



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 JANUARY 16, 2022



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Please feel free to connect directly with our Youth Leaders for information on our Programs during this time as we find alternate ways to stay connected!

Godly Play for children SK to Grade 5 to make meaning through story, wonder, and play. Godly Play will be met via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 11am. Link can be found at portnelson.ca. Contact Karen Eade: karen@portnelson.ca

Pinnacle Young Leaders is for youth in Grades 6 – 12 to build leadership skills and explore current issues from a faith perspective. Pinnacle will be available live via Google Meets at 10.30 on Sundays: meet.google.com/njt-mztn-qoj

Nursery can connect with Hannah Carvell on ZOOM for crafts and stories – please contact Hannah for more info: hannahcarvell3@gmail.com

SUNDAYS IN EPIPHANY AT 10.30AM ONLINE

Firm Foundations – Reclaiming Core Practices of Faith

January 16	CELEBRATING: Starting on a High Note
January 23	READING: The Authority of our Sacred Texts
January 30	SHARING: The Risk of Good News
February 6	DELVING DEEPLY: When It's a Mystery
February 13	HEALING: Needs and Expectations Meet
February 20	SERVING: All in the Family
February 27	PRAYING: Power Comes Full Circle

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

To support the Church's Ministries, please see options below:

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

Offering envelopes are available in the seats; if you would like your own envelopes, or if you would like to begin **PAR (monthly pre-authorized remittance)**, contact the church office. Unless designated otherwise, offerings will go to General Funds.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dennis Crawford	1 Marta Middleton
2 Joan Garrett	13 Don Poulton
16 Ham Jukes	20 Bryan Clarke
24 Mary Carey	28 Miriam Ridge



TODAY

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

www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch

AV: Roy Campbell, Dan Emery, Alex Hutchinson

Online Greeter: David Bagshaw



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** on ZOOM. More details and zoom link to follow.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for submissions is **Monday January 24**. Reports should be 500 words/1page or less and Ministry Chairs have been emailed with an outline regarding what to include in their reports. The Annual Report will be available on Sunday February 6 prior to the Annual meeting of the Congregation on Sunday February 13. Please email your reports to the church office at: office@portnelson.ca.

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

Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister
 Rev. Martha Reynolds, Pastoral Care Minister
 Rev. Karen Eade, Volunteer Associate Minister
 Rev. Candy Harvey, Volunteer Associate Minister
 Jennifer Bath, Operations Manager
 Dr. Stillman Matheson, Director of Music
 Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry
 Hannah Carvell, Nursery Coordinator
 Riley Denver, Communications
 Roy Campbell, AV Technician
 Karen Ball, Administrative Assistant
 Brian Stewart, Church Custodian
 Jocelyn Birkes, Security/Lock-up
 Paul Pincente, Bookkeeper

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 at the church or 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.

SMALL GROUPS

Caring Wisdom Circle

Thursdays at 1.30pm via ZOOM

Join us for 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 find the link on our website under the events listing. Laurel Grace: laurelg43@gmail.com

Zoom Café

Tuesdays at 2.00pm via ZOOM

An opportunity to connect with others online for check-in, prayer, discussion and blessing. **Please find the new link on our website under the events listing.**



ENGAGING PRACTICES

Wednesdays from 12noon to 1pm on ZOOM

Rev. Michael Brooks leads us in a follow-up to the Sunday service themes. We will delve more deeply into the week’s practice of faith, hear from one another about our experiences of the practice, and have some time to engage the practice as a group. Zoom link can be found on our website under the events listing. All are welcome!

portnelson.ca/events/events-listing/

January 19 - CELEBRATING

ENDOWMENT FUND 2022 SUBMISSIONS

The Port Nelson Endowment Fund provides a means to support the work of the congregation in the areas of spiritual growth, outreach, pastoral care, music, and other ways the congregation may deem suitable. Each year, the interest only can be expended. Individuals are encouraged to recommend projects and activities to be supported. Recommendations can be for the church or its committees or for the local community. Projects from around the world can also be recommended. Please include information to explain the purpose, need, cost and expected benefits of the project. Please use ‘PNUC Endowment Fund Submission’ in the subject line.

Please forward any recommendation by **Sunday January 30, 2022** to: margaretjane_wallace@sympatico.ca.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 Envelopes have arrived and are available for pick up in the office during regular hours. **If you do not have envelopes and wish to receive a set of envelopes, please contact the office.** If you wish to sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Payment) please pick up a PAR brochure today or contact the office to receive a form by email/mail.

