



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,
OCTOBER 10, 2021**



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.

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

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

UPCOMING SERVICES - SUNDAYS 10.30AM

October 17 – Baptism and Reception of New Members

October 24 – World Food Sunday

Guest: Jeffrey Ng from Parkview Mission

October 31 – Annual All Saints Memorial Service

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Henk Kuiper | 6 Elaine Whiskin |
| 9 Beverley McLean | 17 Claire Laurie |
| 19 Susanne Zinkie | 20 Nancy Leithead |
| 23 Catherine Gee | 23 Susan Posgate |
| 23 Margaret Bell | 25 Janice McNeil-Sweeny |
| 26 Lynda Nichols | 28 Amy Thomblison |
| 28 Paul Sweeny | |



If you are interested in ordering a **name tag**, contact:

Ham Jukes [905-639-3669](tel:905-639-3669) /
hamiltonjukes@gmail.com

TODAY

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

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

Greeters: Carol & Barry Acheson, Amber & Don Liddle

Ushers: George Leckie, Ginny Swain, Susan Smyth, Pat Gilmore

AV: Dan Emery, Chris Emery, Anna Finnigan

Online Greeter: Mary Carey



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: michael@portnelson.ca

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

A reminder that proof of full vaccination is now required to participate in any event, gathering or meeting at Port Nelson other than worship services, wedding ceremonies and funeral services. If you anticipate coming to the church for any purpose other than worship, weddings and funeral services, please send your proof of full vaccination to: office@portnelson.ca, or bring your proof receipt into the office during regular hours.

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 or 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.

Student Gift Cards - One of our caring ministries at Port Nelson is sending gift cards to our post-secondary students during their exam times. It's a way to let them know we continue to care for them as they receive a \$25 gift card for *Tim Horton's*. Every year, we hear that they appreciate the ongoing connection with their church family. Could you help with the cost of this ministry? Please do so by Sunday, November 7. Thank-you! The more than 20 recipients will be very grateful!

Please indicate "Student Gift Cards" with your donation.

SMALL GROUPS



Meditation Mondays - Family Room

Monday evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Family Room. Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we live. Dress comfortably and wear a mask. We will try to accommodate both new members and more experienced meditators. Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 7pm. All are Welcome! If you would like to attend contact Laurel Grace: laurelg43@gmail.com / 905 699-2290

****Note: No Session on Thanksgiving Monday!****

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

Caring Wisdom Circle

Thursdays at 1.30pm - Family Room

Join us in the Family Room for an open gathering of caring people sharing their life journey and learning from one another. We are guided by inspirational readings that challenge and support our spiritual growth. Please contact Laurel Grace: laurelg43@gmail.com / 905 699-2290



THE WRIGHT LIBRARY

We are in the process of cataloguing and barcoding all of the Wright Library items. 1,181 books have been done so far! Please peruse your bookshelves and return any library books that you may have. They can be left on the table in the library. Thank you!

- The Library Committee

CELEBRATE CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

October is **Celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month** and the Ministry and Personnel Committee wants to acknowledge that we have much to celebrate and appreciate in the caring gifts of our Clergy, Michael, Karen and Candy. Each has faithfully led us through a year of change, adaptation, and innovation in a time of pandemic. We are thankful for the way they have accommodated many transitions with grace, empathy, and concern.

If you would like to express your appreciation personally to our Clergy, we invite you to write, email, or call them during October.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Tuesday, October 19 at 7.00pm - we will host a free information session for youth age 12 and up and interested adults. This event will be in-person and livestreamed. To register for this event please visit our website at: portnelson.ca/youthmentalhealth.

THE GRATITUDE PROJECT

Saturday, October 23 at 7:30pm and Sunday, October 24 at 2:30pm. Presented by Andrea Battista. Join us for a live concert in the sanctuary on The Gratitude Project features poems of gratitude from many cultures paired with music by various composers from around the world. The poems will be read by Koogle Theatre actors Leslie and Christopher Gray and the music will be played by Effusion: Jason Hales, tenor, Shiori Kobayashi, clarinet/sax, Stephanie Numan-Scholman, violin/viola and Andrea on piano.

This project is funded in part by the Port Nelson Endowment Fund. Its purpose is to give thanks for life, for friendship, for love, for family, for health and for nature, and to bring the community of Burlington together to experience live music and the spoken word. Please support our local musicians and actors who have struggled during the past two years. Visit portnelson.ca for more details.

