

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, March 17, 2019**



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ 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 CHURCH LIBRARY is open following worship.

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

ASSISTING TODAY

- Ushers** Ginny Swain; Marilyn Parsons
Nancy McIlraith; George Leckie
- Greeters** Marty Wamsley; Barry & Carol Acheson
- Coffee** Susanne & John Zinkie
Pat Moy; Bev McLean
- Sound System** Ross Hicks

Access to Main Church Office

On Sunday mornings the Church Office will be open prior to services until 10.20am. It will normally NOT be open after services. We encourage you to access the office Monday to Friday during office hours if possible.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:



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| 10 Alan Whiskin | 19 Jim Thomblison |
| 11 Rob Warman | 21 Ryan Tays |
| 12 Jordan Wall | 22 Richard LeBlanc |
| 15 Carol Ann Thomson | 22 Lauren Baseggio |
| 17 Patrick Sweeny | 24 Michael Brooks |
| 18 Susan Redgrave | 27 Marty Wamsley |
| 19 Charles Handcock | 28 Carolyn Petrie |

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.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank The Maple Refugee Group who has donated \$8,000.00 to the Port Nelson Refugee Group.

**FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
Presents**



Paddington

Friday, March 22nd

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Roseland Room

RSVP Sharon Holmes at

sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

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

SMALL GROUPS

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

Lenten Study: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Tuesdays at 7pm; a four-week study based on a DVD by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Topics covered: What happened on Good Friday? What happened at Easter? Jesus is the Way.

Contact: Brenda Peszle | peszlebr@gmail.com

Lenten Daily Devotion Discussion Group



Wednesday mornings @ **7:30 a.m.**, at Cora's Restaurant on Fairview, we gather for breakfast and readings from the *Sanctuary For Lent* booklet. The brochure is available for pick up this morning in the Gathering Place.

Contact: Ann Fleming | **905 319 1064**
eann.fleming@sympatico.ca

Sunday Seminar Series – March 24

We will meet in the library from 9am -10am. Light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome.

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.

Hungry, Stressed Students

They fly from our nests to attend Post -Secondary Education! Freedom! Adulthood! Study! Stress! Although they may not tell us we suspect they miss us. Let them know we continue to care for them by donating funds to purchase a \$25.00 gift card to *Subway* or *Tim Horton's*. We will send each student a card just in time for final exams, so the deadline to donate is Sunday March 31st. Please make your cheque payable to 'Port Nelson United Church' and label it 'Student Gift Cards'. THANK YOU!! Our more than 40 recipients will love you for it.

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

grades 6 & 7. The dates for the 2019 camps are: **July 15 to July 19; July 29 to August 2; August 12 to August 16.**

Registration information is on the church website:

www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com.

STAFF OPENINGS

Lock-up/Security Position Open

This paid position starting immediately involves locking the church up each evening and opening the doors on weekends as arranged by the Church Administrator. Please contact **John Greven** at pnucbu@gmail.com for further information or to apply for the position.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR PORT NELSON'S UNDER THE SEA PA DAY



FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH 9:00AM – 3:00PM

SK – GRADE 5 \$20 PER CHILD

Bring your own nut-free lunch.

Snacks will be provided.

Register using our online Family Registration

www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com/login.php

Registration closes **Monday, April 8th**

Free Exercise Class at Port Nelson

On **Monday April 15** and **Wednesday April 17**, we will be hosting an exercise class in our Roseland room! 9:30am - 10:30am. The group from St. Christopher's is joining us.

Contact: Laurel Grace | laurelg43@gmail.com

Second Silver & Gold Fund Raiser

Starting on **April 25th** come join us in our Second Silver & Gold fund raiser. Twelve years ago, through the collection and buying of unused gold and silver jewelry, watches, stamp collections and silver and gold artifacts, we were able to fund raise over \$12,000 for PNUC. All articles are appraised at current market prices and bought from you (found money) and you have the option of keeping all the cash or donating all or part to Port Nelson. The donated portion generates a tax receipt. This can be a win/win for everyone. Don't forget 'current market prices' will be **MUCH HIGHER** than they were in the past! More information to come over the next few weeks.

2nd Night on the Bayou



On **Saturday, May 4th** The Second Night on the Bayou Dinner featuring The Hot Five Jazzmakers returns for another fun night of music, dancing and dinner in the

NEW Roseland Room! Tickets go on sale this **Sunday, March 17th** after worship. Tickets are \$75 ea. and each ticket holder is asked to bring to the dinner a \$25 bottle of wine or a \$25 gift card for the basket draws.

