



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 17, 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

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

UPCOMING SERVICES - SUNDAYS 10.30AM

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

3 Henk Kuiper

9 Beverley McLean

19 Susanne Zinkie

23 Catherine Gee

23 Margaret Bell

26 Lynda Nichols

28 Paul Sweeny



6 Elaine Whiskin

17 Claire Laurie

20 Nancy Leithead

23 Susan Posgate

25 Janice McNeil-Sweeny

28 Amy Thomblison

TODAY

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

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

Greeters: Elizabeth Campbell, Bryan Clarke, Jeff Vannan, Marilyn Webb

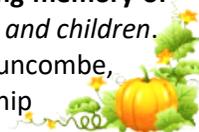
Ushers: Sharon Hollingsworth, George Leckie, Nancy McIlraith, Marilyn Parsons, Ginny Swain

AV: Roy Campbell, Miriam Ridge, Chris Emery

Online Greeter: Lorraine MacMaster

Flowers in the sanctuary today are in **loving memory of Don Thompson**, placed by Joan Thompson and children.

Harvest Decorations: Thanks to Donna Duncombe, and Lynda Rosser for beautifying the worship space for this season!



BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS

This morning we joyfully welcome into the family of faith through baptism **Eloise Kirby**, child of **Ryan and Catherine Kirby**. We also welcome into membership by certificate of transfer the following individuals:

Joan Garrett, from St David's United Church, Woodstock, Ontario

Karen Guyatt, from Wellington Square United Church, Burlington, Ontario

Jean MacBride, from Cumberland Congregational Church, Cumberland Center, Maine

Michael Morgan, from Wellington Square United Church, Burlington, Ontario

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

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

COVID-19 VACCINATION

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.

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.

WARM WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Once again the Affirm and Outreach Ministries at Port Nelson United Church will be collecting **warm winter clothing items** to be given to those in need in our community.

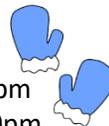
We are looking for warm coats, snow pants, hats, scarves, mitts, gloves, boots, sweaters, earmuffs, headbands, etc. (Large and extra large clothing items are always welcome). There is also an ongoing need for lip balms, hand creams (pocket size), as well as hand and foot warmers.

In lieu of the actual items, a donation jar will be available.

Collection times:



Friday October 29	10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday October 30	10.00am to 3.00pm
Sunday October 31	12.00pm to 3.00pm



Drop-off will be at the parking lot entrance. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

It is time to put the perennials to bed for the winter (all but the grasses, sedums and hydrangeas which we will leave for the birds.) If you are able, please join in to help with cutting and bagging on Monday October 18, 2.00-4.00pm.

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 require proof of two doses of vaccine
- All other required COVID-19 precautions (masks, distancing, hand-sanitizing) will be in place

The volunteer signup sheets will be in the Gathering Place. You might also directly contact the convener of the area where you would like to help. Please sign up. Volunteers are vital to the success of our event. A monetary donation would be gratefully accepted if these are not options and you wish to support the Mistletoe Mart.

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

COLLECTABLES: Please leave your quality items where directed by the signs in the Gathering Space between November 7th and 11th.

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.

RESTAURANT: For the safety of all there will be no restaurant this year.

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



HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT *COVID Friendly Version!*

Friday, October 29
Port Nelson United Church

For children, youth and their families

- ★ *FREE Admission* ★ *Wear a costume if you wish* ★
- ★ *Bring a gently used item for our winter clothing drive* ★

6.00pm – pizza supper provided
6.30pm – fun activities, pumpkin carving
7.30pm – spooky music
7.45pm – wrap-up

All COVID protocol will be adhered to throughout the night
All eligible persons must provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination before or at the event

Pre-Registration Required:

Visit portnelson.ca or contact office@portnelson.ca

Register by **Tuesday, October 26 at 5pm** - *Limited capacity!*

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