PEACE GARDEN - PLANTED

The peace and pollinator garden has been planted! Some of the benches have arrived and more scheduled to arrive next week! The peace quotes for the peace pole have been ordered and delivery is imminent. Commemorative plaques and signs have been ordered. Paths have been laid!

We received donated funds and city funds which have covered our costs for construction, benches, soil, plants. Thank you so much to those who donated. A charitable receipt will be issued from Port Nelson.

A grand launch of the garden is to happen June of 2022 when many can gather. In the meantime, please enjoy the garden, rest on a bench and watch a pollinator or two flit by.

Any questions, please contact June Wright: 905-483-5863 or roseland.community.garden@gmail.com

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

MISTLETOE MART 2021 IS FIVE WEEKS AWAY! Saturday, November 13, 2021

VOLUNTEERS ensure the success of Mistletoe Mart. We want you all to feel comfortable helping out in whatever way you can. Your concerns about helping at the event in COVID times have been carefully considered.

- Our renovated building has state-of-the-art air exchange and air flow
- There is a Safety Plan for the event which has been approved by the PNUC COVID Emergency Committee and meets Provincial standards
- Everyone (artisans, volunteers and patrons) will be required to show proof of two doses of vaccine
- All other required COVID-19 precautions (masks, distancing, hand-sanitizing) will be in place

Watch for the volunteer sign-up boards which will be available starting Thanksgiving Sunday. You might also contact the convener of the area where you would like to help. Please sign up. Volunteers are vital to the success of our event.

If you are unable to volunteer this year but want to help we still need baked goods for the bake table.

If that is not an option but you do wish to support the Mistletoe Mart, a donation would be gratefully accepted.

BOOK SALE: Please hold onto your used books for a Spring Book Sale by the Library Committee. For logistical and safety reasons we will NOT be having a book sale at Mistletoe Mart this year.

JEWELLERY/SCARVES: Welcome Janice Sweeny, jsweeny@sympatico.ca 905-634-4229 our new convener. Thank you to Laurel Grace, founding convener, who has capably managed this area for many years.

There will be changes to the way we hold the bazaar due to the realities of the times. We will not be hosting a restaurant this year. We look forward to welcoming people for lunch and mid morning break in 2022!

QUESTIONS? Contact Chairperson June Wright at fjunewright@sympatico.ca or 905-639-8268 or cell 905-483-5863

Port Nelson donors to Seeds of Life



I am happy to report that wheat harvest was completed on July 22 at the Seeds of Life farm at Alberton. We harvested 240 tonnes after dockage and drying. On the 72 acres this works out to 122 bushels per acre which I believe is the best crop of wheat we have ever grown on this farm! All of the loads were milling grade with no quality discounts.

The sale value of the crop was a total of \$64,155 or \$891 per acre. Our expenses to date are \$23,623. Expected future expenses to year end will be for soil testing, fall fertilizer, tillage and weed control. We estimate that all of this will cost about \$6500. Adding these amounts together, total expenses for the year should be about \$30,123 or \$418 per acre compared to our budget of \$400 per acre in the spring.

Some of the expenses this fall will be for a “cover crop” to build organic matter and improve soil quality. We will also be applying fertilizer to be used by next year’s corn crop, so we are actually “paying forward” to next year. The value of wheat in our crop rotation is that a different crop and an earlier harvest allows us time to do soil building things. Building better soils is also the goal that Canadian Foodgrains Bank is focused on in programs to help small farmers overseas. We are all working to improve soil quality.

We are grateful to our farming partners Miller Farms and Waycroft Farms for their donation of much of their time and machinery which have kept costs down. Corteva Seeds have donated all of the wheat seed and also some crop protection products and this has been a great help as well.

Port Nelson people have donated \$13,210 to date which is more than enough to cover expenses on Port Nelson’s 24 acre share of the crop expenses. Thanks to all of you for your generous support!

- Scott Brooks

GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We have put the following initiatives and guidelines in place to make our in-person worship experience as safe as possible:

- Keep a physical distance of 6 feet between yourself and other attending worship; this also means that unfortunately, no hugs or handshakes are permitted at this time
- Washrooms are available and may be used; please maintain distancing while in the washroom
- Congregational singing is not yet permitted; music will be provided by soloists and instrumentalists
- You are invited to exchange the Peace of Christ using non-contact gestures such as waves, folded hands or peace signs
- Your offering may be placed in the plates at the back of the sanctuary at the end of the service while exiting, or you may make offerings on-line at portnelson.ca
- No coffee or refreshments will be served following worship; we hope to resume the coffee time sometime in October
- Following worship, please leave the building as per ushers' directions

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at: 905-637-5631 / office@portnelson.ca