

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

A **staffed nursery** for infants and toddlers, with a pager system, is available from 10.00am. Please speak to an usher for assistance. All equipment and toys will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before each use of the nursery.

Sundays at 10.30am

Adventure Crew is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games. Adventure Crew will also be available live via Zoom concurrently with the in-person program; contact Sharon for the link; this link will be active at 10.40am each Sunday morning. Bring your school backpack to church and take part in the blessing on Sunday September 13th

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 also be available live via Google Meets concurrently with the in-person program; contact Jay by text at 905-691-0148 for the link; this link will be active at 10.40am each Sunday morning.

Contact Jay Poitras

jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm, and Fridays 9.00am to 12.00noon.

The office will be closed for lunch between 1.00pm – 2.00pm.

USE OF SPACE – CHURCH GROUPS

Church spaces are available to be booked for groups and ministries. If you wish to book meeting space for the fall please contact Jen in the church office. She will advise you of any needed COVID-19 protocol relevant for your group.

WRIGHT LIBRARY

We are pleased to advise that the church library will be **open Sundays** before and after worship service.

Are interested in ordering a **name tag**?

Contact: Ham Jukes 905-639-3669

hamiltonjukes@gmail.com

TODAY

Ushers: Susanne Zinkie, Joanna Fleischmann
Nancy & Rod McGrath

Greeters: Marilyn Parsons, Susan Redgrave



The flowers this morning are placed by Jack Litton in loving memory of his wife Marilyn.

Please check in with a greeter upon arrival (first and last name and contact information).

If you have a name tag, please wear it to church.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

Cheques may be mailed to the church office

PAR (monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance)

Online giving through CanadaHelps via the Church Webpage

E-transfer to: office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Please Note: unless designated otherwise, offerings will go to General needs. *If you need more information or any assistance, please contact the office.*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Kurt Rose	15	Jean Robertson
4	Peggy Ellicott	17	Rachel Farrell
5	Sean Copland	18	Patricia Sweeny
8	Laura Handcock	22	Lorraine McMaster
8	Cathy Waugh	25	Ben Baseggio
14	Jacob Handcock	27	Florence Powell



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 continue to be contacted by telephone and gift cards are being mailed to those in dire need. Please indicate "Food Voucher Program" when making a donation.

Friday Night Community - Take Home Meal Bag Program

Port Nelson is an active partner in the Friday Night Community program hosted at Wellington Square United Church. During the pandemic the community dinner has become a take-out and delivered meal bag program. Over 1,200 meal bags are prepared every week.

Could you help with the significant cost of this program that reaches the most vulnerable in our community? Contributions can be made on-line, by e-transfer or by cheque through the Port Nelson Church office. *Thank-you!* Please indicate "Friday Night Meal Bag Program" when making a donation.

Burlington Food Bank

Cheques may be mailed to the church, online giving through the Church Webpage, e-transfer to the church office at: office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com or send directly to the food bank: 1A – 1254 Plains Road East Burlington L7S 1W6 Tel: 905-637-2273 www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.

Teleministry

Starting the week of Monday, September 21, our faithful team of callers will be phoning people in the congregation to touch base and to offer support and a listening ear. Each phone call is supported through prayer by a "prayer mate." Everyone is called twice a year and since the pandemic, more frequent calls are being made, particularly to folks who live alone or who might be feeling isolated. Thanks to Sharon Ife, who oversees this vital ministry, and to all of the callers and the Prayer Mates.

Shopping Service

Volunteer shoppers are available to assist anyone who needs to self-isolate and others unable to leave their homes shop for needed items. Interested in being a volunteer shopper? Know someone who may need this service? Contact Stan Harvey.



SMALL GROUPS

Elaine's Vision

A group of women that gather for support, friendship and service. Elaine's vision will begin in-person meetings in the family room on Wednesday September 16th at 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending and for more information please contact [Leslie Harrison 905-634-5757](mailto:Leslie.Harrison@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

Caring Wisdom Circle

Greetings all! The Caring Wisdom Circle will begin in-person meetings on Thursday, September 17 from 1:30pm - 3:00pm in the family room! This is an open circle where all are welcome for conversation that challenges, enhances and supports our life-long learning journey! For more information please contact [Laurel Grace 905 699-2290](mailto:Laurel.Grace@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

HANDBELL NEWS

There is a lot that we cannot do these days, but we **can** ring handbells. Stillman Matheson is hoping to form a new ensemble this year, so if you think you might be interested in ringing and would like more information about the possibility, please call him at 905-637-5631 ext. 126, or email: stillmanmatheson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com Beginners as well as experienced musicians are welcome. Handbell practice will begin on Monday September 14th at 4.00pm and 7.30pm.

DONATE TO EXPAND OUR LIVESTREAM

Have you appreciated online services? We are investing in new technology to continue the evolution of our live streamed services. Would you like to contribute to enhancing our live streaming for services this fall? Could you make a contribution of \$500, \$1,000, even \$5,000 toward this new technology? Your generous support of our live stream is greatly appreciated!

You can contribute by using the on-line donations button on the church website (and selecting "live streaming upgrades"), or you can mail or deliver a cheque to the church office.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Good News! Our new livestreaming equipment has been installed. Thanks to those who have volunteered to become audio -visual operators. Training will begin this week. Those who have volunteered will be contacted. We are still looking for a few more people – if this interests you, please contact: Kim McGrath kim_mcgrath@sympatico.ca

CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY

Burlington Prays - On Wednesdays September 16, 23 and 30 at 3.00pm and 7.00pm there will be times of prayer in the sanctuary of New Street Christian Reformed Church for approximately one hour. (3416 New Street, Burlington)

It is our prayer that we will be a witness to our city as we come together from various churches to pray for the good of our city and beyond.

Please consider this prayerfully and let us know WHEN you plan to attend! To "book your chair" please contact Anneke Kramer anneke.kramer@outlook.com

MISTLETOE MART NOVEMBER 14, 2020

Our ARTISANS are eager, our committees are planning the DINING ROOM, KNITTING, SEWING, BAKING, JEWELLERY, COLLECTIBLES and MORE areas! Will **YOU** be part of this excitement? How will **YOU** help? Be Ready! November 14 is edging closer!



Tecumseh Public School is looking for paid lunchroom supervisors for two shifts 10:20-11:20 and 12:40-1:40. The rate of pay is \$14.35 per hour plus 4% vacation pay. If you are interested please contact [Jay Poitras at 905-691-0148](mailto:Jay.Poitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

Weekly Email: If you do not receive our weekly email and would like to, please sign up on our webpage or email the church office to have your name added to our email listing: office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com