

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 OCTOBER 18, 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 SERVICES

Sundays at 10.30am:

October 25 – Celebration of Baptisms
November 1 – All Saints Memorial Service



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – NOVEMBER 8

For this year's Remembrance Service we are inviting people to look for and submit short letters or other wartime items which may be part of your family's history. We will try to feature some of these items in the service. Interested?

Want to know more? Have items? Contact Martha Reynolds: marthareynolds@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

NEW TRUSTEE

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 27, Susan Hill was elected to the Board of Trustees of Port Nelson. We thank Susan for offering her gifts!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



TODAY

Ushers: Sharon Hollingsworth, George Leckie, Nancy McIlraith, Marilyn Parsons

Greeters: Don & Amber Liddle, Colleen Vali

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.



Flowers in the sanctuary today are in **loving memory of Don Thompson**, placed by Joan Thompson and children.

Congratulations and best wishes to Beth and Henk Kuiper who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! To mark this special occasion they made a generous donation to the Food Voucher Program and we thank them for their support of this important ministry.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

Cheques - can be mailed or dropped off to the church

PAR - monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance

Online giving - www.portnelsonunitedchurch.com

click online givings, this will take you to "CanadaHelps"

Etransfer - office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

****NEW** Credit and Debit now available in the office!**

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

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 Pincete, 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.

Friday Night Community/Take Home Meal Bags

The Friday Night Community program hosted at Wellington Square has become a take-out and delivered meal bag program. Over 1,200 meal bags are prepared every week. 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.

Canadian Foodgrains



Seeds of Life Seminar

There will be a 30-minute seminar following the morning service today in the Roseland Room. Scott Brooks, who coordinates our Seeds of Life program, and Musu Taylor-Lewis from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will provide an update on the work of the Foodgrains Bank during the pandemic in some of the hardest hit areas of the world. A great way to see how your contributions to Seeds of Life and the United Church Mission & Service are used! All are welcome (limit of 50 people).

Teleministry



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.

Grief Support Group

Starting on Wednesday, October 28th, running for 6 weeks 7:00pm to 8:30pm via Zoom. This education and support group is designed for those who are struggling with the death of a loved one. The course is based on materials by Dr. Bill Webster, Centre for the Grief Journey. Sponsored by Walton United Church & other area churches. The cost per participant for the course materials is \$20.00.

For more information and to register please contact:

[Maeva Donelson 905-845-7454 / maeva.k.d@hotmail.com](mailto:Maeva.Donelson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com)

MISTLETOE MART 2020 - CANCELLED

With everyone's safety in mind, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the Mistletoe Mart this year. We are grateful to the many people who have already worked long and hard on various plans – some of this work will help us make our 2021 event the best ever! If you have prepared or saved items and require pick-up and storage, please contact the following leaders:

Collectibles and More: Nikki Brooks 905-648-6504

Jewellery: Laurel Grace 905-699-2290

Knitting: Kerry McCarten 905-977-0970

Sewing: Judy Totten 905-681-2274

Baking and Preserves: Susan Redgrave 905-802-7447

Crafts: Nancy McKenzie 905-483-0858



SMALL GROUPS

Meditation

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we live. Starting **Monday, October 19** for 7 weeks. 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. If you are interested in attending or require more information please contact Laurel Grace: laurelg43@gmail.com / 905-699-2290

Introduction to the Enneagram, Part 2

The next session (3 of 4) is on **Tuesday, October 20** at **4:30pm in person** at the church in the Family Room. The same material will be offered at **7:30pm online** using Zoom. For more information, Contact Stillman Matheson: stillmanmatheson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

October Book Study

Wednesday, October 21 at 1.30pm will be the final session, by Zoom, to discuss a book by Anne Lamott called, [Help, Thanks, Wow: the Three Essential Prayers.](#)

For more information please contact

Pat Gilmore: patgilmore3@gmail.com



Broadview Discussion Group

On **Wednesday, October 28** from 7.00pm to 8:30pm we will meet in the Family Room to consider the October 2020 issue of *Broadview*. All are welcome. Not a subscriber? Contact the church office for a copy. Mark your calendars for the next meeting on November 25. Questions? Contact Marilyn Parsons: parsonsm@mcmaster.ca

Caring Wisdom Circle

The Caring Wisdom Circle meets on **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

Zoom cafes are up and running!

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

Hanes Corn Maze:

It's back for another year!



Friday, October 30th at 7.00pm

Join us at Hanes Corn Maze in Dundas - 1001 Hwy # 5.

All children, youth and young at heart are invited. **Maximum group size is 20, first come, first served!** We will be leaving the church at 6:15pm if you would like to car pool. Pricing: Ages 3-7 \$9 Ages 8-12 \$12 Ages 13+ \$15 *Fees payable in advance to Michael Brooks, Jay Poitras or at the church office.* Email or call the office to sign up (and pay!) office@portnelsonunitedchurch.com/905-637-5631