



**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 MARCH 22, 2020**



**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 of Social Distancing – we will find alternate ways to stay connected!

**Adventure Crew** children will be emailed **Sunday activities**  
**Contact: Sharon Holmes**  
[sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**Pinnacle** will meet at 10.30am on Sunday morning using **Google Hangout** **Contact: Jay Poitras**  
[jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

*You are invited to join with our friends in faith for worship during the most Holy Week of the Year:*

**Holy Thursday**, April 9 at 7pm – Knox Presbyterian Church

**Good Friday**, April 10 at 11am – Knox Presbyterian Church  
*Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Coren*

**Easter Sunday**, April 12 at 7am  
*Sunrise Communion at Sioux Lookout Park*

**Easter Sunday**, April 12 at 10.30am  
*Festival service with brass ensemble, Hallelujah Chorus*



**URGENT PASTORAL CARE**

The ministers can be contacted by cell phone at any time if needed. Please do not hesitate to call if you require care, or if you are concerned about someone in the church.

**Rev. Michael Brooks: 905 746 0052**  
**Rev. Martha Reynolds: 289 684 2845**

**A CALL TO PRAYER**

If you are making intentional prayer time, here are some "prayer tips" that may be helpful:

Pray for:

- Those who are sick with COVID-19 and many other illnesses
- Caregivers for those who are sick
- Healthcare workers on the front line
- Community workers on the front lines (grocers, pharmacists, ministers, technicians, cleaners)
- Scientists, researchers, theorists, investigators
- Those who are vulnerable
- Healing, hope, health

**TODAY**

**Join us for a Live Stream service:**

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=port+nelson+united+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=port+nelson+united+church)

The BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED to the congregation, public and external groups until Thursday, April 2; ALL programs, small groups and meetings scheduled between now and April 2 are cancelled.

The church staff will monitor email, telephone and mail communication at least daily from Monday to Friday

**Financial offerings** can be made on the church website or by mailing cheques to the church office; if you are already on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), thank-you!

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

10	Alan Whiskin	21	Ryan Tays
11	Rob Warman	22	Richard LeBlanc
12	Jordan Wall	22	Lauren Baseggio
15	Carol Ann Thomson	24	Michael Brooks
17	Patrick Sweeny	27	Marty Wamsley
18	Susan Redgrave	28	Carolyn Petrie
19	Charles Handcock	30	Leslie Mercer
19	Jim Thomblison		

*Would you like your birthday recognized in the Notebook? Simply fill out one of the birthday slips at the entrance and place it in the offering plate*



**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**
- Jennifer Bath, Church Administrator**
- Paul Pincente, Bookkeeper**
- Rick Tucker, Church Custodian**
- Tina Depko, Security/Lock-up**
- Tina Depko & Riley Denver, Communications**
- Alex Hutchinson, AV Technician**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Food Voucher Program

Participants will be contacted by telephone and gift cards will be mailed to those who are in dire need. Please use the online givings option on our website to donate or mail cheques directly to the church office. *Please make cheques payable to: Port Nelson United Church and indicate "Food Voucher Program" Thank you!*

### Support our Post-Secondary Students!

Join us in letting our Post-Secondary Students know we continue to care for them by donating funds to purchase \$25.00 gift cards to *Subway* or *Tim Horton's*. Please have donations in by **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Our more than 40 recipients will appreciate your thoughtfulness! Please use the online givings option on our website to donate or mail cheques directly to the church office. *Please make cheques payable to: Port Nelson United Church and indicate "Student Gift Cards" Thank you!*

### Burlington Food Bank

We are reminded that the **Burlington Food Bank is in need of food and financial donations** at this time. Needs are likely to increase with the economic downturn. Food can be dropped off at grocery stores or directly at the food bank, 1254 Plains Road East. Please help where you can.

## PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH HISTORY

For many years the late Grace Hall collected and compiled memorabilia and historically interesting items about PNUC. Penny Heneke and Marilyn Parsons have compiled a history of the Rekindle Renovation Project. These items are preserved in binders housed in the Wright Library. However, little has been collected about other aspects of church life from 2006 onward. Margaret Woodruff and Marilyn Parsons are trying to "catch-up" on this project. If you have saved items from about 2006 onward that you believe should be preserved **please collect them and set them aside**. *Note: minutes of meetings and annual reports are not needed.*

**Historical photos:** Watch for the opportunity coming up to identify faces in some Port Nelson photos from the past. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

## GLEE CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for our popular GLEE summer camp is open! GLEE is back for another year, offering four weeks of music, sports, dance, crafts, friendship and fun. GLEE day camps are for children in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 5, with a young leaders program for campers in Grades 6 and 7. Save these dates for summer fun:

- July 6 to 10 • July 20 to 24
- July 27 to 31 • August 10 to 14



The cost is just \$125 per child per week. Don't miss out on one of the best parts of summer. **Please note: Refunds will be provided in full if Port Nelson United Church cancels the 2020 Glee Camps.** [www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com](http://www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

## STAYING CONNECTED

In this unprecedented time there are still many ways to remain socially connected while maintaining social distance. Here are a few things we have put in place:

### Stroll for your Soul

Rev. Michael Brooks will lead two sensory walks. Monday, March 23 at 1.30pm, and Wednesday, March 25 at 4pm. Meet outside the church at the South Drive Doors. Brief introduction, then SILENT walk for about 45 minutes, being attentive to Spirit and Creation, maintaining social distancing of at least 6 feet. Interested?

**Email:** [michaelbrooks@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:michaelbrooks@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

Limited to the first four people for each time. Michael will confirm with participants. Please only come if you have registered! If interest is high we will add more strolls!

### Meeting with Technology

We are suggesting that **Zoom** be the preferred platform for online meetings. If you are part of a group and would like to try to meet on-line, there might be someone in your group who could set up Zoom. If you need assistance please contact **Dorothy Birkes:** [dbirkes2011@hotmail.com](mailto:dbirkes2011@hotmail.com) or **905-220-5114** or **June Wright:** [fjunewright@sympatico.ca](mailto:fjunewright@sympatico.ca) or **905-639-8268**. Both have offered to be available for coaching on setting up Zoom.

### Sharing of Information

If you know of anyone in hospital, please pass on this information to the church office by phone or email.

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

## ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

### Help with Online Ordering

Susan Rust, a member of the congregation, has generously offered to assist anyone who needs **guidance ordering products online**; if you or someone you know would like assistance, please contact: **Susan Rust: 289-880-1733**

### Shopping Service

Stan Harvey has offered to coordinate a list of volunteer shoppers to assist returning travellers who need to self-isolate and others unable to leave their homes shop for needed items. Interested in being a volunteer shopper? Aware of someone who may need this service?

**Contact Stan Harvey:**

[stan.b.harvey@outlook.com](mailto:stan.b.harvey@outlook.com) / **905-634-6441**

## PLEASE REMEMBER....

**Going outdoors is not cancelled.**

**Listening to Music is not cancelled.**

**Family time is not cancelled.**

**Reading a good book is not cancelled.**

**Singing is not cancelled.**

**Laughing is not cancelled.**

**Caring for the Vulnerable is not cancelled.**

**Random Acts of Kindness is not cancelled.**

**Meditation is not cancelled.**

**HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED!**

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