

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, January 6, 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** Don McMillan & Sylvia Johnstone
Linda Barnett
- Flowers** Bobbie Mulveney
- Coffee** Library Committee – Sharon Lipsit
Sharon Hollingsworth
- Sound System** John Zinkie



LET'S CELEBRATE REV. DR. MICHAEL BROOKS!

On January 1, 2019 Michael celebrated 10 years of ministry at Port Nelson. Please join us for cake and goodies after the service today as we mark this special occasion.

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.

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. Either email office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com or call Rebecca Murphy, **905 637 5631**.

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

SMALL GROUPS

Implementation of a *Speaker Series* at Port Nelson United Church – Jan. 7th

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 are interested in being part of the implementation group please attend the organizational meeting on **January 7th, 2019 at 7 pm** Room 5 (Lower Level).

Contact: Marilyn Parsons | [905 637-5983](tel:905-637-5983) or parsonsm@mcmaster.ca.

Caring Wisdom Circle – Jan. 10th

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES weekly at participants’ homes from **1:30 to 3:00 every Thursday**. Why we love the Circle: we share the good, the bad and the ugly, we are very diverse but respectful of each other's truths, we can be ourselves, we find inspiration by sharing! There is nothing that we don't talk about! We always leave feeling supported and inspired. These are some of the comments shared as we reviewed why we meet and where we are going in 2019. Beginning in January we have chosen to review a selected article from the Observer. It will inspire much lively conversation!

We will be meeting on **Thursday January 10, 2019**, hosted by Marilyn Parsons. The CIRCLE is open to all, and we are always delighted to have new folks drop by! Come check us out and share a cup to tea and a warm welcome!

Contact: Marilyn Parsons | [905 637 5983](tel:905-637-5983)

Port Nelson’s Men’s Breakfast – Jan. 12th

Saturday Jan. 12, 2019 @ 9:00am at Barra Fion Restaurant, 1505 Guelph Line, Unit 10. Our Speaker is **Doug Cockell**

Topic: **“Route 66 Revisited” - Memory and Mythology**.

Full buffet style breakfast for \$20. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact: Ham Jukes | [905 639 3669](tel:905-639-3669)

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](tel:905-319-1064)

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 13 Jesus’ baptism (Luke 3: 15-22)

January 20 Mary, the mother of Jesus (John 2: 1-11)

January 27 Ezra, priest and scribe (Nehemiah 8: 1-10)

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.

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](tel: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

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

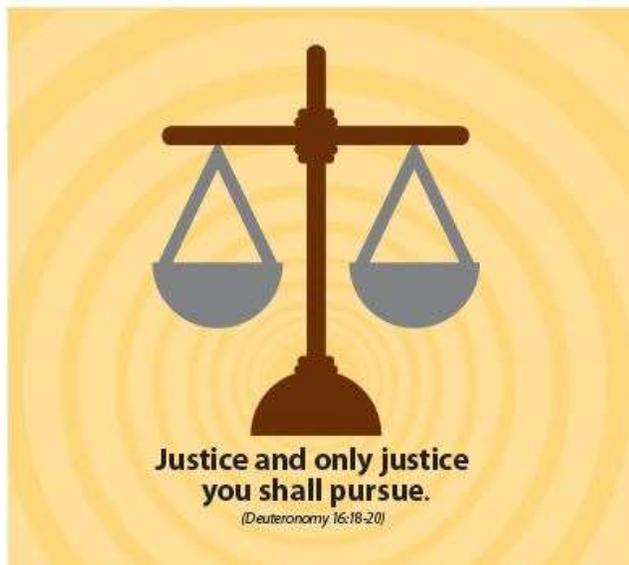
Tina Depko & Riley Denver, Communications

Andrea Stevens, Event Coordinator

Sue Reed, Bookkeeper

David Hebb, Security Lock-up

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019



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

You're Invited!
**Community Open House
and Ribbon Cutting**
in celebration of the newly renovated space

**Sunday January 27
4 pm to 6 pm**

Appetizers, refreshments, displays
& tours of the renovation

Remarks at 4:15 pm

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

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

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.