nursery and Toddlers to Port Nelson! Kelly will offer leadership with our youngest children each Sunday morning along with our wonderful team of volunteers. Kelly has two sons ages 4 and 8 and has offered child care in her home for parents in need of a safe, caring place. She brings her warm, welcoming presence to this role. Welcome, Kelly!

ASSISTING TODAY

- Ushers** Joan Thompson; Murray Thompson
Carol Inkster; Pat Gilmore
- Greeters** Joanna Fleischmann; Pam Stoddart
Rod & Nancy McGrath
- Coffee** Laurel Grace & Doug Walper
Tania & Tim Laurie
- Flowers** Peggy & Bill Ellicott
- Sound System** Ross Hicks

This Morning's Dedication Service

We are thrilled to include a number of special elements in this morning's Dedication service. Parts of the liturgy have been taken from previous dedication services at Port Nelson in 1954 (original building), 1961 (new sanctuary) and 1989 (lower narthex area). Alix Kingston's solo – *In Rosa Vernat Lilium* - was composed by Mychael Danna using a text by Elizabeth Danna. The Danna family have been part of Port Nelson for many years, and one of the renovated rooms in the church will be named the Danna Room. The choir anthem *O God, Whose First Creative Word* was commissioned for this service and composed by Mark Sirett of Kingston, Ontario. The text is a hymn written by United Church minister Judith Fetter while she served at Metropolitan United Church, Victoria with her husband, Lawrence. It appears in *Voices United* at 322.

Welcome Special Guests

This morning we are delighted to welcome **The Rev'd Diane Blanchard**, Personnel Minister of Hamilton Conference, and **The Rev'd Dr Orville James**, Past-Chairperson of Halton Presbytery, who will participate in our Dedication liturgy.

Advent and Christmas Decorating

Thanks to **Linda Barnett, Donna and Brian Duncombe, Nancy Leithead, Carly Lowry, Hal and Lynda Rosser and Rick Tucker** for their work in decorating the worship space for the Advent and Christmas seasons!

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER:

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



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.

Implementation of a *Speaker Series* at Port Nelson United Church

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 Community Association, 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. An organizational meeting will be held on **January 7th 2019 at 7 pm Room 5 (Lower Level)**.

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

WOMEN’S DESSERT & CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

(A SPECIAL PORT NELSON TRADITION)

Wednesday, December 12th

Dessert: 7pm
Communion: 8pm

All Women are invited



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.



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
Kelly Rogers, Nursery Coordinator
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

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.

Pick Up of Bakery Goods Today

The frozen bakery goods from Don’s Bakery can be picked up this morning immediately after the dedication service.

- **Step 1:** After the service obtain your order form at the table set up in the new Gathering Place
- **Step 2:** Proceed to the refrigerated truck outside and pick up your order. If you need assistance help will be provided.

Thank you for your cooperation. Anne Smith

Help with Painting

Rick Tucker, our custodian, is looking for a few people to help with painting this **Wednesday, December 12** from 9am to 12noon. If you are able to help, simply show up!

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

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.



Advent and Christmas at Port Nelson

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