

**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  
September 17, 2023**

**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.



**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 Eliza Kurth: [liza.m.k.20@gmail.com](mailto:liza.m.k.20@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 Playroom is the Danna Room on the lower level. Please contact Karen Eade [karen@portnelson.ca](mailto:karen@portnelson.ca) or Jocelyn Birkes [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca) for more information.

**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". Contact: Jocelyn Birkes [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca)

**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  
Jocelyn Birkes, Developer of Children/Youth Ministry  
Eliza Kurth, Nursery Coordinator  
Riley Denver, Communications  
Roy Campbell, AV Technician  
Douglas Fraser, Custodian  
Lilly Ife, Security/Lock-up  
Susan Holmes, Bookkeeper  
Austin Beattie, Kitchen Coordinator

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**E-transfer**—[office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca)  
**Online giving**—[www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca)  
**Credit/Debit**—accepted at office & after worship  
**Cheques**—may be mailed or brought to the church  
**Cash**—accepted at office. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks, or if you want envelopes, or want to begin PAR (monthly pre-authorized remittance), contact the office. Unless designated otherwise, offerings will go to general funds.

**TODAY**

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

[www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch)

Greeters: **Ham Jukes & The Powell Family**

Online Greeter: **Cathy Greven**

AV: **Chris Emery, Lucy Liddle, Eric Powell**

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM**

- Sept. 24** Observing the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation  
*with Rev. Louise Hart and guests*
- Oct. 1** World Communion Sunday  
*Jazz music service*

**AFFIRM AWARD!**



**Affirm UNITED | S'affirmer ENSEMBLE**

Port Nelson is one of over 300 Affirming United Church Ministries across the country. At its Annual Meeting this summer, Affirm United named Port Nelson as the Affirming Ministry of the Year, for all of Canada. Celebrate with us over cake and coffee following the service.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| Sept 3 Kurt Rose     | Sept 14 Jacob Hancock     |
| Sept 4 Peggy Ellicot | Sept 17 Rachel Farrell    |
| Sept 5 Sean Copland  | Sept 22 Lorraine McMaster |
| Sept 8 Laura Hancock | Sept 25 Ben Baseggio      |
| Sept 8 Cathy Waugh   | Sept 27 Florence Powell   |

**STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS**

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before. We can ensure strong shoulders for our congregation in the future through a gift to Port Nelson in our estate plans. For information and assistance, please contact Tod Wright at 905-639-8268 or [tod.wright@sympatico.ca](mailto:tod.wright@sympatico.ca) or contact Marty Wamsley at 905-681-6216 or [martyjwamsley@gmail.com](mailto:martyjwamsley@gmail.com). **An enduring gift — it's ours to leave.**

**PRAYER TEAM REQUESTS?**

Offers prayers, in confidence. Contact Mary Carey at [careymb75@gmail.com](mailto:careymb75@gmail.com) or 905-634-3898.

**BURLINGTON FOOD BANK**

The Burlington Food Bank has advised us that **September is Hunger Action Month**. Let's help feed our neighbours. Donations collected 3rd Sunday of the month.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

- Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 1:00, 2:00 to 5:00
- Friday 9:00 to 1:00

## YOUTH ACTIVATE NIGHT—SEPT. 20

Youth, Grades 5 and up! Join Jocelyn for a night at Activate, Burlington! Only 13 spots remaining. Come get to know new and existing friends. 6pm—8pm. Cost \$30. Payment can be made on our website at [www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca) Financial assistance available. Learn more at <https://activate.ca/> or contact Jocelyn or contact Jocelyn Birkes at [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca)

## READERS ORIENTATION/REFRESHER—SEPT. 27

Interested in being a reader/worship assistant for services? Or would you like a “refresher” chance to gather with other readers and practice in the sanctuary? Join Rev. Michael Brooks in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, Sept. 27** from **7:30pm to 8:30pm**.

## GODLY PLAY MEET UP—SEPT. 30

Join Children and Youth Ministry for a Godly Play Meet Up! Our intentions include: welcoming in new door people, hearing a story, talking through story teller/door person responsibilities, and looking ahead to a new school year together! No teaching or childcare experience needed, and can be flexible, with monthly or seasonal commitment. We're looking for volunteer who are welcoming and curious! This training is required for all those who wish to volunteer.

For more information, please contact:

Jocelyn Birkes at [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca) or 905-518-1226

## TAIZE PRAYER – OCT. 15 AND NOV. 26

A reflective way to end the day and begin the week. Repetitive chant-like music, readings and silence in the candlelit beauty of the sanctuary. Both services start at 7.30pm.

