

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, September 16, 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

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

PORT NELSON GRILL

It's here! The latest **AND FINAL** version of the Port Nelson Grill is available! We have already received orders for over \$100,000 worth of items for the church. This is your **LAST CHANCE** to purchase items from the Grill menu. Have you been waiting for an item that catches your eye? Wait no longer!

ASSISTING TODAY


Ushers George Leckie, Nancy McIlraith, Ginny Swain, Murray Thompson
Greeters John & Alice Sterling, Ellen Grote
Coffee Jane Ann Newson; Marcia Hooper
 Amber Liddle & Nancy McIlraith
Flowers Myrna & Roy Newton
Sound System Ross Hicks

The Flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of **Marilyn Litton**, placed by the Litton family.



Congratulations to Sharon and Mike who were married this past July. Please join us following today's service for cake during our coffee time to celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

	Kurt Rose	17	Rachel Farrell
	Sean Copland	18	Patricia Sweeny
8	Laura Handcock	22	Lorraine McMaster
14	Jacob Handcock	25	Ben Baseggio
15	Jean Robertson	27	Florence Powell

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

SAVE THE DATE...UPCOMING EVENTS

"All Are Welcome" Tours – September 23

At 12noon next Sunday, we will offer tours of the renovation for anyone Interested. **Closed toe footwear** (i.e. no sandals or flip flops) **must be worn** if you wish to take the tour!

Photo Directory Coming Soon – 2019

We are planning to produce an updated PHOTO DIRECTORY in 2019. Plan on participating and enjoy an 8 x 10 photo (complimentary). Watch for further announcements!

Memorial Service for Rev. Don Gillies – September 30

The service for Don Gillies will be Sunday, September 30 at 4pm here in Port Nelson sanctuary.

Pilgrimage of Sacred Places - October 20 (morning)

Plan to join in the fun of a tour/pilgrimage of sacred places along Barton Street in Hamilton. Details to follow!

SMALL GROUPS

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets the 4th Friday of each month beginning September 28 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**

Friendship Bridge

We play 6 times a year, from fall to spring, in one another's homes, and then have a group wind-up in May.

Find a Bridge partner and join us for some fun!

Contacts: Jack & Margaret Rivett | **905 632 5860**

Henk & Beth Kuiper | **905 639 7131**

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**

We're Going on a Cruise!

Sunset cruise on the Hamilton Harbour Queen including a buffet dinner. Spaces have been reserved for us. To purchase tickets, go online at Hamilton



Harbour Queen, click on reservations, dinner cruise, September 21, and buy your tickets.

Adults \$90.40; Seniors \$81.36 (taxes included)

Friday, September 21, 7 pm to 10pm

(Boarding begins at 6.30pm)

Contact: Ham Jukes | hamiltonjukes@gmail.com

RIDE TO PROVIDE 2018

Ride to Provide 2018 – Burlington Food Bank

Marty Wamsley is one of the Port Nelson team who regularly lends a hand at the Burlington Food Bank. On Friday, Sept. 28th Marty will participate in a **Ride to Provide** cycling event with all proceeds going towards fighting hunger. Visit the **Ride to Provide** website

(www.ridetoprovide.dojiggy.com) to sponsor Marty.

September Series: *Words of Wisdom*

Services and sermons this month will focus on God's gift of wisdom:

Sundays at 10.30am

September 16 – From the Leaders

Celebrating the recent wedding of Sharon Holmes and her husband Mike following the service

September 23 – From the Children

Celebration of Baptisms; Tours of the renovation following the service

September 30 – From the Animals (Animal Blessing)

Bring your pets to church! Special Guest: Jim Findlay, Pet Therapist, Carpenter Hospice, and his dog Murphy

Note: September 30 is the "Run for the Cure" race; some streets around the church will be difficult to access after 10.30am; please plan to arrive early; the service will be no more than 40 minutes in length

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.

Food Bank Reminder

The need is still great in Burlington. Offerings of food for Burlington Food Bank continue **on the third Sunday of each month**. The need is greatest for canned meat, white rice, canned tomatoes, Side Kicks, crackers, cake mixes, baby food and dry soup. Cash donations are used for purchase of fresh foods and are receipted for tax purposes.

Christmas Mistletoe Mart - November 10

Planning for this extremely important fundraiser is underway. Will you be part of its success? Are you able to make jams, jellies, or pickles? Needed are knitted and sewn items. Please search your drawers for jewellery (bring in anytime now). Will you make a craft? Donations for the collectibles and silent auction will be welcome the week of November 3. The bake table is always popular! Please watch for the sign-up sheets for volunteers for the day. With our changing building, **MISTLETOE MART CHURCH BAZAAR 2018** is an even greater challenge! With your help, together, we will once again enjoy success! Be sure to mark the date and bring your friends!

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**