

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.



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.

PORT NELSON NOTEBOOK
Sunday, February 3, 2019

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 in the Gathering Place this morning.**

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 |

jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Annual Reports

If you haven't sent in your annual report please do so **ASAP**. The Annual Report will be available on **Sunday, February 17** prior to the **Sunday, February 24** Annual Meeting of the congregation.

PLEDGE CARDS 2019

Just a reminder to submit your pledge card by **today, February 3.**

ASSISTING TODAY

- Ushers** Joan Thompson; Murray Thompson
Carol Inkster; Pat Gilmore
- Greeters** Zilla Myers; Ann Fleming
- Flowers** Karen Rice
- Coffee** Chris & Jean Marie Banks
Jeff & Amy Thomblison
- Sound System** Alex Hutchinson
- Communion Servers**
Donna & Bryan Clarke; Beth & Henk Kuiper
Nancy & Rod McGrath; Nell Konkin; Leslie Harrison
Rosemary Carr; Zilla Myers

Rev. Michael Brooks and Jay Poitras are with a number of our youth in Ottawa this weekend for *Worshiplude*. This is an event hosted by Ottawa-area United Churches for youth across the province. About 400 youth gathered Saturday evening for a BIG worship service. We thank **Grant Sweeny** for his leadership with Pinnacle youth this morning.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

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|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Marlene Hall | 16 | Sharon Holmes |
| 4 | Diane Handcock | 22 | Darryl Mitchell |
| 6 | Janine Tripp | 26 | Lucy Liddle |
| 11 | Richard Hensen | 28 | Marguerite Smith |
| 11 | Grant Sweeny | 28 | Jack Heeney |
| 12 | Ken Posgate | 29 | Carolyn Whiskin |
| 12 | Margaret Rivett | 29 | Jen Newton |



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**

UPCOMING SERVICES - SUNDAYS AT 10.30AM

Are there moments or occasions in your life you consider to be turning points? Did a certain event significantly change your path?

During the season of Epiphany, we will consider various "turning points" in the lives of biblical people.

February 10 The First Disciples (Luke 5: 1-11)
February 10 At 7.30pm Prayer with the Songs of Taize.
All are welcome!

SMALL GROUPS

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

Tuesday Evening Study Group – February 5
Tattoos on the Heart, The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle, *provides* an insider's look at the inner workings of the largest gang intervention program anywhere in the world. The book is a captivating, easy read which we gather to discuss on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00. We watch videos and discuss a chapter or two each week over the five week period. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Pat Gilmore has the books for sale on Sunday mornings. David Bagshaw is our discussion leader.
Contact: Ann Fleming | eann.fleming@sympatico.ca
905 319 1064

Seniors Luncheon – February 6
We hope that you can join us for lunch on Wednesday, February 6 at 12:00 noon. Lunch will consist of chicken breast with herbed cream sauce, roasted potatoes, mixed greens, dessert squares and cookies. The cost is \$15.00 per person and we ask that you sign up at our table in the Gathering Place and pay ahead of time so that we have accurate numbers for ordering. After lunch Rev. Martha Reynolds will be talking about the "Sacred Places" in her life. Hope you can join us!
Contacts: Donna Duncombe | **905 639 6260**

Men's Breakfast – February 9
The next Port Nelson Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday February 9, 2019 @ 9:00 am. at the Barra Fion Restaurant 1505 Guelph Line.
Dave Bagshaw will be talking about volunteering and his Mission work in Sri Lanka.
Cost is \$20 per person for a full breakfast buffet. This breakfast is open to all PNUC men, women, and as always their friends are welcome too.
Contact: Ham Jukes | **905 639 3669**

Sunday Seminar Series – February 24
The Affirm Committee is sponsoring a **Sunday Seminar Series from 9:15-10am** beginning **Sunday, February 24**. We will be looking at books written by Indigenous authors and listening to indigenous voices through their written stories. Coffee, juice and muffins will be available.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 30, 2019 *Listening to Indigenous Voices*
Your Affirm United group is planning an exciting day on Indigenous stories in collaboration with the Indigenous Knowledge Centre of Six Nations. There will be speakers, music and dancing, and lunch catered by an Indigenous café. Stay tuned for more details.

SUMMER GLEE CAMP

GLEE Camp Dates and Registration



Summer GLEE day camps are for children in Sr. Kindergarten (Yr. 2 FDK) to grade 5, with a young leaders' program (GLEEders) for grade 7. The dates for the 2019 camps are: **July 15 to July 19; July 29 to August 2; August 12 to August 16**. Cost is \$100 per child per week – same as last year! Registration for all camps opens **Monday, February 4 at 9am**. Registration information is on the church website: www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com. Let us help spread the GLEE again this summer in the newly renovated space!
www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com

GLEE Camp Staff Openings



There are currently **openings** for three senior staff positions: **Camp Director, Assistant Director and Program Director**. Information is posted on the church website. These positions will be of particular interest to senior high school, college and university students. Deadline for applications is **Sunday, February 24th**.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

We will have the chance to record our own history of all of our wonderful members, plus we get to take home a photograph and a directory! **Photography takes place April 1 to 6 & 23 to 27**. Everyone will be contacted by email or by phone; as well, bookings will take place after church sometime in **March**. Questions?
Contact: Jean Redgrave | **905 332 0229**

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.

Something new has been added to the Gift Card Programme....Now you will not have to wait for your order of some gift cards on the following Sunday. Joan and Carol have purchased a number of often requested cards so that you can obtain them immediately. Check with them to see what is now available.

Caring Connection – Valentine's Day Cookies

The Caring Connection needs bakers to make any style of Valentine cookies or squares (no nuts please) and package them in boxes of 6 to 12 cookies. **Please pick up boxes today in the Gathering Place and drop off the baked goods on Thursday, Feb. 7** between 9 and 5 or 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. or **Friday, Feb. 8** by noon. Please place them on the table set up inside the main entrance off the parking lot. If you're not a baker but enjoy visiting, we will need friendly visitors on Sunday, **Feb. 10** to pick up and deliver the cookies in the following week, bringing cheer to about sixty-five special Port Nelson folks. Thank you for helping with this caring ministry.

Contact: Marg Woodruff | **905 631 1421**
margaretwoodruff565@gmail.com

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

Fire safety means – not blocking aisles or exits with equipment or stored items; pulling a fire alarm box and calling 911 if a fire is detected; exiting the building in an orderly manner if the alarm sounds.