

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 MARCH 29, 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 as we find alternate ways to stay connected!

Adventure Crew children will continue to be emailed Sunday's activities. A ZOOM gathering will also be set up for 10.45am on Sunday morning. For more info please contact: **Sharon Holmes** sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Pinnacle will continue to meet at 10.30am on Sunday mornings using Google Hangout – for more details contact: **Jay Poitras** jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 5 at 10.30am –*print the attached palm branch template; have fun colouring and decorating it; have it ready for the April 5 service and we'll have a virtual palm parade!*

Details of other Holy Week events will be communicated next week.

Honour Your Loved Ones With Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday is April 12. Even if we are not meeting in person, we will have a virtual display of flowers, and we hope to have some special music as part of the broadcast! We will also publish a list of those whom we remember at Easter as is our long-standing custom. Your minimum donation of \$20 will support our music ministries and will honour the memory of your loved ones. You can make your donation on the Online Giving page of our website.



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. In the case of **palliative situations** call immediately:

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 lines
- Community workers on the front lines (grocers, pharmacists, ministers, technicians, cleaners)
- Scientists, researchers, theorists, investigators
- Those who are vulnerable
- Healing, hope, health

TODAY

Sunday worship will continue to be [broadcast Live stream via YouTube at 10.30am](#)

Port Nelson United Church has an ad hoc committee of the Board that meets regularly to assess medical and government recommendations concerning pandemic responses. The closing of the church building to the public was mandated by this committee even before it was mandated by the various governments. We have had clarification from the united church that our livestreaming of the services with 3 or 4 people maintaining appropriate physical distancing is acceptable.

The **BUILDING IS 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; including activities in individual homes.

The church staff will monitor email, telephone and mail communication at least daily from Monday to Friday. You will continue to receive the **weekly Friday email** newsletter.

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!

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.
(Isaiah 41: 10)*

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

SERVING AND CARING

Food Voucher Program

Participants are being contacted by telephone and gift cards are being mailed to those 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!*

Burlington Food Bank

The food bank is grateful for the donations of food. At this time, what would be most helpful are monetary donations. Please donate online through our webpage or directly to the food bank.

Teleministry those in our church family who are alone, isolated or vulnerable are being called frequently. If you have not received a call and would like to chat or need help, please phone the church office at 905 637 5631 ext. 121 and leave your name and phone number.

Pastoral Visitors are conducting telephone visits with our family in retirement and long-term care homes at least bi-weekly...more often if needed or requested.

Hospital Stays

If you know of anyone in hospital, please pass on this information to the church office by phone or email.
office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com / 905-637-5631

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 / 905-634-6441

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**

GLEE CAMP REGISTRATION

At this point we are still planning to be able to offer the camps. 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

STAYING CONNECTED

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

Gathering with Technology

We are suggesting that **Zoom** be the preferred platform for online gatherings. 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 or 905-220-5114** or **June Wright: fjnewright@sympatico.ca or 905-639-8268**. Both have offered to be available for coaching on setting up Zoom.

Zoom Lenten Study

Rev. Michael Brooks is planning to host a meeting of the Lenten Bible study group on **Wednesday, April 1 from 11am to 12noon** using Zoom. Interested in joining in the conversation? Send Michael an email and he'll invite you to the gathering!

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 to follow...

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Zoe Glenn | 15 | Tammy White |
| 3 | Claire Whiskin | 17 | Cameron Laurie |
| 4 | Megan Tripp | 17 | Courtney Laurie |
| 6 | Jill Jukes | 19 | Alice Liddle |
| 7 | Brian Snell | 20 | Eliza Kurth |
| 10 | Kerry McCarten | 21 | Mark Rust |
| 10 | Jay Poitras | 22 | Beth Kuiper |
| 11 | Joan Thomblison | 22 | Andrea Whiskin |
| 13 | Amanda Tripp | 25 | Beth Hancox |
| 14 | Scott Farrell | 28 | John Zinkie |

Would you like your **birthday recognized** in the Notebook? Please email the office and let us know!



QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

There may be questions or concerns about these plans or about other matters. Please direct your questions to the church office at: 905-637-5631 ext. 121 or email to office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com. The coordinating group will do their best to get answers for you.

Easter Flowers



Trumpeting New Life!

“For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised”

1 Corinthians 15:52

Easter flowers will adorn the worship space on **Easter Day, Sunday, April 12th** we hope to be back worshipping together in person, but if we are still limited to online services our plan is to have a display of Easter flowers. In addition, a talented brass ensemble will help to trumpet the new life we celebrate in Jesus, the risen Christ. As you remember loved ones who worship as those already raised from the dead, or as you honour loved ones who continue the life journey with us, in addition to the flowers, your minimum donation of \$20 will support the glorious music of the brass ensemble.

“In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see”

- *from Voices United #703, verse one*

Payment can be made either online or by cheque (\$20 minimum) by Sunday April 5th.

Please mail cheques payable to: Port Nelson United Church and indicate “Easter Flowers” and include the details below with your payment. Or online at: www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com and click on “Gifts and Offerings/ Online Givings” and then email the office with the details requested below: office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Names will be printed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin on Sunday, April 12th.

