

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 January 22, 2023



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
Joceyn Birkes birkesj@gmail.com

The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister
Rev. Louise Hart, Pastoral Care Minister
Rev. Karen Eade, Volunteer Associate Minister
Rev. Candy Harvey, Volunteer Associate Minister
Christine Chesebrough, Operations Manager
Dr. Mark W. Ruhnke, Director of Music
Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry
Jocelyn Birkes, Youth Ministry Assistant
Raine Montgomery, Nursery Coordinator
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
Closed for Daily Lunch 1:00 pm—2:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—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:

Greeters: Mary Carey, Rick Waldhauser, Ham Jukes

AV: Eric Powell, and Grant Sweeny

Sound: Luke Powell

Online Greeter: David Bagshaw

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

January 29 Global Light
Guest Preacher Rev. Andras Rameshwar

February 5 Global Light
Celebration of communion

February 12 Global Light
Baptisms and New Members

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES

United Church minister and scholar Teresa Burnett-Cole writes, “Christianity is and has always been a cultural stew. Since its beginning, Christianity has borrowed and adapted from the cultures in which it has been introduced. Every culture to which the faith was introduced has added something to the Christian mix.”

The **season of Epiphany** is the time when we celebrate Christ, the great light, being revealed and made known. Sometimes we speak of a “light to the nations,” but perhaps more accurately, many nations and cultures have celebrated Christ, the light since the early days of the faith.

Let's explore **Global Light**. In the biblical texts, the preaching, the praying and the music, let's explore how God continues to be active in diversity. Let's celebrate the light that continues to shine!

WILL POWER!

Thank you for remembering Port Nelson with a bequest in your will. Small or large, all estate gifts can make a real difference. For information, contact Tod Wright at 905-639-8268 or tod.wright@sympatico.ca or contact Marty Wamsley at 905-681-6216 or martyjwamsley@gmail.com. **An enduring gift — it's ours to leave.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Opening Taize Service—Sun. January 22—5:00 p.m.
Port Nelson United Church, 3132 South Service Road, Burlington

Day 1—Mon. January 23—7:00 p.m. Reception to follow. Archangel St. Raphael & St. Marina Coptic Orthodox Church, 1160 Blair Road, Burlington

Day 2—Tuesday January 24—7:00 p.m. Knox Presbyterian Church, 461 Elizabeth Street, Burlington

Day 3—Wednesday, January 25—10:00 a.m.
St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church, 5324 Bromley Road, Burlington

Day 4—Thursday, January 26—7:00 p.m.
New Street Christian Reformed Church, 3422 New Street Burlington

Day 5—Friday, January 27th—2:00 p.m.
Reception to follow. Appleby United Church, 4407 Spruce Avenue, Burlington

DO YOU HAVE A 2011 PORT NELSON DIRECTORY?

This directory is needed for the Archives. If you have a copy and are willing to donate, it please contact Marilyn Parsons at 905 637 5983 or parsonsm@mcmaster.ca

OUT TO LUNCH!

Both Rev. Louise Hart and Rev. Michael Brooks are feeling out to lunch these days. They'd love to connect and to re-connect with people in the church family over lunch. Want to get to know our new Pastoral Care Minister? This **Tuesday, January 24** we will gather at noon at Thai Coconut, 3455 Fairview Street. Limited to six (6) people! Pay your own way. RSVP to Michael at: michael@portnelson.ca, or at the church office.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for submissions is **Monday January 30**. Reports should be 500 words/1page or less. The Annual Report will be available **Sunday February 19**, prior to the Annual meeting of the Congregation on **Wednesday March 1**. Please submit reports to: office@portnelson.ca.

THANK YOU

A big thank you and WOW for a great start to our Epiphany Journey Series! What a rocking, upbeat, hopeful gathering in the light last Sunday... Thank you Michael! Thank you Mark! Thank you Worship Committee for guiding us through this series! Thank you Hilary and Claire! Thank you Susan and Pat! And thank you glorious choir! What a wonderful team! We are grateful for Anne and Ray encouraging Enduring Gifts and sharing their Port Nelson history! And we are grateful to Jay and Jocelyn for encouraging each of us to celebrate Lisa Loves Kids and support the Food bank in Lisa's honour. A joyful welcome to Louise with a final thanks to those preparing coffee and delicious carrot cake! We are truly blessed! Your M&P Committee

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 envelopes have arrived and are available for pick up outside the sanctuary. If you do not have, and wish to receive 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.

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

Location: Family Room. Wear comfortable clothing, and perhaps something to drink. Please come a little before 7 so we can start promptly at 7 pm. Contact: Laurelg43@gmail.com if you would like to attend as we have limited space.

Tuesday Zoom Café—10:30-11:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84186548563?pwd=cWs1Z3hDODkydjZpSHpDTFczZGovdz09>
Meeting ID: 841 8654 8563 Passcode: 2ArtmY

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

ENDOWMENT FUND 2023

Submissions Requested. 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 forward any recommendation by **Sunday February 12, 2023** to: margaretjane_wallace@sympatico.ca. 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.