GLEE CAMP STAFF OPENINGS

There is currently an **opening** for the position of **Camp Director**. More information is posted on the church website portnelson.ca. This position will be of particular interest to senior high school, college or university students.

Deadline for applications is **Friday, February 4, 2022.**

LISA LOVES KIDS – FOOD DRIVE

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PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH

On **Thursday, January 20 to Saturday, January 22** help us make a difference with the **Lisa Loves Kids Food Drive**. In honour of the memory of Lisa Stewart on her birthday, January 21, we are collecting items for the Burlington Food Bank, to benefit children in need.

Items requested include :

- Diapers sizes 4 – 6
- Baby food/formula
- Children’s Hygiene items (*not toothbrushes/paste*)
- Fruit cups/fruit snacks
- Cheese & Cracker snacks/crackers
- Juice boxes
- Rice (1-2kg size package)



You can also contribute by making a **financial donation** to the **Burlington Food Bank**, using the memo “Lisa Loves Kids”.

Items can be dropped off in the bins provided at the parking lot entrance of the church between 9am-12noon on **Thursday, January 20 to Saturday, January 22.**

MENTAL HEALTH PROPOSAL

We are seeking to establish a support program for youth mental health through partnerships with existing charitable or non-profit groups in this field. We are looking to add at least two more members to the development team. The full team would then explore the existing outside resources and concepts to produce a more detailed proposal in the Spring of 2022. The project would be targeted to go live in the Fall of 2022. You can find more detailed information in the weekly email. If you are interested in joining this development initiative, please contact either:

Susan Collett susanleerust@gmail.com

Jeffrey Vannan jeffvannan@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP

If you would like prayers by the Prayer Team for yourself or another, please contact Mary Carey at 905-634-3898 or careymb75@gmail.com

CALLING ALL QUILTERS

Do you have an interest in quilting, or being a part of a quilters group? If so, please contact Susanne Zinkie for more information – Susanne has lots of supplies to get you started! **905-331-7154 / jszinkie@gmail.com**

UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – JANUARY 2022

At the February 9, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, a new governing structure for the church was approved and implemented replacing the old Church Council format.

This Board consists of seven elected members; a Chair, Secretary and five Board members elected for a period of two years, which is renewable for a further two year period. In addition, the Treasurer, the Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Ministry and the Minister sit on the Board by virtue of their positions.

Now two years later, these elected positions are officially vacant and/or up for renewal. We are inviting you to prayerfully consider whether you might be called to serve on the Board of Port Nelson United Church for the next two years.

We are looking for people with these qualities to fill the seven elected Board positions.

- *Representative of the diversity of our community*
- *Aware, interested and have a wide perspective*
- *Hold a positive outlook*
- *Committed to the church and be willing to participate*
- *Curious*
- *Problem Solver*
- *Unafraid and willing to take risks*

Recent newer members & long time members are all encouraged to give this opportunity your careful consideration.

An Expression of Interest form is now available on the Church website with The Notebook and in the church office.

The deadline date for the Expression of Interest form is Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 12 noon, after which the Nominating Committee will use your completed Expression of Interest form to select candidates for the seven elected Board positions, which will then be presented to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting on February 13, 2022. A vote will be held at that time.

We thank the church family for its continued support and prayers as we seek to fill these important roles. If you have any questions, please contact me at jacki.kingston@sympatico.ca or 905-691-2673.

Jacki Kingston, Chairperson, Nominating Committee



Port Nelson United Church
Expression of Interest of Board Membership
Return to Office by Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 12 noon

Purpose of the Board

Provide leadership for Port Nelson United Church based on our core values and in keeping with the identity and policies of the United Church of Canada

Main Functions of the Board, in order of importance:

- Visioning (generative work, ideas and future possibilities)
- Strategic Planning
- Fiduciary Oversight (e.g. finance, policy development)

Qualities of Board Members

- Representative of the diversity of our community
- Aware, interested, have a wide perspective
- Hold a positive outlook
- Committed to the church and willing to participate
- Curious
- Problem-solvers
- Unafraid, willing to take risks

Term of Office

- Two years duration, once renewable (nomination process applies)

What position(s) interest you? *Please check all that apply*

- Chair
- Secretary - recording
- Board Member

What would you bring to the position(s)?

Name(print) _____

Signed _____

Date _____