

## 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 JANUARY 10, 2021



## OUR VALUES

*Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out*



## CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

**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.

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

### Sundays at 10.30am live streamed

In January, we begin a new sermon series called "Healing Light." In this time of brokenness we will explore some stories of healing and how the healing light of Epiphany bathes us in God's grace and wonder.

*Healing Light:*

January 10 Order (Genesis 1: 1-5)

## BUILDING ACCESS AND OFFICE HOURS

The church building and office is currently closed to the congregation and the public. No in-person meetings, group gatherings, events or rentals are permitted in the church building.

Staff may be working in the church building as well as at home, and are accessible by email and telephone. If you have an **urgent need** to visit the church office, please make **prior arrangements** with Jennifer Bath, Office Administrator (or the specific staff member concerned).

Regular office hours will resume on **Monday, January 25, 2021** if it is safe to do so and according to government and health directives.

## ANNUAL REPORTS AND MEETING

The deadline to submit 2020 reports is January 25. Please email reports to: [office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com). The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, February 14 prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 1.30pm. This year's Annual Meeting will be held online only using ZOOM. Details will follow.

## TODAY

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

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

**Online Greeter:** Nancy McIlraith



### Celebration of Baptism

We are delighted this morning to welcome into the family of faith through baptism **Zyaire Elijah Davis**, child of Christina Favaro and Damion Davis. Zyaire's godparents are Tanya Robson and Andre Hudson, and introducing Zyaire on behalf of the Port Nelson Church family is Jean Redgrave, Chairperson of the Church Board.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Marta Middleton	1	Dennis Crawford
13	Don Poulton	16	Ham Jukes
20	Bryan Clarke	24	Mary Carey
28	Miriam Ridge		



## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

**Cheques** - can be mailed, 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)

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

## The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

Michael Brooks, 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

Grant Sweeny, 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. Please indicate "Food Voucher Program" when making a donation.

If you would like to support the food voucher program by purchasing gift cards for gift giving (or personal use) Contact: [Joan Thompson 905-319-9202](mailto:Joan.Thompson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

### Meals of Hope

The "Meals of Hope" program is a continuation of the partnership that we have always had with the Friday Night Community. We are making and packing meals in our kitchen to deliver to Wellington Square for distribution.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information please contact: [Pat Gilmore 905-802-8761 patgilmore3@gmail.com](mailto:Pat.Gilmore@portnelsonunitedchurch.com) or [Nancy McKenzie 905-483-0858 nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.McKenzie@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

Donations welcome. 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.

### Endowment Fund 2021 Submissions Requested

Individuals are encouraged to recommend projects and activities to be supported. Recommendations can be for the church or its committees or for the local community. Projects from around the world can also be recommended.

Please forward any recommendation by Sunday January 24, 2021 to: [margaretjane\\_wallace@sympatico.ca](mailto:margaretjane_wallace@sympatico.ca). Please include information to explain the purpose, need, cost and expected benefits of the project. Please use 'PNUC Endowment Fund Submission' in the subject line.

## 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The 2021 envelopes are now available – please contact the office to arrange pick up or mailing. **If you do not have envelopes and wish to receive a set of envelopes, please contact the office.** If you wish to sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Payment) please contact the office to receive a form by email/mail. [office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE ENNEAGRAM

Beginning on Tuesday, January 12, Stillman Matheson will be leading five one-hour study sessions entitled **Introduction to the Enneagram**.

The Enneagram has been described as "a psycho-spiritual tool for self- discovery," and will be of interest to anyone who has a desire to become better acquainted with both the positive and negative aspects of their own personality type. From there it can lead to the recognition of those parts of our personalities that stand in the way of a deeper, more meaningful experience of our spiritual natures.

Each session will be offered twice, at 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm on Zoom. This educational series is open to everyone, including people who are not (yet) members of the Port Nelson community, so please invite anyone whom you think might be interested.

For more information about the Enneagram, please visit: [stillmanmatheson.com](http://stillmanmatheson.com) or [enneagraminstitute.com](http://enneagraminstitute.com).

If you would like to attend these Enneagram study sessions, RSVP to: [stillmanmatheson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:stillmanmatheson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

## 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! For more information and for the link to join, contact Laurel Grace: [laurelg43@gmail.com/905-699-2290](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)



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