PHOTO DIRECTORY BOOKINGS

Photography bookings continue before and after the church service until **March 31**. ONLINE BOOKINGS may be made through the Port Nelson website from 6:00 p.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Friday evenings. A committee member will phone everyone who has not booked! Please save us time. Every participant will receive a free 8 x 10 picture, a directory and the opportunity to buy more pictures.

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone's contact information will be in the Roster at the back of the directory. If you choose NOT to have this information included, please contact Rebecca Murphy at the church office, **905 637 5631** by APRIL 5.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MINISTRY

To all who have stored items during the big renovation!

Thank you so much for allowing many and sundry items to be stored at your home, basement or garage. The storage rooms, library and kitchen are up and running and ready to receive these items back. Please contact John Greven (Property), Linda Barnett (kitchen) or June Wright (Mistletoe Mart, Library) so that we might assist you in having the items returned (so you can have your garage/basement returned to normal). It does take a whole church working in so many different ways to complete a project such as we have done. Thank you all.

“SOUL SEARCHING”

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES 2019

In his best-selling book *The Seat of the Soul*, author Gary Zukav suggests, “Your soul is that part of you that is immortal. Every person has a soul, but a personality that is limited in its perception to the five senses is not aware of its soul, and therefore, cannot recognize the influences of its soul.”

What is the soul? What do the Christian faith and the Bible say about the soul? This Lenten season we’ll do some “soul searching” in our services as we explore The Soul.

Sundays in Lent at 10.30am

March 17 – Soul Searching: Loving (Matthew 22: 34-40)

March 24 – Soul Searching: Living (1st Samuel 18: 1-5)

March 31 – Listening to Indigenous Voices

Guest Preacher: Rev. Lori Ransom

April 7 – Passion Sunday

Drama: The Twelve Disciples

*Our youth lead us in a re-enactment of The Last Supper
Celebration of Communion*

****You are invited to bring artistic depictions
of The Last Supper**

Holy Week 2019

April 14 – Palm Sunday

Children are invited to come at 10.15am
to join the palm procession

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 7pm

A joint service at Wellington Square United Church
2121 Caroline Street

Good Friday, April 19 at 11am

A joint service at Wellington Square United Church
2121 Caroline Street

April 21 – Easter Day at 7am

Easter Sunrise service at Sioux Lookout Park

April 21 – Easter Day at 10.30am

Festive service with brass ensemble, handbells,
Hallelujah Chorus



Group Study: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

During the season of Lent, as the ministry student at Port Nelson United Church, I am offering the opportunity to study “*The Death and Resurrection of Jesus*” through the understanding of post-modernist biblical scholar and historian, Marcus Borg, with a contribution by John Dominic Crossan.

This four-week study is based on the DVD educational series by the same name. Weekly topics will review:

- What happened on Good Friday?
- What happened at Easter?
- Jesus is the Way



followed in the fourth week, with a creative project to represent the season of Lent.

This series is sure to challenge not only how we are to understand the puzzling events surrounding Christ’s death but also how we are to understand them anew. This study encourages personal reflection, group discussion with hands-on creative application.

Dates: Tuesday evenings (March 12-April 2 / 4 weeks)

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: The Meeting Room

Presented by the Affirm United Group of Port Nelson in collaboration with the Deyohahá:ge: Indigenous Knowledge Centre at Six Nations Polytechnic

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES

MARCH 29 - 30, 2019

FRIDAY MARCH 29: 7:00 PM Movie *Indian Horse*, followed by discussion

SATURDAY MARCH 30: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

A DAY OF INDIGENOUS WORKSHOPS, MUSIC & SOCIAL DANCING, CUISINE, & BOOKS

Creation Story, Indigenous Agriculture/Gardening, Kairos Blanket Exercise

Cost for weekend: \$20 (Saturday lunch included.)
Friday evening – No cost

Tickets on sale following church on
March 3, 10, 17, 24.

Also available in church office

For more information (or outside registrations) contact Nancy McKenzie at
nancymckenzie59@gmail.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Live Videos of Services

For many years we have enjoyed the chance to listen to Sunday services on our church website. Now, thanks to enhanced technology, we can watch videos of the services! They will be available on the church website (portnelsonunitedchurch.com) after each service. But that's not all! If you are unable to attend services you can now view the services LIVE! Port Nelson is now "live streaming!"

To view our services live on the internet, you have two options:

OPTION A:

Visit this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG8BvV1T1r96s2sQq_v33rA

- Hit the "Subscribe" button
- Hit the notifications button (small bell) right next to the "Subscribe" button
- You will receive an email every time we begin a new stream of a service!

OPTION B:

- Go to Youtube on Sunday mornings around 10.25am and search for "Port Nelson United." The new Live Streaming video should appear.