

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 NOVEMBER 22, 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. 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

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT 10.30AM

November 29 First Sunday of Advent – HOPE
December 6 Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE
Service of Communion at 11.30am

****NOTE:** A full list of Advent and Christmas events will be published in next week's bulletin



ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Copies of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2020* are available in the Gathering Place this morning. Feel free to take them for your personal devotional use. Advent begins next Sunday, November 29.

TOWN HALL GATHERINGS TODAY & TUESDAY

Plan to join others in the church family this afternoon at 1.30pm OR Tuesday evening at 7.00pm on ZOOM to discuss possibilities for a five to seven word statement for Port Nelson. The Zoom links were included in last week's email.

Following the Town Hall Gatherings, your Board will continue this work and will bring the final choice(s) to the congregation's Annual Meeting in February, 2021 for approval.

We hope many of you can participate!



TODAY

Ushers: Carol & Barry Acheson, Nancy McKenzie, Pat Gilmore

Greeters: Kevin & Carly Lowry, Karen O'Halloran & Madison O'Halloran

*Please check in with a greeter upon arrival (full 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 - can be mailed, dropped off to the church, or placed on the Sunday offering plate

PAR - monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance

Online giving - www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Etransfer - office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Credit and Debit "tap" now available in the office and on Sunday mornings! Visit the table in the Gathering Place after services for contactless giving.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Donna Duncombe | 4 Alyson Wall |
| 8 Brian Duncombe | 9 Claire Sweeny |
| 9 Bill Snodgrass | 11 Gail Kiefhaber |
| 11 Yvonne LeBlanc | 21 Joanne LeBlanc |
| 22 Bren Thomblison | 28 June Wright |
| 29 Jacki Kingston | 30 Charlotte Tays |



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
- 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 and purchase gift cards for gift giving (or personal use)

Contact: [Joan Thompson 905-319-9202](mailto:Joan.Thompson@sympatico.ca)



Last day to order for Christmas delivery is December 11!

Help to Families at Christmas

There are always families in our community who need extra assistance with gifts for children at Christmastime. We are looking for 6-8 people who would have fun doing some Christmas shopping for these families (all costs will be reimbursed and you will be given guidance on ages of children, requests, etc.), and 6-8 people who would have fun delivering the gifts. Interested in helping?

Contact Carolyn Ellison: hal.ellison@sympatico.ca



Meals of Hope

Our new "Meals of Hope" program is a continuation of the partnership that we have always had with the Friday Night Community. We will be 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@sympatico.ca) or [Nancy McKenzie 905-483-0858 nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.McKenzie@sympatico.ca)

Not a chef? Donations welcome, or sponsor a dinner for 50 for \$300. 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 Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.

Student Gift Cards - Support Our Students

Today is the last day to contribute! Join us in letting our post-secondary student congregation members know we continue to care for them by donating funds to purchase a \$25 gift card to Subway or Tim Hortons. We will send each student a card just in time for exams. Please indicate "Student Gift Cards" with your donation. The more than 20 recipients will be very grateful! 😊

Seeds of Life Update

Our soybeans were harvested on September 30, and on October 9 we planted winter wheat which will be harvested in the summer of 2021. All of the proceeds from the sale of the soybeans, together with your donations after expenses, were a total of over **\$78,000**. On November 9 this amount was sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The money will be used to help fund the overseas programs of our member churches, working to end global hunger. Many people have helped us to make this a successful year at Seeds of Life and thanks to you all once again for your support. If you would like to help us with next years' crop, please go to HOW YOU CAN HELP on our website www.seeds-of-life.ca. Your donations from now to the end of 2020 will receive an official tax receipt from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Blessings and stay safe

- Scott Brooks

SMALL GROUPS

Meditation

Monday evenings, all are welcome to join us in the Family Room from 7.00pm-8.00pm. This is a beginners sitting meditation, with breaks for stretching. There will be a time for quiet reflection before we depart. Wear comfortable clothing and if you need to, bring something to drink. Masks are required. Please arrive just before 7pm to get situated and ready to begin at 7.00pm. Spaces are limited. Contact Laurel Grace: [laurelg43@gmail.com/905-699-2290](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)

Zoom Cafe

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



Thursdays from 10.00am to 11.00am, hosted by Martha Reynolds: marthareynolds@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

Caring Wisdom Circle

Thursdays 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: [laurelg43@gmail.com / 905-699-2290](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)

Broadview Discussion Group

On **Wednesday, November 25** from 7.00pm to 8:30pm we will meet in the Family Room to consider the November 2020 issue of *Broadview*. All are welcome. Not a subscriber? Contact the church office for a copy. Contact Marilyn Parsons: parsonsm@mcmaster.ca

Classic Fall Dinner

On **Sunday November 29**, we will be serving dinner for pick up at Port Nelson – drive thru style! **The cost: \$50.00 per meal (with a \$30 charitable receipt.)** Payable by Cheque, Credit/Debit or E-transfer. **Please email your order info to: pnucsignup@gmail.com. Details we need from you when ordering:**

1. number of dinners
2. amount paid and method of payment
3. your email to confirm your purchase
4. your license plate number for pick up purposes
5. preferred pick up time - between 5:00-6:15 pm

Limited delivery options available – please inquire. *Proceeds to go to Wellington Square's Meal Bag Program. Please see the webpage for more info.*

Candlelight Vigil: December 6th at 7.00pm

A time to reflect on events of the past and the present while sending intentions for a change in the hearts of those who have perpetrated violence, so that love and peace can prevail.



MISTLETOE MART 2020 UPDATE - As of Friday, November 13, \$19,000 had been received in donations towards Mistletoe Mart, and more continues to come in! Thank you all for your generosity which will allow the programmes and outreach ministries to continue at Port Nelson. We are filled with hope that we will have an outstanding bazaar in 2021, our 70th year!

- June Wright, Chair, Mistletoe Mart

