

## 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 19, 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 Eliza Kurth: [liza.m.k.20@gmail.com](mailto:liza.m.k.20@gmail.com)

**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. 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  
Shazia Montgomery, Administrative Assistant  
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: **Margaret & Richard Hensen, Ham Jukes**

Online Greeter: **David Bagshaw**

AV: **Anna Finnigan, Luke Powell, Eric Powell**

### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Several people have expressed interest in becoming full members of Port Nelson. If you are interested in exploring this, please contact:

Rev. Michael Brooks: [michael@portnelson.ca](mailto:michael@portnelson.ca), or 905 637 5631. We plan to receive new members during the service on **Sunday, November 26**.

### UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Nov 26 Reign of Christ Sunday  
*Reception of New Members*  
Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent  
*Celebration of Communion*

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1	Donna Duncombe	Nov 11	Yvonne LeBlanc
Nov 4	Alyson Wall	Nov 21	Joanne LeBlanc
Nov 4	Doris Thompson-Grant	Nov 22	Bren Thomblison
Nov 8	Brian Duncombe	Nov 26	Graydon Wei-Palmer
Nov 9	Claire Sweeny	Nov 28	June Wright
Nov 11	Ryan Hudson	Nov 29	Jacki Kingston
Nov 11	Gail Kiefhaber	Nov 30	Charlotte Tays

### IT'S EASY

Did you know you can make a gift of listed securities to Port Nelson, receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the shares, AND pay no capital gains tax? Giving doesn't get much better than that, and it's an easy process, too. Top up your annual giving to Port Nelson with a gift of securities. 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 email [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.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ADULT GROUPS

#### TUESDAY ZOOM CAFE 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. 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=Y2xqS0ZMUhBkcnQ4NDRhRSs4UjJZUT09)

[pwd=Y2xqS0ZMUhBkcnQ4NDRhRSs4UjJZUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85625032893?pwd=Y2xqS0ZMUhBkcnQ4NDRhRSs4UjJZUT09)

Meeting ID: 856 2503 2893 Passcode: 2ArM Y

**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)

### LOVING YOUR LIFE TO DEATH—NOV. 22

#### **Seminar on End-of-Life Concerns**

##### **Planning End-of-Life Observances, 11am-12pm**

Rev. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister at Port Nelson shares about planning funerals, memorials and other end-of-life events. Wednesday, Nov. 22.

To register, visit [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca). Attending the seminar is free, there is a \$10 cost if you wish to stay for lunch.

### PA DAY CAMP—NOV. 24

Kids from SK to Grade 6: Spend your P.A. day at Port Nelson! Enjoy a day of activities, including a session with our friends CRASH Rhythm! Snacks are provided, but campers are asked to bring their own lunch. Cost: \$25. Limited spots left, register now! If you have questions reach out to Jocelyn at: [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca).

### ADVENT FAMILY EVENT AND DINNER—NOV. 26

Help us welcome the coming of Advent at this all-ages event that includes activities, dinner and songs of Taize. Feel free to attend one, two or all three options, please register at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca) by November 20 for a chance to win a door prize.

Also looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen during the dinner, if interested, please contact Jocelyn at: [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca).

### TAIZE PRAYER—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. Service starts at 7.30pm.

### TORONTO MEMORY CLINIC—NOV. 27

The Toronto Memory Clinic is coming to Port Nelson to conduct cheek swab testing. Dr. Sharon Cohen spoke to us in May and she is a leading expert on Alzheimer's Disease. This cheek swab test will determine your genetic risk for Alzheimer's Disease. There is no cost for this clinic, however space is limited. Testing will take place on Monday, November 27 at 11:00 am and 12:00 pm. To book a spot for this testing please contact Rob Warman at 905-333-0733.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU

What a wonderful team effort to prepare for and make happen Mistletoe Mart 2023! Thank you to all of June Wright's AMAZING TEAM! A particular thank you also to our Director of Music Dr. Mark Ruhnke and guests Tanya Sanders and Bryan Hoover who provided a special musical tribute at 11 am on Remembrance Day in the midst of Mistletoe Mart. The haunting bugle/trumpet tones playing Reveille and The Last Post were exceptionally moving! Thank you also to our Operations Manager, Christine Chesebrough and our Assistant Administrator Shazia Montgomery for the many tasks you assisted doing as well as our amazing Custodian Douglas Fraser and his assistant Nathan McComb who assisted everywhere for several days! Your work in the background helped make this event happen! - Your M & P Committee

### SCENTSETIVITY

As many as one million Canadians experience physical symptoms when exposed to chemicals in the air. Please refrain from wearing perfume, scented lotion or aftershave to meetings and services to ensure the health and comfort of those attending Port Nelson who may have such sensitivities. Thank you!

### CONTACTING THE OFFICE

Any needs regarding room rentals, hosting events, operations or finance; please contact Christine at [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca).

If you have questions about the church or events, have any administration needs, or if you want to share information on our platforms; please contact Shazia at [assistant@portnelson.ca](mailto:assistant@portnelson.ca).

### 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 26th. If you have a student in our church family who is in University or College, please send their name, address, and year of study to [claire.sweeny88@gmail.com](mailto:claire.sweeny88@gmail.com).



### LOST AND FOUND

A portable charger was found in the couch in the library. If you think it may be yours please contact the office or email [assistant@portnelson.ca](mailto:assistant@portnelson.ca).

### GREENING TIP



Upcycle leftover food. If composting isn't an option, you can reuse food that would otherwise get tossed out for other things like desserts, soups and broth, juice, treats for your pets, or the backyard bird feeder. Even old, dry bread can be turned into yummy salad toppers.