

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, January 13, 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 sanctuary 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

The deadline to submit 2018 reports is **Friday, January 25**. Please email reports to Rebecca at office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com or bring them to the church office. The Annual Report will be available on **Sunday, February 17** prior to the **Sunday, February 24** Annual Meeting of the congregation.

ASSISTING TODAY

- Ushers** Joan Thompson; Murray Thompson
Carol Inkster; Pat Gilmore
- Greeters** Bill & Rosemary Carr
Sharon Iffe; Laurel Grace
- Flowers** Marilyn Webb
- Coffee** Heather Stewart; Carolyn Petrie
Dorothy Birkes; Marilyn Webb
- Sound System** Alex Hutchinson

A Donation has been given to the food voucher program in memory of Beattie McDonald with love Dorothy, Lynda, Bob & Lisa.



Celebration of Baptism

We are delighted to welcome this morning into the family of faith through baptism **Megan Mennie**, daughter of Dan and Emily Mennie and a sister for Nathan and Owen. Introducing Megan on behalf of the church family is Brian Snell, Chairperson of Church Council.

Thank-you from Michael

I am grateful to the Ministry and Personnel Committee for organizing last week's celebration of my tenth anniversary as your minister here at Port Nelson. Susan Posgate's very kind words, the cake afterward, the kind remarks from many of you, and the special card made by the children were all touching. The time has and continues to bless me every day. I feel we are fortunate to be together in ministry. I think we make a good team of God's faithful disciples.

- Michael Brooks

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY:

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| 1 | Marta Middleton | 24 | Mary Carey |
| 13 | Don Poulton | 28 | Miriam Ridge |
| 20 | Bryan Clarke | | |



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.

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.

January 20 Mary, the mother of Jesus (John 2: 1-11)
January 27 Ezra, priest and scribe (Nehemiah 8: 1-10)

Memorial Service for John Ashfield - Jan. 19

A Memorial Service for **John Ashfield** will be held on **Saturday, January 19 at 3pm** here at Port Nelson.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

APRIL means photography for our new directory. Our membership list has to be forwarded to the company by January 18. Please be sure the church office has your email address and phone numbers. Please call **905 637 5631** or email Rebecca at: office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

SMALL GROUPS

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

Tuesday Evening Study Group – Jan. 22nd

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 will gather to discuss on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00, starting on **Tuesday, January 22nd to Tuesday, February 19th**. We will watch videos and discuss a chapter or two each week over the five week period.

Fun, compassionate and full of heartwarming stories, this NY Times Bestseller will leave you wanting more and more. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Pat Gilmore will have the books for sale on Sunday mornings. David Bagshaw will be our discussion leader. Questions: Contact: Ann Fleming | eann.fleming@sympatico.ca or **905 319 1064**

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.

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.

Painting on Wednesday Jan. 13th

Please join Rick on Wednesday morning to help with the final touches. No need to sign up - just show up.

Recruitment for the Men in Aprons Group

The Men in Aprons Group is looking for some new members. We are a group of men who enjoy cooking and meet regularly to cook for ourselves while enjoying each other's company.

We also host and organize the monthly Men's Breakfast and provide cooking services, as needed, to other church activities such as The Mistletoe Mart and the Pancake Supper. With the opening of our new kitchen, in early 2019, we will be in a state of the art facility, allowing us to expand the quality of our service. If you are interested - Contact: Ham Jukes | **905 639 3669**

ENDOWMENT FUND

It's that time of the year again - the Endowment Fund Committee is looking for projects to support in 2019. Individual church members are encouraged to recommend projects and activities to be supported. Recommendations can be for the church or for the local community. Projects from around the world can also be recommended. Please forward any recommendation to MargaretJane Wallace by **Sunday, January 27, 2019**. The recommendation should include information to explain the purpose, need, cost and expected benefits of the project.

Contact: MargaretJane Wallace, Chair | margaretjane_wallace@sympatico.ca

TIPS FOR LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Thank you again to the people who completed the questionnaire, "Living with Alzheimer's Disease" last spring. Since several people indicated that they would appreciate learning some strategies for living day to day with Alzheimer's Disease, Yvonne LeBlanc and I have put together a handout called, "Tips for Living with Alzheimer's Disease." Copies are available on the welcome tables at the front of the sanctuary and you are welcome to take one for yourself and for anyone who might find the information helpful. – Martha Reynolds

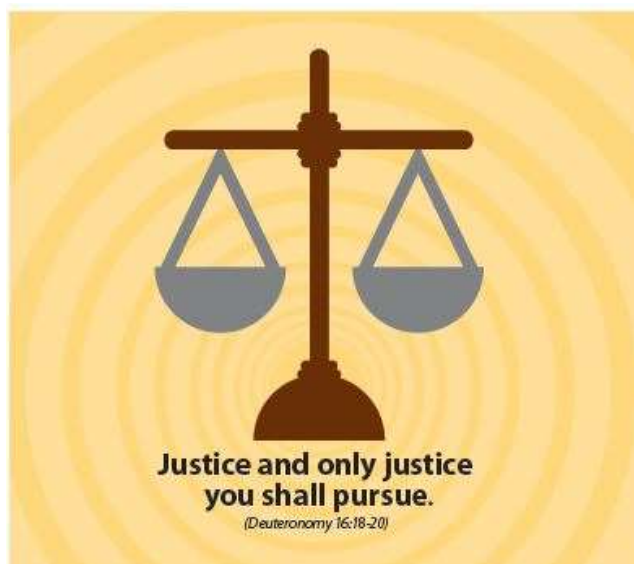
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS MENU – THANKS!

A total of **\$10,910.00** was given through the Port Nelson Christmas Blessings Menu in December! The menu was used by 50 people to support the following four ventures:

Port Nelson Youth Outreach Program: **\$650**
Port Nelson Refugee Family: **\$5,390**
Nelson Youth Centre: **\$1,155**
Food Voucher Program: **\$3,715**

WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019



Justice and only justice
you shall pursue.
(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

2019 World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – South

Day	Date	Time	Church	Address
Sunday	13-Jan-19	7PM	Port Nelson United	3132 South Drive
Monday	14-Jan-19	7PM	St. Raphael Catholic	4072 New Street
Tuesday	15-Jan-19	11AM	Appleby United	4407 Spruce Avenue
Wednesday	16-Jan-19	7PM	New Street CRC	3416 New Street
Thursday	17-Jan-19	7PM	Holy Cross Lutheran	3455 Lakeshore Road
Friday	18-Jan-19	7PM	Knox Presbyterian	261 Elizabeth Street