

## 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 MAY 2, 2021



## OUR VALUES

*Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out*



## CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Please feel free to connect directly with our Youth Leaders for information on our Programs during this time as we find alternate ways to stay connected!

**Adventure Crew** is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games. Adventure Crew will be available live via Zoom. Children will be emailed Sunday's activities. A ZOOM gathering will take place at 10.45am on Sunday mornings. Contact Sharon Holmes: [sharon@portnelson.ca](mailto:sharon@portnelson.ca)

**Pinnacle Young Leaders** is for youth in Grades 5 – 12 to build leadership skills and explore current issues from a faith perspective. Pinnacle will be available live via Google Meets. Contact Jay Poitras: by text at 905-691-0148 for the link. [jay@portnelson.ca](mailto:jay@portnelson.ca)

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

**PAR** - monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance

**E-transfer** - [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca)

**Online giving** - [www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca)

**Credit/Debit** – accepted in the office and after worship

**Cheques** - can be mailed, or dropped off to the church

**Cash** – can be dropped off to the church office

**Please Note:** unless designated otherwise, offerings will go to General Funds

## EASTER FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Sunday May 16 at 7.30pm - Online**

Join us online for an Easter Festival of Lessons and Carols. The combined choirs of Port Nelson United and St. Christopher's Anglican Churches as well as Port Nelson soloists, instrumentalists and readers present an online musical celebration of the Easter season. Please find the link on our website: [www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca)



**Weekly Email** - If you do not receive our weekly email and would like to, please sign up on our webpage or email the church office to have your name added to our weekly email listing: [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca)

## TODAY

Sunday worship service will Livestreamed on our YouTube channel at 10.30am

<https://www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch>

**Online Greeter:** Nancy McIlraith

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 4  | Anne Smith           |
| 5  | Kate S               |
| 14 | Sharon Hollingsworth |
| 24 | Kiera M              |
| 25 | Leslie Harrison      |
| 28 | Ruth McQuirter       |
| 30 | Pat O'Neill          |



*Would you like your birthday recognized in the Notebook? Email the office and let us know!*

## VACCINE HELP AVAILABLE!

If you need assistance with booking your online vaccine appointment, or know of someone who may need help, we have volunteers who are available to help book appointments and/or drive people to their appointment. Please contact the office for more information.

Tel: **905-637-5631** or email: [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca)

## The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

Michael Brooks, Minister  
Karen Eade, Pastoral Care Minister  
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  
Brian Stewart, Church Custodian  
Jocelyn Birkes, Security/Lock-up  
Riley Denver, Communications  
Roy Campbell, AV Technician

## SERVING AND CARING

### Seeds of Life

It's that time of year again! We are growing winter wheat for our 2021 crop on the farm at Alberton in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Port Nelson's share of the crop is 24 acres at a cost of \$400 per acre. Once harvested, the crop could realize \$500 to \$700 per acre. With matching funds from the Canadian Government this turns into a significant contribution toward a world without hunger. **Please donate** to help us grow the crop. You can sponsor all, or part of an acre to help toward the goal of \$9,600 for the 24 acres. Please visit [seeds-of-life.ca](http://seeds-of-life.ca), or donate through [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca). For more information, contact Scott by email at [seeds-of-life@bell.net](mailto:seeds-of-life@bell.net).

### 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 Vouchers" when making a donation.*

### Meals of Hope

If you are available and would like to help prepare, cook or clean up please let us know! The Port Nelson Kitchen is open for Meals of Hope on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Contact: Nancy McKenzie or Pat Gilmore by email: [nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckenzie59@gmail.com) / [patgilmore3@gmail.com](mailto:patgilmore3@gmail.com)  
*Please indicate "Meals of Hope" when making a donation.*



### Burlington Food Bank

Donations can be made through the church or sent directly to the Burlington Food Bank 1A-1254 Plains Road East Burlington, ON L7S 1W6 [www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca](http://www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca) *Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.*

## A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN ROSELAND

Port Nelson and the Roseland Community Organization are collaborating to submit an application to the City of Burlington Neighbourhood Community Matching Fund program. We have developed a plan (including timeline and budget) and have obtained support from both Boards. Our vision is to have an accessible path through the two large maples on the north side of the church, benches, a peace pole, and garden beds featuring species of flowers, herbs and shrubs which support pollinators during the different seasons of the year. Part of the grant application is demonstrating community collaboration and volunteer engagement. The grant application should be processed by the City by August and then we will have more to report. For questions and comments, please contact Cathy Greven, Stan Harvey or June Wright

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK – NEW GROUPS!

