

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 FEBRUARY 21, 2021



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Please feel free to connect directly with our Youth Leaders for information on our Programs during this time as we find alternate ways to stay connected!

Adventure Crew is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games. Adventure Crew will be available live via Zoom. Children will be emailed Sunday's activities. A ZOOM gathering will take place at 10.45am on Sunday mornings. Contact Sharon Holmes:

sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Pinnacle Young Leaders is for youth in Grades 5 – 12 to build leadership skills and explore current issues from a faith perspective. Pinnacle will be available live via Google Meets. Contact Jay Poitras: by text at 905-691-0148 for the link. jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Nursery will meet with Kelly Rogers on Sundays at 12.00pm using Zoom.

UPCOMING SERVICES – Online Only

Livestreamed

- February 28 The Second Sunday in Lent
- March 7 The Third Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Communion

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - UPDATE

The church office will be open to the congregation and the public for church business with regular office hours (Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm; Friday 9am to 12noon) No in-person meetings, group gatherings, events or rentals are permitted in the church building; as always, we continue to encourage your group/ministry/committee to meet on-line and to advise the office of these on-line meetings so we may help advertise and promote them.

ZOOM TRAINING

If you need any assistance getting started or setup using ZOOM – there is help! Call or email the church office and someone will be in touch to help get you set up.

[905-637-5631](tel:905-637-5631) / office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

REMINDER: 2021 Pledge Cards can be returned to the office by mail, drop off in the office or scan and email to: office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

TODAY

Sunday worship will be broadcast Livestream on our YouTube channel at 10.30am

<https://www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch>

Online Greeter: Cathy Greven

Annual Meeting **today at 1.30pm** via Zoom. Please see weekly email or the webpage for meeting link and a copy of the Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the Audited Financial statements please contact the office.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Marlene Hall | 4 Diane Handcock |
| 6 Janine Tripp | 7 Karen Rice |
| 11 Richard Henson | 11 Grant Sweeny |
| 12 Ken Posgate | 12 Margaret Rivett |
| 16 Sharon Holmes | 22 Darryl Mitchell |
| 26 Lucy Liddle | 28 Marguerite Smith |
| 28 Jack Heeney | 29 Carolyn Whiskin |
| 29 Jen Newton | |



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

There are several ways you can support the church's ministries:

Cheques - can be mailed, or dropped off to the church

PAR - monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance

Online giving - www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Etransfer - office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Credit/Debit – accepted in the office

Please Note: unless designated otherwise, offerings will go to General Funds.

The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

- Michael Brooks, Minister
- Karen Eade, Pastoral Care Minister
- 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
- Jennifer Bath, Church Administrator
- Paul Pincente, Bookkeeper
- Rick Tucker, Church Custodian
- Tina Depko, Security/Lock-up
- Tina Depko & Riley Denver, Communications
- Roy Campbell, AV Technician

SERVING AND CARING

Food Voucher Program

Participants in this program will continue to be contacted by telephone and gift cards will be mailed to those in dire need. If you would like to support the food voucher program please indicate "Food Vouchers" when making a donation.

Meals of Hope

The Meals of Hope program is growing! Through our partnership with the Friday Night Community at Wellington Square United Church, generous volunteers have been making and packing meals in our kitchen to deliver to Wellington Square for distribution.

The Port Nelson kitchen will be open for cooking Wednesday mornings 11am-1pm, Thursdays 11am-1pm and 7pm-9pm, and on Fridays 9am -10.30am for packing and delivering.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information please contact:

Pat Gilmore

[905-802-8761 / patgilmore3@gmail.com](mailto:patgilmore3@gmail.com)

Nancy McKenzie

[905-483-0858 / nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckenzie59@gmail.com)

Donations are welcome. Please indicate "Meals of Hope" when making your donation.



Burlington Food Bank

Donations can be made through the church or sent directly to the Burlington Food Bank 1A-1254 Plains Road East Burlington, ON L7S 1W6 www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca

Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Wright Library has a few books that may be of interest following the virtual tour of the Mohawk Residential School. We think you will find these books helpful in deepening your understanding of Indigenous Peoples. Titles include: *From the Ashes*, *21 Things you Should Know about the Indian Act*, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, *Inconvenient India*, *Embers*, *Ragged Company*, *Seven Fallen Feathers*, *Buffalo Shout*, *Salmon Cry*, *Through Black Spruce*, *Teachings from the Long House* and many more. To arrange pick up or delivery please contact Pat Gilmore [905-802-8761 / patgilmore3@gmail.com](mailto:patgilmore3@gmail.com)

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



The Property Management Ministry and the Ministry and Personnel Committee announce Rick Tucker's retirement, effective the end of March. Rick has faithfully served this church for nearly 12 years. We extend our very best wishes to Rick as he anticipates the next chapter in his life.

We are hopeful that we will be able to celebrate Rick's retirement with him once we are permitted to gather together.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

The booklet will be available in its entirety online on the church website and in the weekly email. In addition, if you wish to receive each day's reflection as a daily email, contact the church office and ask to be added to the Lenten Reflections email.

office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Join Michael Brooks on Wednesdays from 4pm to 5pm beginning this week on **February 24** via Zoom. We will use our brand new, home-grown reflection booklet! *Zoom link in the weekly email and on our website.*

KEEP PRAYING – PRAYER GROUP

Prayer – we have been inspired and encouraged to "keep praying," even if we struggle with prayer. Some of us feel called to do just that - together. You are invited to join in on Zoom **each Sunday morning during the season of Lent** for a time of prayer. We can pray however and for whatever the group wants. There is no agenda, just come and "be" about prayer with others.

Sunday mornings from 9.00am - 9.30am.

Zoom link in the weekly email and on our website.



MOHAWK RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL DISCUSSION

On Monday February 22 at 7.00pm the Affirm Committee invites you to join in a Zoom discussion as a follow up to the Virtual Tour of the Mohawk Residential School.

Zoom link is in the weekly email and on the webpage.

ZOOM CAFÉ 2021

A Zoom cafe is an opportunity to connect with others online. Typically there's an opening prayer, check-in, one or more topics for discussion and a blessing. Each week is different - come and see for yourself! To join a cafe (you're welcome at one or both), you can email the host for the Zoom link or use the link in the e-newsletter or on the homepage of the church website.

Tuesdays from 2.00pm to 3.00 pm, hosted by June Wright fjunewright@sympatico.ca



Thursdays from 10.00am to 11.00am, hosted by Marilyn Parsons parsonsm@mcmaster.ca

CARING WISDOM CIRCLE

Thursdays at 1:30pm - 3:00pm via ZOOM. This is an open circle where all are welcome for conversation that challenges, enhances and supports our life-long learning journey! As inspiration for the next several weeks, we will be using the book *Enduring Grace: A Portrait of Seven Women Mystic* by Carol Lee Flinders. If you would like to join us online and for a copy of the book please contact: Laurel Grace laurelg43@gmail.com / [905-699-2290](tel:905-699-2290)

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