



#### 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 12, 2021



### OUR VALUES

*Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out*



#### CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS - SUMMER

A staffed nursery for infants and toddlers, with a pager system, is available from 10.00am. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

*Sunday at 10.30am*

**Adventure Crew** is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games.

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.

Contact Jay Poitras: [jay@portnelson.ca](mailto:jay@portnelson.ca)

#### YOUTH CONFIRMATION

We look forward to celebrating youth confirmation on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with those who have completed the program. If you have youth entering grade 9 this fall who are interested in the confirmation program, please contact Michael Brooks: [michael@portnelson.ca](mailto:michael@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

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

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Kurt Rose	15 Jean Robertson
4 Peggy Ellicott	17 Rachel Farrell
5 Sean Copland	22 Lorraine McMaster
8 Laura Handcock	25 Ben Baseggio
8 Cathy Waugh	27 Florence Powel
14 Jacob Handcock	



#### COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

*Vaccinations for those who are eligible are strongly recommended and encouraged for the health and well being of all people at Port Nelson United Church*

#### TODAY

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

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

**Greeters:** Richard Hensen

**Ushers:** George Leckie, Sharon Hollingsworth, Ginny Swain, Pat Gilmore

**AV:** Dan Emery, Grant Sweeny, Miriam Ridge

**Online Greeter:** Lorraine MacMaster

*The flowers this morning are placed by Jack Litton in loving memory of his wife Marilyn.*



#### LOOKING AHEAD: SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS

**September 19** – “Celebrating Sanctuary”

*Our sanctuary turns 60 this fall! We will celebrate with special guests and displays*

**September 26** – “Celebrating Journeys”

*Confirmation*

#### TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE SEPTEMBER 26

Looking for a quiet, reflective oasis amid the chaos of the world? We're offering a Taize Prayer service on Sunday, September 26 at 7.30pm in the sanctuary. Come to be surrounded by candlelight, reflective music, readings and the gift of silence. All are welcome.

#### 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  
 Hannah Carvell, Nursery Coordinator  
 Jennifer Bath, Church Administrator  
 Paul Pincente, 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** - Our generous volunteers have been busy making and packing meals in our kitchen every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday for delivery to Wellington Square for distribution on Fridays, and to the Gore Park Community in Hamilton on Saturdays. If you wish to help, contact Nancy McKenzie or Pat Gilmore: [nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckenzie59@gmail.com) or [patgilmore3@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca)

*Please indicate "Food Bank" when making a donation.*

## SMALL GROUPS

### Meditation Mondays

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we live. All are Welcome! Join us **Monday evenings from September 27-October 18 at 7:00pm-8:30pm** in the Family Room. Dress comfortably and wear a mask! The first night we will talk about sitting options. We will try to accommodate both new members and more experienced meditators. Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 7pm. If you would like to attend contact Laurel Grace: [laurelg43@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com) / 905 699-2290

### Zoom Café

**Tuesdays at 2.00pm via ZOOM**

An opportunity to connect with others online for check-in, prayer, discussion and blessing. The Zoom link can be found in the weekly newsletter or on our website at: [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca)

## UPDATE FROM MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

The Ministry & Personnel (M & P) Ministry provides a confidential, consultative and supportive agency for all church staff, and for members and adherents of the congregation relating to staff issues. Last spring, Susan Posgate stepped down as Chair of M & P after 13 years of service. We are deeply grateful for Susan's extraordinary work. M & P is pleased to announce that **Jill Jukes has assumed the role of Chair of M & P**. We are thankful to Jill for sharing her many gifts and wide experience in this role.

### Nursery Coordinator:

The Ministry & Personnel Committee received, with regret, the **resignation of Kelly Rogers** as our Nursery Coordinator in August. We thank Kelly for her caring presence with our infants and toddlers and their families for the last two years. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome **Hannah Carvell as our new Nursery Coordinator**. Hannah begins September 12. Welcome, Hannah!

### Security Lock-up and Youth Ministry Assistant:

We are pleased to announce that **Jocelyn Birkes** will continue in the role of Security Lock-up person. In addition, Jocelyn will be assisting Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry, as Youth Ministry Assistant. Thanks, Jocelyn!

## HANDBELLS RETURN!

Rehearsals will resume on **Monday September 13, at 4.30, 6.00 and 7.30pm**. If this is the year for you to make music and have fun doing it by ringing bells (no experience necessary!) please contact Stillman Matheson: [stillman@portnelson.ca](mailto:stillman@portnelson.ca)

## CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

A night for churches, family and friends to learn about what caregiving is, who caregivers are, what support can be offered by the Ontario Caregiver Organization and the church. Join us on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7.00pm** in person or by livestream. Pre-registration required. Please email Karen Eade to register. For more information visit our website. [karen@portnelson.ca](mailto:karen@portnelson.ca) / [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca)

## MISTLETOE MART – NOVEMBER 13, 2021

For over 60 years the success of this fundraiser is due to the work and contributions of members of the Port Nelson family. The Planning Committee encourages you to mark the date, November 13<sup>th</sup>, in **red** letters on your calendar. Resolve to help in any way you are able. Please keep the Mistletoe Mart Committee in your prayers and put some money aside to spend at the Mart.

**All required COVID-19 precautions will be in place.**

**ARTISANS:** All tables have been reserved so remember to leave some of your shopping until November 13 to purchase a unique gift.

**BAKING/PRESERVES:** Your donations make this table one of the most popular! It sells out quickly. Please continue to make extra chutney, pickles, jam or jelly to donate. Plan to bake cookies, quick breads tarts, pies closer to the date!

**COLLECTIBLES:** Downsizing? Cleaning closets? Please donate items that you might re-gift or to give to a friend or relative. No electronics or electrical appliances as they cannot be tested. Please store the items until early Nov. Nikki Brooks [nbrook327@bell.net](mailto:nbrook327@bell.net) 905-648-6504

**JEWELLERY/SCARVES:** Customers rush to this table. Scarves are in particular demand. Please note that we are not selling purses this year. Plan to donate quality items you would like to see a friend or relative wearing. Contact Laurel Grace [laurelg@cogeco.ca](mailto:laurelg@cogeco.ca) 905-699-2290

**KNITTING:** All quality knitted items are appreciated. If you have any questions please get in touch with Kerry McCarten [kerrymccarten@gmail.com](mailto:kerrymccarten@gmail.com) 905-977-0970

**SEWING:** If you are able, please plan to sew home decorating items like runners, placemats, and napkins; baby items (receiving blankets, fleece blankets, sleeping sacks); and/or utility items like aprons, microwave oven mitts and kitchen towels. For assistance with fabric and patterns contact Judy Totten [tetotten@gmail.com](mailto:tetotten@gmail.com) 905-681-2274

**SILENT AUCTION:** Are you willing to donate a gift certificate to a restaurant, a round of golf, an attraction like a theater, the Zoo or Aquarium? Perhaps you can offer a high-quality decorative or useful service like a fall or spring yard clean-up, a weekend at your cottage or the catering of dinner for a group. Be sure to save some money to bid on the wonderful items. Large furniture items cannot be accepted. Leslie Harrison [harrisonleslie04@yahoo.ca](mailto:harrisonleslie04@yahoo.ca) 905-320-6522

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Chairperson June Wright at [fjunewright@sympatico.ca](mailto:fjunewright@sympatico.ca) 905-639-8268/905-483-5863(c)

## Weekly Email

If you would like to receive our weekly email please sign up on our webpage or email the church office at [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca)