



Port Nelson Notebook

August 2017

The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

- Michael Brooks, Minister**
- 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**
- Sue Reed, Bookkeeper**
- Jacqueline Boin, Security Lock-up**

OUR MISSION

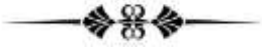
To reach out to one another and our world as we grow spiritually in a caring, inclusive, Christian community enriched by meaningful worship

OUR VALUES

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



Port Nelson is an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

WELCOME! We invite you to record your name in our **Guest Book** so that we may welcome you this coming week.

Fellowship Time follows the service with lemonade and treats.

DURING TODAY’S SERVICE

LARGE PRINT bulletins and music books, and assistive hearing devices for improved sound are available from the ushers at the back of the worship space.

A CHILDREN’S HOST is on duty to offer programming for children during the service.

LIBRARY

There is a library at the back of the worship space with books available for borrowing.

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

The church office will be closed on Monday, August 7th for the Civic Holiday.

SUMMER STAFFING

Summer Worship Leadership

Rev. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister, is on sabbatical leave and vacation until **August 21st**. During this time, **Rev. Terry Dempsey is Acting Lead Minister**, including worship leadership, preaching and funerals as required. Terry will generally be in the church office Wednesday mornings. You can contact Terry through the church office, or at: **dempseydt@rogers.com or 519 304 3601**

Summer Pastoral Care

Rev. Dale Estey is on call for urgent pastoral care needs and hospital visitation. If you have or know of an urgent pastoral need, you can contact Dale at: **(Home) 905 639 9755 (Cell) 1 613 922 3344 or gammaestey@gmail.com.** **Rev. Candy Harvey is on call for funerals as required.** You can contact Candy at **905 634 6441 or candy.harvey2@gmail.com**

Save the date...

Gathering Sunday, **September 10** – Programs Resume

SUPPLY PASTORAL CARE MINISTER APPOINTED!

Good news! **Rev. Martha Reynolds** has been appointed as **Supply Minister of Pastoral Care** beginning **August 22nd**. Martha will be working 20 hours per week providing pastoral care, including hospital and home visitations, and will support our Pastoral Care Ministries. Martha lives in Hamilton and, most recently, served as Supply Minister at West Plains United Church. We will be richly blessed with her deep faith and her caring presence. Welcome, Martha!

WE'RE HIRING! STAFF VACANCIES

Lock-up/Security Position

This paid position starting **September 2017** involves locking the church up each evening and opening the doors on weekends as arranged by the church administrator. Please contact **Susan Posgate, 905 639 2150** or **Bill Willson, 905 332 7652** for further information.

Coordinator of Nursery Ministry

This paid position is for Sunday mornings (**10:00 to 12:00**) **Sept. to June**. Experience working with infants and toddlers and the ability to work with a team of volunteers is necessary. A police check is required. Please send your resume to Ann Fleming: eann.fleming@sympatico.ca by **Aug. 18th, 2017**.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY

An "Hour of Dreaming"

Do YOU have ideas for small groups for the fall? Are there books you might want to read and study? Topics for seminars or congregational events? Here is your chance to share! Come on **Tuesday, August 22** from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for an "hour of dreaming" around spiritual growth for the coming program year at Port Nelson! Questions? Contact: Ann Fleming | eann.fleming@sympatico.ca **905 319 1064**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is an opportunity for youth in grades 9 and 10 to explore questions of faith, belief and belonging. Youth and their parents/families are invited to an **orientation gathering** on **Sunday, September 10 from 7pm to 8pm** here at the church.

Contact: Michael Brooks | michaelbrooks@portnelsonunitedchurch.com

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Food Voucher Donations Needed! For the past year we have not asked for food voucher donations but many people still faithfully give to the program. We would now like to replenish the fund for Fall 2017. \$25 PC gift certificates are given to those in need and our pastoral team of volunteers meet face to face with the recipients to help them in any way they can. We will acknowledge your tax receiptable donation on your annual givings statement. Please make cheques payable to Port Nelson United Church and indicate Food Voucher donation. Please see Joan Thompson if you require more information.

BONUS: As an incentive to donate you will receive a chance to win 4 tickets to see the Blue Jays vs Orioles on Monday, September 11 at 7pm. Field level tickets near home plate (section 125, row 24)! Donate \$100 and receive 4 chances. Donate \$500 and receive 20 chances. Tickets on Sale Sundays, beginning August 13, or in the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Food Bank Reminder

The need is still great in Burlington. Offerings of food for Partnership West 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.

Gift Card Program

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



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 10th

Bring your school backpack to church and take part in the blessing