

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 20, 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

BAPTISMS AND COMMUNION

The Worship Re-start Team is working on protocol so that the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion may be celebrated in safe ways this fall. We are planning to offer **communion on Sunday, October 4 at 11.30am** (immediately following the 10.30am worship service) for all who would like to receive. **Baptisms** are scheduled for **Sunday, October 25** during the 10.30am worship service.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The Confirmation Program at Port Nelson is for youth in grades 9 and 10. If you or someone in your family is interested in being part of the confirmation program this coming season, contact Michael Brooks at michaelbrooks@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a congregational meeting on **Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 11.30am** for the purpose of appointing a new Trustee of Port Nelson United Church.

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.

TODAY

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

Greeters: Susanne Zinkie, Scott & Nikki Brooks

*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*



Are interested in ordering a **name tag**? Please contact
Ham Jukes: 905-639-3669 / hamiltonjukes@gmail.com

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

Grant Sweeny, AV Technician

SERVING AND CARING UPDATE

Food Voucher Program

Together we have raised **\$9,756** for our Voucher program since the pandemic began. Your generosity is overwhelming and has helped so many in need!

Friday Night Community - Take Home Meal Bag Program

In a short time, you answered the call! **\$6,725** has been collected for Wellington Square to assist them in providing meals each week for their take home meal program.

Burlington Food Bank

Community and caring – you have provided **\$6,195** to the Burlington Food Bank since March. The Food Bank is always in need of assistance – especially now and your help goes a long way.

Wesley Case for Kids

We couldn't walk this year – but we could raise funds! Our best year yet and the first place team! A grand total of **\$8,140** was raised and donated to Wesley Urban Ministries.

Seed of Life

This year we raised **\$8,150** for Seeds of Life, the most we have collected and donated to this great cause. Thank you for all your donations!

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.

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

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 services.

MISTLETOE MART NOVEMBER 14, 2020

Our artisans are eager, our committees are planning the Dining Room, Knitting, Sewing, Baking, Jewellery, and Collectibles and More areas! **Will you be part of this excitement? How will you help?** Be ready! November 14 is edging closer!



SMALL GROUPS

Caring Wisdom Circle

Greetings all! 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 905 699-2290**

Enneagram News

On Tuesday, October 6, Stillman Matheson will lead the first of four weekly teaching/discussion sessions entitled **Introduction to the Enneagram, Part 2**. Continuing from where Part 1 ended in February, we will consider in more detail the various aspects of each of the personality types, including their fixations, basic desires, basic fears, passions, and virtues. *(If you missed Part 1, you are still welcome to join us for Part 2, but you might like to speak to Stillman in advance so that he can recommend some reading to help you to be prepared.)*

On each of the four Tuesdays, each session will be offered twice, first at **4:30pm in person** at the church and the same material will be offered at **7:30pm online** using Zoom (and you would be welcome at both if you like.)

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Stillman Matheson at: stillmanmatheson@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

October Book Study

Need some humour, inspiration and a jump-start on your prayer life? Pat Gilmore and Martha Reynolds are running a three-session study on a great little book by Anne Lamott called, Help, Thanks, Wow: the Three Essential Prayers.

The start date is set for Thursday, October 8 at 7:30pm by Zoom. However, the leaders are flexible, and if this time doesn't suit those who are interested, the date and time can be changed. Please email Pat to let her know of your interest and if you'd like a copy of the book.

Pat Gilmore: patgilmore3@gmail.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.

AV TECHNICIAN

We learned this past August that Alex Hutchinson, our AV Technician, has decided not to renew his contract. Alex wishes to have more time with his family and to pursue other work. We are delighted to announce that **Grant Sweeny** as accepted a contract as Interim AV Technician until December 31, 2020. Grant will be working closely with Property Management Ministry and volunteers to grow our new live streaming ministry.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Good News! Our new livestreaming equipment has been installed. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to become audio-visual operators. We are still looking for a few more people – if this interests you, please be in touch with Kim McGrath: kim_mcgrath@sympatico.ca

