



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 24, 2021



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out



HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

WELCOME! LARGE PRINT bulletins and music books are available, as well as assistive hearing devices for improved sound. **OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the seats; if you would like your own envelopes, or if you would like to begin pre-authorized remittance (PAR), contact the church office. **THE CHURCH LIBRARY** is open following worship.

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 31 – Annual All Saints Memorial Service
November 7 – Remembrance Service

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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: Jennifer Baseggio, Ellen & Brian Snell,
Rick Waldhauser

Ushers: Pat Gilmore, Nancy McKenzie,
Ginny Swain, Robert Warman



AV: Roy Campbell, Chris Emery, Al Kingston

Online Greeter: Cathy Greven

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

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

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.

THE GRATITUDE PROJECT

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.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT – FULL!

Friday October 29 at 6.00pm

For children, youth and their families. Join us for a pizza supper, fun activities, pumpkin carving and some spooky music. Wear a costume if you wish. Admission is free, a donation for our winter clothing drive would be welcome!



We have reached the capacity for this event!

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.



MISTLETOE MART 2021 IS ONLY THREE 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.



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