

**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  
Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**OUR MISSION**

*To reach out to one another and our world as we grow spiritually in a caring, inclusive, Christian community enriched by meaningful worship*

**OUR VALUES**

*A Sense of Community ~ Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Meaningful Worship ~ Reaching Out*



**HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?**

**WELCOME!** Please record your name in the **Guest Book** so that we may welcome you this coming week. We invite you to stay after worship **for coffee, tea, juice, cookies and conversation.**

**DURING TODAY'S SERVICE**

**LARGE PRINT bulletins and music books, and assistive hearing devices** for improved sound are available.

**A TEMPORARY LIBRARY** is set up at the back of the sanctuary with "top books" available during renovations.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the seats; if you would like your own envelopes, or if you would like to begin pre-authorized remittance (PAR), contact the church office.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**A STAFFED NURSERY** for infants and toddlers is available with a pager system; speak to an usher for assistance.

**ADVENTURE CREW** is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games.

**Sundays at 10.30am**

Contact: Sharon Holmes |

[sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**PINNACLE YOUNG LEADERS** is for youth in grades 6 to 12 to build leadership and explore issues from a faith perspective.

**Sundays at 10.30am**

Contact: Jay Poitras |

[jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:jaypoitras@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

**PORT NELSON GRILL**

Port Nelson 'Goin' out of business sale' continues with the latest edition of the menu on our website and available in the church. There are several great deals of which you could take advantage.

The total of purchases from the Grill now exceeds \$216,000! What a wonderful tribute to the generosity of so many. Please contact Brian Snell if you have any questions.

**ASSISTING TODAY**

- Ushers** Joan Thompson; Murray Thompson  
Carol Inkster; Pat Gilmore
- Greeters** Ann Fleming; Brian & Donna Duncombe
- Coffee** Kerry McCarten; Cyndi MacPhee  
John & Cathy Greven
- Flowers** Karen Pettit
- Sound System** Bill Leithead

**Refugee Sponsorship**

The congregation of Port Nelson welcomes the **Rasho family** today and celebrates with them on the upcoming second anniversary of their arrival in Canada on November 3, 2018. The family has integrated well and they are enjoying their new home in Canada.

**Church Office Hours:** This week, the office will be open on **Monday, October 15, Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday October 17 from 9am – 12 noon only.** Regular office hours will resume on **Thursday, October 18.**

**BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER:**

3	Henk Kuiper	23	Susan Posgate
6	Elaine Whiskin	23	Catherine Gee
9	Beverley McLean	25	Janice Sweeny
17	Claire Laurie	26	Maya Mously
19	Susanne Zinkie	28	Paul Sweeny
20	Nancy Leithead	28	Amy Thomblison



Would you like your **birthday recognized** in the weekly Notebook? Simply fill out one of the birthday slips at the entrances and place it in the offering plates.

**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**
- Rebecca Murphy, Church Administrator**
- Rick Tucker, Church Custodian**
- Tina Depko & Riley Denver, Communications**
- Sue Reed, Bookkeeper**
- David Hebb, Security Lock-up**

## TAIZE PRAYER

### Taize Prayer – Tonight, October 14 at Appleby Church

A service of Prayer with the Songs of Taize will be held **tonight at 7.30pm** at Appleby United Church, 4407 Spruce Avenue. This is a shared service between Appleby and Port Nelson

## SMALL GROUPS

A **brochure** is available this morning outlining the various Adult Small Groups of the church.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 10am to 11.30am to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls and baptismal blankets.

New members welcome.

Contacts: Marg Toni | **289 259 0260**

Susanne Zinkie | **905 331 7154**

### Women's Bridge

We play 6 games between now and the end of April, 2019.

Each pair hosts three games. All women welcome! We will try to help you find a Bridge partner if you need one.

Contacts: Linda McLaughlin | **905 681 0090**

Susanne Zinkie | **905 331 7154**

## YOUTH TRIP TO GUATEMALA

Several youth and parents have already signed up for the service trip to Guatemala next March 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> to be led by Michael Brooks, Jay Poitras and John & Cathy Greven. There is room for more! An **Information Session** with Q & A will be held **Sunday, October 21 at 7.30pm**. All youth and their families are welcome!

## NEW MEMBERS - NOVEMBER 25

We plan to receive new members on **Sunday, November 25** during the 10.30am service. Interested? Have questions about membership at Port Nelson?

Contact: Michael Brooks |

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

Port Nelson's Halloween Friday Family Fun Night

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:30pm



Join us for family pumpkin carving.

Pizza, drinks and pumpkins will be provided

(Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

Please RSVP to Sharon Holmes

[sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com](mailto:sharonholmes@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

A **brochure** is available this morning outlining the various Reaching Out Ministries of the church.

A **brochure** is available this morning outlining the various Caring Ministries of the church.



### Gift Card Program

Purchase shopping cards for restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and even big box stores. See the table in the Upper Gathering Place – each purchase helps our food voucher program and those in need.

**The Food Voucher Program**, on Thursday Mornings, requires scarfs/mitts/hats for the upcoming Winter Season. Toiletries are also a necessary item.

**Volunteers for our Nursery** are needed for Sunday mornings, 10:10 to 11:45. This volunteer position offers the opportunity to be present during the time of our worship service with our youngest members, infants to age 4! Being with the children in our nursery space allows their parents to attend worship. Note that parents have a pager with them if a problem should arise!

Contact: Ann Fleming | **905 319 1064**

### Hungry, Stressed students

They fly from our nests to attend Post -Secondary Education! Freedom! Adulthood! Study! Stress! Although they may not tell us we suspect they miss us. Let them know we continue to care for them by donating funds to purchase a \$25.00 gift card to *Subway* or *Starbucks*. We will send each student a card just in time for final exams, so the deadline to donate is **Sunday Nov.25<sup>th</sup>**. Please make your cheque payable to 'Port Nelson United Church' and label it 'Student Gift Cards'. **THANK YOU!!** Our more than 40 recipients will love you for it.

If you know a student who is attending Post Secondary education and you have not been contacted about their current address can you please contact Margaret at [margaretwoodruff565@gmail.com](mailto:margaretwoodruff565@gmail.com). Thank you. We want to ensure we don't miss any of our students!

### Mistletoe Mart Church Bazaar - November 10

Please be sure to look on the back doors of the sanctuary to sign up to help November 10. Can't help on the day? Can you sew, knit, donate jewellery, collectibles or to the silent auction? Can you bake, preserve, donate sandwiches and cakes to the dining room? Please find at least one way you can help. **Together**, the MISTLETOE MART will be a success!

## PHOTO DIRECTORY

Along with the new building, there will be a new photo directory! The photography dates are **April 1 to 6** and **April 22 to 27, 2019**. With this (very) advance notice, it is hoped EVERYONE will take part. The church benefits, we meet our church neighbours and we each get a free 8 x 10 photograph. **SNOWBIRDS** – if these dates are not good for you, please call Jean Redgrave, 905 332 0229.

