

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.

RECOGNITION OF TERRITORY AND TREATY

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe 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.



**PORT NELSON NOTEBOOK
November 20, 2022**



OUR VALUES

Affirming—Caring—Growing Spiritually—Reaching Out



CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

A staffed nursery is on the lower level for infants and toddlers and has a pager system. It is available from 10:00 a.m. Please speak to an usher for assistance. Our Nursery Coordinator is Raine Montgomery rainebow2005@gmail.com

Adventure Crew – Godly Play is for children SK to Grade 5 to make meaning through story, wonder, and play. Children begin in the worship space with their family and then head out to Godly Play at the “Sharing of the Peace”. The Godly Play room is the Danna Room on the lower level. Please contact Karen Eade for more information: karen@portnelson.ca

Pinnacle Young Leaders is for youth in Grades 6-12 to build leadership skills and to explore current issues from a faith perspective. The youth join their family in the worship space at the beginning of worship and then head out to the Youth Room on the lower level at the “Sharing of the Peace”. For more information contact: Jay Poitras jay@portnelson.ca or Joceyln Birkes birkesj@gmail.com

The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister
Rev. Karen Eade, Volunteer Associate Minister
Rev. Candy Harvey, Volunteer Associate Minister
Dr. Mark W. Ruhnke, Director of Music
Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry
Christine Chesebrough, Operations Manager
Jocelyn Birkes, Youth Ministry Assistant
Raine Montgomery, Nursery Coordinator
Karen Ball, Administrative Assistant
Riley Denver, Communications
Roy Campbell, AV Technician
Douglas Fraser, Custodian
Lilly Ife, Security/Lock-up
Paul Pincente, Bookkeeper

Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Daily Lunch 1:00 pm—2:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Communication Submission Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00 pm

TODAY

Service is in person at 10.30 a.m. and livestreamed on our Port Nelson YouTube channel at:

www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch

Ushers: George Leckie and Sharon Hollingsworth
Greeters: Dorothy & Bill Wilson, Ham Jukes
AV: Roy Campbell & Miriam Ridge
Sound: Bill Leithead
Online Greeter: Cathy Greven

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

November 27: The First Sunday of Advent
December 4: The Second Sunday of Advent
Celebration of Communion
December 11: Third Sunday of Advent
Annual Gifts Service led by Pinnacle Youth
December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Donna Duncombe
November 4 Alyson Wall
November 8 Brian Duncombe
November 9 Claire Sweeny
November 11 Gail Kiefhaber
November 11 Yvonne LeBlanc
November 21 Joanne LeBlanc
November 22 Bren Thomblison
November 28 June Wright
November 29 Jacki Kingston
November 30 Charlotte Tays



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

E-transfer—office@portnelson.ca
Online giving—www.portnelson.ca
Credit/Debit—accepted in the office and after worship
Cheques—may be mailed or dropped off at the church
Cash—may be dropped off at the church office
Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. 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.

MICHAEL BROOKS VACATION

Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister, is on vacation this coming week. He returns next Sunday, November 27.

For emergency pastoral care needs between November 20-26, please contact Rev. Heather Gilmour at 905-681-6840, or 905-477-8930.

STUDENT GIFT CARDS

We will soon be sending \$25 gift cards to our University and College students to help support and encourage them as they enter exam season. Please consider donating money to help with purchasing gift cards. You can donate through the church website, or by cheque. Please indicate "Student Gift Cards" on your donation by November 21st. If you have a student in University or College, please send their name, address, and year of study to claire.sweeny88@gmail.com

MEN IN APRONS BREAKFAST—CORRECTION

New date is Saturday, November 26th at 8:30am

The Men-in-Aprons will be hosting a Church breakfast. Fee is \$10. All are welcome. The guest speaker, Dr. Paul Merkley is an emeritus professor at the School of Music, University of Ottawa.

He has a PhD from Harvard. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In his retirement he is working on the difficult problem of Seniors Isolation.

To that end he is the co-founder of the start-up Seniors Junction, a lifelong learning platform for Seniors.

Please RVSP to Bryan Clarke bjclarke@mcmaster.ca or 905-648-0196.

NOVEMBER 27—BOOK SALE

Following service on November 27, there will be a display of new books in the Roseland Room that Pat Gilmore has brought to us from the Grand River Bookstore. If you are able, please purchase one or two for the library. You are welcome to do this in honour or memory of someone—which we will note in the book—or donate on behalf of your family. Of course, you are welcome to Christmas shop for yourself or someone you love!

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday, November 27: 5pm to 7pm

FREE, but please RSVP at portnelson.ca to enter a draw for a prize!

Before the holiday frenzy, let's eat a meal together, make connections with others and take away a meaningful way to start the season.

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK

Saturday, December 3: 9am to 8pm - an introduction at 11am followed by lunch.

Sunday, December 4: 9am to 2pm

A labyrinth experience to slow us down to explore and think about the themes of Advent. We are not yet ready for Christmas—waiting the birth of Christ. However, we have great anticipation of the event. Come and walk! The times are open ended—please feel free to come and go as you wish.

HELPING FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

Every year we have a number of families who are in need of Christmas gifts. For many years, Carolyn Ellison has coordinated this ministry. Carolyn is stepping back and we are looking for someone to be the coordinator. Are you interested? Do you feel called to this ministry? Please contact Carolyn at 905-637-9741 or hal.ellison@sympatico.ca

SAVE THE DATES - CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Women's Candlelight Communion Service:

All women are invited to this special tradition on **Tuesday, December 13 - Cake & Coffee 6pm, Worship 7pm**

Festival of Lessons and Carols:

A beloved Port Nelson tradition takes place on **Sunday, December 18 at 4:30pm**

Christmas Eve Services 4pm: A Christmas Birthday Party—A 30-minute experience for children up to age 10 to introduce the Christmas story

7pm: Family Pageant—A 45 minute all ages family service

10pm: Candlelight Communion—Welcome Christmas

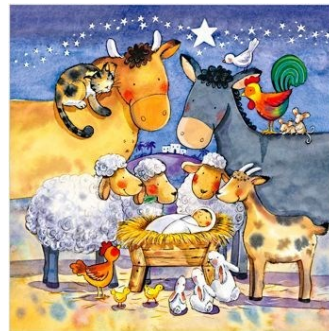
CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM—WE NEED HELP!

This year's Christmas Eve Pageant at 7pm will feature the narrated drama *The Barnyard Carol*. So...we need lots of animals! Not real animals, but costumes and people to wear them. If you or your family have any of the following costumes and if you'd like to dress up in them, we'd like to hear from you!

Contact Michael Brooks: michael@portnelson.ca, or Jay Poitras: jay@portnelson.ca

Mouse, Owl, Donkey, Cat, Duck, Bat, Spider, Dog, Rabbit, Lamb, Squirrel, Robin.

And...we also need the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus!



SMALL GROUPS

Caring Wisdom Circle—Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 pm This is an open gathering of caring people sharing their life journey and learning from one another. We are guided by inspirational works that challenge and support our spiritual growth. Laurelg43@gmail.com

Meditation Mondays—Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm Wear comfortable clothing. A mask is optional. Bring something to drink. We begin sitting, we will sit for 20 minutes, have a stretch break and another sit for 20 minutes.

Laurelg43@gmail.com

Tuesday Zoom Café—10:30-11:30 am

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