Did you know that in addition to our Port Nelson United Church Facebook page, there is a **Meals of Hope Facebook Group**! Join us here to keep up with how the Meals of Hope is helping out in our community and beyond. You can also find and join our **Affirm Group on Facebook** to keep up to date and follow the activities and latest information from Affirm. We encourage you to "like" and "share" our Facebook pages, posts and activity!

## GROUPS FOR GROWTH

### Zoom Café

#### Tuesdays and Thursday weekly via ZOOM

An opportunity to connect with others online for check-in, prayer, discussion and blessing. Two opportunities every week! Zoom link in the weekly newsletter or at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca)

### Caring Wisdom Circle

#### Thursdays at 1:30pm - 3:00pm weekly via ZOOM

This is an open circle where all are welcome for conversation that challenges, enhances and supports our life-long learning journey! If you would like to join us, please contact:

Laurel Grace [laurelg43@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com) / 905-699-2290

### Reflection and Spiritual Practice

#### Mondays at 7:30pm via ZOOM April 12 - May 17

After Easter, the disciples and others had to come to know Jesus in a new way because he wasn't with them like he had been before. This group will provide you with the quiet space to reflect and experience some spiritual practices, so that we can start to explore what it means to come close to God in new ways. Please contact Karen to register: [karen@portnelson.ca](mailto:karen@portnelson.ca)

### Book Discussion

#### Monday May 17 at 7.00pm via ZOOM

Join us to discuss Bob Joseph's second book Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips, and Suggestions to Make Reconciliation a Reality. The library team will be purchasing five books which will be available at a subsidized price of \$10.00 to those who are interested and would appreciate the reduced rate. Please let Pat Gilmore know by May 5th, 2021 you are interested in joining the conversation and if you wish to have a copy of the book. [patgilmore3@gmail.com](mailto:patgilmore3@gmail.com)

## GLEE CAMP – REGISTRATION OPEN

We are looking forward to spreading the GLEE again in 2021! Provided local health regulations permit the operation of day camps, here are the dates for GLEE 2021:

**WEEK 1: July 5 to 9**



**WEEK 2: July 19 to 23**

**WEEK 3: July 26 to 30**

**WEEK 4: August 9 to 13**

All camps run from 9.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday. Cost remains the same at \$125\* per week! Extra safety protocols will be in place, including limited capacities per week. Please visit [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca) to register.

*\*Registration fees are normally non-refundable however, in the event that we are unable to run one or more of the camps due to health restrictions, you will be offered a full refund of your registration fees.*

We look forward to welcoming your family to GLEE Camp!

## GLEE CAMP – STAFFING OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant/Program Director and Counsellor Positions applications are now open! Application deadline is **Monday, May 10 at 5.00pm**. **PLEASE NOTE:** These positions are contingent upon us being permitted to run in-person GLEE Camp this summer. Application is available on our website: [www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca). Email contact: [glee@portnelson.ca](mailto:glee@portnelson.ca)



## MAKING A STATEMENT

### *A Spring Series on Identity and Purpose*

Who are we? What do we do? Where are we headed? These are fundamental questions any person, group or organization asks. The pandemic has brought them to the forefront as so much has changed in the last year. Easter is the season of living into the blessing of new life in Christ. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Spirit – that elusive, unpredictable, free-flowing expression of God’s presence. This spring, we will explore the five “purpose statements” that your Church Board is working with through the lens of the biblical stories for Easter and Pentecost. We hope this worship and sermon series helps you delve more deeply into the stories and the statements. Do they describe who we are at Port Nelson? Do they invite others to join the journey? What resonates with you about them? What concerns you? Your Board wants lots of input to help discern whether or not one statement stands out.

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#### Sundays at 10.30am

##### **“OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS”**

April 11 John 20: 19-31

April 18 Luke 24: 13-35

##### **“COME FIND A HOME IN THIS COMMUNITY”**

April 25 Psalm 23; John 10: 11-18

May 2 Acts 8: 26-40; John 15: 1-8 *Celebrating Easter communion  
Please have your own bread and juice/wine available at home*

##### **“BE VALUED, BE BLESSED, BELONG”**

May 9 Acts 10: 44-48; John 15: 9-17 *Celebrating Mother’s Day  
Reception of new members via Zoom*

May 16 John 17: 6-19

##### **“SEARCHING WITHIN ~ REACHING BEYOND”**

May 23 Romans 8: 22-27; John 16: 4-15 *Pentecost Sunday*

May 30 Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17 *Trinity Sunday*

**June 6 Affirm Sunday with Guest Preacher Rev. Junia Joplin**

##### **“ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE”**

June 13 Mark 2: 23-3: 6

June 20 Mark 3: 20-35 *Celebrating Father’s Day*