

## 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 28, 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](mailto: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](mailto:jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

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

## UPCOMING SERVICES – Online Only

March 7	Third Sunday in Lent <i>Celebration of Communion</i> <i>You are invited to have bread and juice/wine available at home</i>
March 14	Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Celebrating "PIE" Day</i>
March 21	Fifth Sunday in Lent

## STAFF OPENINGS

With the recent announcement of Rick Tucker's retirement at the end of March, we are searching for someone for the Custodian role. If you or someone you know would be interested in the position, please refer to the PNUC website under Staff Opening for details and application process. The closing date is Wednesday, March 3rd.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

## TODAY

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

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

**Online Greeter:** Marilyn Parsons



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



## 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](http://www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**Etransfer** - [office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**Credit/Debit** – accepted in the office

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

**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](mailto:office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

## 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

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

Nancy McKenzie

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



Please indicate "Meals of Hope" when making a 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](http://www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca) Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.

## ANNUAL MEETING - UPDATE

The Annual Meeting of Port Nelson was held last Sunday, February 21 using Zoom. 46 devices participated, representing about 55-60 individuals including some first-time attendees. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Port Nelson has fared very well throughout the pandemic, with strong support and engagement with online services and programs, and new initiatives such as Meals of Hope
- The 2020 Financial Statements were approved reflecting a \$46,218 surplus
- The 2021 Operating Budget was approved reflecting a \$6,744 surplus with a modest 1.2 percent projected increase in Offerings
- Expenditures from the Endowment Fund were approved, including \$3,500 for the Gratitude Project (a planned concert to celebrate local talent), \$1,000 for the Positive Space Network, \$2,000 for stainless steel countertops in the Port Nelson kitchen, and \$2,832 for Ryerson School to repair basketball and badminton equipment
- Ministry Chairs Ann Fleming (Spiritual Growth), Rod McGrath (Finance) and Susanne Zinkie (Pastoral Care) were thanked for their faithful service to Port Nelson in these capacities
- New Ministry Chairs Candace Harvey (Spiritual Growth) and Evan McDade (Finance) were elected

## BOOK DISCUSSION – MARCH 22 AT 7PM

On March 22 at 7pm the Library team will be hosting a Zoom call to discuss the book 21 Things you may not know about the Indian Act by Bob Joseph. The book is very much in line with the tours at the Woodlands Cultural Centre BUT attendance at one of the tours is not a requirement to participate. A limited number of books will be available at a subsidized price of \$10.00 to those who are interested. We're looking forward to the conversation - there is so much to learn. Please let Pat know by March 12 if you would like a copy of the book and if you plan to attend.

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

## LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

The booklet is available in its entirety online on the church website and in the weekly email. 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](mailto: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.*



## 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](mailto:fjunewright@sympatico.ca)



**Thursdays from 10.00am to 11.00am**, hosted by Marilyn Parsons [parsonsm@mcmaster.ca](mailto: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](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com) / [905-699-2290](tel:905-699-2290)

## MOHAWK RESIDENTIAL TOUR

Several Port Nelson members were among the 80 participants in February who took a virtual tour of the former residential school in Brantford. They found the screening, followed by a Q&A, educational and profoundly moving. The March tour is already sold out! The April tour is on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00pm. Please check their website for when the April registration becomes available: [www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca](http://www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca) Cost is \$10 (tax receipt issued).

## 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.