## FALL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT PORT NELSON!

We are always thrilled to welcome new members to the choir! Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:30—9:30pm, with worship on Sunday mornings! There are also a few positions open in our 2 Handbell Ensembles. Some experience with bells is preferred but not absolutely necessary. Rehearsals are Mondays for 1 hour with Bellissima Bells starting at 4:30pm, and BelAirs Ensemble at 7:00pm. Speak with Mark following worship, or email him at [mark@portnelson.ca](mailto:mark@portnelson.ca)

## NAME TAGS

Would you like a new name tag? \$10.74 for a magnetic back, plus tax and \$10.17 for a pin closure. Payment can be made through the office or at [www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca) For further questions, please contact Karen Guyatt at [guyattk@gmail.com](mailto:guyattk@gmail.com)

## A CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER AT GORE PARK

On September 23rd, we are offering an opportunity for those interested to come and volunteer at Gore Park. You will be assigned to a section (ie offering sandwiches). We will meet at the church at 10am and carpool. You will be back to the church by 2pm  
If you are interested please contact Nancy McKenzie 905-483-0858 or [nancymckenzie59@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckenzie59@gmail.com)

## CALL FOR HELP

If you would like to help drive a family to a few medical appointments at McMaster Children's Hospital this Fall, could you please email Jay Poitras at [poitrasj@hdsb.ca](mailto:poitrasj@hdsb.ca)

## SMALL GROUPS

### Tuesday Zoom Café ReZooms on September 12.

All are welcome to join us **Tuesdays at 10:30am** on Zoom for our weekly discussion group. See Zoom links in the Events Section of the Port Nelson Website.

Please note that the group will meet in person at the church on **October 3rd and 10th**. For information contact Marilyn Parsons at [parsonsm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:parsonsm@mcmaster.ca) or 905 637 5983. Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85625032893?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85625032893?pwd=Y2xqS0ZMUnBKcnQ4NDRhRSs4UIJZUT09)

[pwd=Y2xqS0ZMUnBKcnQ4NDRhRSs4UIJZUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85625032893?pwd=Y2xqS0ZMUnBKcnQ4NDRhRSs4UIJZUT09)

Meeting ID: 856 2503 2893 Passcode: 2ArtnY

### Caring Wisdom Circle—Returns on Thursday Sept. 14

**at 1:30—3:00pm** 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. For information email [laurelg43@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)

### Meditation Mondays—Begins on Monday Oct. 30

**6:45—8:00pm** in the Family Room. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring water. For information email [laurelg43@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)

## PORT NELSON FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE

Looking for a great way to spend an afternoon or evening? Join friends, new and old, for a game of bridge, followed by coffee and dessert, within the comfort of each other's homes. If you have any questions, please contact Barry & Carol Acheson 905-637-1222 or [bandcacheson@outlook.com](mailto:bandcacheson@outlook.com) or Beth & Henk Kuiper 905-639-7131 [bhkuiper@sympatico.ca](mailto:bhkuiper@sympatico.ca)

## THE GARDENS OF PORT NELSON

Would you like to become involved with the gardens? Two ways to help with the gardening work: first there is a work morning planned for **September 23, 10—12:30pm**. We will be making two new garden beds for pollinator plants on the west lawn in order to be in compliance with our application to the city for funding. Secondly, a garden committee is being formed. We will meet 2 or 3 times a year, spring and fall. The main purpose is for the group to provide feedback and ideas on the gardens, what is needed, what to change, what to keep, provide some vision. If you have an interest in either of these ways to help, please contact June at [fjunewright@sympatico.ca](mailto:fjunewright@sympatico.ca) or 905-483-5863. We are blessed at Port Nelson to have this beautiful green environment.

## STAFF UPDATE

Our Admin Assistant, Dawn Epp-Ruitenbergh has moved onto other endeavours. We wish her well in all that she does.

## MISTLETOE MART : HOW CAN YOU HELP?

How can you help make Mistletoe Mart a success? Please consider donating the following:

**BAKING/PRESERVES, KNITTING** (Contact Kerry McCarten for donated yarns, [kerrymccarten@gmail.com](mailto:kerrymccarten@gmail.com) or 905 977 0970), and **SEWING** (Contact Judy Totten for fabric and patterns, [tetotten@gmail.com](mailto:tetotten@gmail.com) or 905 681 2274).

## DISHWASHERS NEEDED

On Saturday afternoons, from 2pm - 4pm Meals of Hope needs volunteers to help clean with the pans that return from Gore Park. We have two very faithful dishwashers already. It would be helpful to add a few more to this team. STUDENTS! Hours ready and waiting. ANY AND ALL WELCOME!!!