

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

JULY 18, 2021



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS - SUMMER

Adventure Crew is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games. **Adventure Crew is taking a break for summer and will resume in September.**

Contact Sharon Holmes: 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 is taking a break for summer and will resume in September.**

Contact Jay Poitras: jay@portnelson.ca

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open to the congregation and the public with the following hours for July and August:

Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 1pm; 2pm to 5pm

Friday, 9am to 12noon

The office will be closed on Mondays

The office will be CLOSED August 2 to 6 to facilitate staff vacations.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

PAR - monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance

E-transfer - office@portnelson.ca

Online giving - 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

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS



4 Jocelyn Birkes	4 Larry Ridge
6 Dorothy Stansfield	11 Tim Laurie
12 Darby Wilkes	14 Ellen Snell
17 Tim Rayner	20 Jamie Thomblison
21 Candy Harvey	23 Julie Denver
24 Dan Emery	24 Ron Gardner
30 Zilla Myers	

TODAY

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

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

Online Greeter: Lorraine MacMaster

Rev. Michael Brooks is on vacation and study leave from July 19 until August 22 inclusive. As part of this time, he is participating in an online preaching event through Emmanuel College, Toronto. Michael is also the guest preacher for the annual Anniversary Service at the Historic Leith Church near Owen Sound on Sunday, August 1st.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE - SUMMER

The following schedule is the availability of ministers on call for funerals and emergency pastoral care needs during the summer weeks:

June 28 to July 4:	Karen Eade 416-399-0887
July 5 to July 18:	Michael Brooks 905-746-0052
July 19 to July 22:	Karen Eade
July 23 to August 8:	Candy Harvey 647-404-9589
August 9 to August 22:	Karen Eade
August 23 to September 5:	Michael Brooks

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

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 - Through our partnership with the Friday Night Community at Wellington Square United Church, generous volunteers have been making and packing meals in our kitchen every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to deliver to Wellington Square for distribution. If you wish to help, please contact Nancy McKenzie or Pat Gilmore:

nancymckenzie59@gmail.com patgilmore3@gmail.com

Please indicate "Meals of Hope" when making a donation.

Burlington Food Bank - Donations of food can always be left in the bins of our local grocery stores, Costco or Burlington's Fire Halls. Financial 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

Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.

Indigenous Languages Scholarships - UPDATE

\$2370 has been raised in support of Six Nations Polytechnic. These funds provide financial support to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts of Ogwehoweh Languages, in the Cayuga or Mohawk Language stream. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support!

Wesley Case for Kids Walk - Thank You, Port Nelson!

Our amazing team raised \$11,300 and earned the honour of Team #1 again this year! Two of our team members were the top two participants. But that's not all ...Developer of Youth Ministries Sharon Holmes was so excited that our total was so high, she told the Adventure Crew in June that she would be so thrilled if we reached \$10,000 that she would do a cartwheel in the church! You did it, Port Nelson! Sharon will stay true to her word. Stay tuned!

A SUMMER OF GOLDY PLAY

In our summer of Godly Play, we have come close to the gifts of Creation, as God blessed all that was made. We explored the Flood and the Ark, when Noah walked with God and was led by God's presence to build the Ark that preserved life. This week we meet the Great Family, Abraham and Sarah, who wondered if all of God was everywhere. If they did a new thing, or went to an unknown place, or went into an unknown experience, would God be there? They were not sure, but they hoped God would be there and God was.

SUMMER OF WONDER – SMALL GROUP

Mondays July 5 - August 30 (excluding August 2)

Come, hear a story, and wonder together

On Mondays in the summer at 7.00pm on Zoom, we will gather to ground ourselves, hear a Godly Play story, and wonder together. This will be the same story that Karen shares each Sunday and this will provide you with a chance to deepen your experience and wonder in silence and in dialogue. Each session will end with an experience of mindful prayer, meditation, or grounding. You are most welcome to come once, for a month, or for the whole summer. To register, please email Karen Eade at karen@portnelson.ca



GLEE CAMP IS UP AND RUNNING!

Week 1 of GLEE Summer Camp was a great success! GLEE families can watch their campers' end-of-week concert on the Port Nelson YouTube channel. The concert will be posted on the Saturday of the week of camp.

If you are interested in sending your little one to GLEE Camp for **Week 4 (August 9 to 13)**, there are only a couple of spots left! Get all the details on programming, health protocol and registration on portnelson.ca!

GLOBAL VACCINE RESPONSE

Our call to love our neighbours and leave no one behind has become more challenging in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic. A gift to the Mission & Service Fund of \$25.00 will provide a two-shot dose to our neighbours in the Global South and East. Donations made through the United Church's Gifts with Vision will be matched by the Government of Canada dollar for dollar until September 6th. Donations can be made through the Gifts with Vision webpage at <https://giftswithvision.ca/collections/gifts-for-wellness/products/pay-it-forward>

MISTLETOE MART NOVEMBER 13, 2021

Preserving? Plan to make and donate extras this summer.

Downsizing? Consider donations for collectables of things you would give to a friend or relative - please hold items until November. Nikki Brooks: nbrook327@bell.net or 905-648-6504

Knitting? All quality knitted items are appreciated. Kerry McCarten: kerrymccarten@gmail.com or 905-977-0970

Sewing? Popular sellers are home decorating items (placemats and runners); baby items (receiving blankets, fleece blankets, sleeping sacks); utility items (aprons, oven mitts, kitchen towels, etc.) Judy Totten: tetotten@gmail.com or 905-681-2274

Questions? Contact the Mistletoe Mart Chairperson June Wright: fjunewright@sympatico.ca 905-639-8268 or cell 905-483-5863p