

**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**  
**February 11, 2024**

**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)

**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 Iffe, 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: **Karen Guyatt, Michael Morgan, Rick Waldhauser**  
Online Greeter: **Mary Carey**  
AV: **Chris Emery, Austin Beattie, Roy Campbell**

**BAPTISM**

We are delighted to welcome this morning into the faith family through the Sacrament of Baptism **Olivia Ann Chikosa**, child of Lynda and Mark Chikosa and brother of Nathan Chikosa. Introducing Olivia on behalf of the church family is Richard Hensen, Chairperson of the Church Board.

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM**

February 18	First Sunday in Lent <i>Imposition of Ashes</i>
February 25	Second Sunday in Lent
March 3	Third Sunday in Lent <i>Sacrament of Communion</i>

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Feb 1	Marlene Hall	Feb 13	Audrey Rogers
Feb 3	Diane Handcock	Feb 13	Ray Smith
Feb 6	Janine Tripp	Feb 22	Darryl Mitchell
Feb 7	Karen Rice	Feb 26	Lucy Liddle
Feb 11	Richard Hensen	Feb 28	Jack Heeney
Feb 11	Grant Sweeny	Feb 28	Marguerite Smith
Feb 12	Ken Posgate	Feb 29	Jen Newton
Feb 12	Margaret Rivett	Feb 29	Carolyn Whiskin

**AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE**

A gift to Port Nelson United Church from your estate could make a world of difference to our congregation in the future. A bequest is easy to arrange and something you will find so very satisfying to do. For information, contact Tod Wright at [905-639-8268](tel:905-639-8268) or [tod.wright@sympatico.ca](mailto:tod.wright@sympatico.ca) or contact Marty Wamsley at [905-681-6216](tel: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.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**The church and the office will be CLOSED on February 19 for Family Day.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ADULT GROUPS

**Tuesday Zoom Cafes** —You are welcome to join us on Tuesdays from 1030 to 1130 am. Please contact Marilyn Parsons at [parsonsm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:parsonsm@mcmaster.ca) or **905 637 5983** for further information.

Meeting ID: **824 1862 1088** Passcode: **2ArtnY**

**Caring Wisdom Circle—Thursdays from 1:30—3:00pm.**  
Exploring active aging, embracing body, mind and spirit!  
Current book *The MAKING OF AN OLD SOUL*  
Thursday 1:30 to 3:00 in the Family Room!  
Please Contact Laurel Grace. [laurelg43@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)

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

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER—FEB. 13

Men-in-Aprons will be hosting the deluxe PNUC Pancake Supper soon! Supper will consist of pancakes, sausage, bacon, maple syrup, coffee, juice and ice cream bars for the young and young-at-heart. Cost is \$15/adult, \$10/child or \$30 per family. There will be a 5pm sitting and a 6pm sitting. Please register online at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca) or by phoning the office at **905-637-5631**.

### PA DAY CAMP—FEB. 16

PA Day Camp is on Friday, February 16 8:30am-3:30pm with a Pizza lunch. It's \$30.00 per child. Registration is open online at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca). If you have questions email [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca).

### LASER TAG WITH PINNACLE YOUTH—FEB. 16

Youth Gr 6-12 are invited to a laser tag outing on Friday, February 16 at 7pm. Register online at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca) and if you have questions contact [jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca). Transportation is being arranged to leave from Port Nelson at 6:30pm.

### VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE FORMER MOHAWK INSTITUTE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL—FEB. 18 @ 12:00 PM

Sponsored by the Affirm Ministry of Port Nelson United Church, this virtual tour will guide you through the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School, giving the history of the institution over its 140-year history. Viewers will get to see different rooms inside the school, from the girls' and boys' dormitories, the cafeteria, laundry room, and other rooms throughout the building as well as hear interviews from five survivors. please contact Cindy Powell [cwstorr@gmail.com](mailto:cwstorr@gmail.com) to sign up or use the Sign Up form on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Grab a hot bowl of soup before the virtual tour. Free will donations are being accepted on behalf of the Raslan family.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY CO-OP MEETING—FEB. 21

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the PNUC Renewable Energy Cooperative to be held **Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm via ZOOM**. The link for the meeting can be found in the Friday email newsletter and on the church website on the Events listing. The Renewable Energy Co-op is a separate entity from Port Nelson Church that manages the solar panels on the church roof, the EV charging stations in the church parking lot, and other renewable energy initiatives. We are searching for people interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Renewable Energy Co-op to be elected at the meeting. If you would like to know more, please contact Jeremy Day, President of the Co-op: [jday@rechargeables.ca](mailto:jday@rechargeables.ca).

### INTERGENERATIONAL GAMES NIGHT—FEB. 24

Join us for our Intergenerational Games Night on February 24 at 6:30 pm in the Roseland Room. Come one, come all! Everyone is welcome for an evening of fun and community playing some classic, and not-so-classic board games. Consider bringing 'finger-food' desserts to share (cupcakes, candies or cookies). Peanut and tree nut free please. Please RSVP to Cindy Powell by February 21st at [cwstorr@gmail.com](mailto:cwstorr@gmail.com).

### "AGEING TO SAGE-ING" WORKSHOP—FEB. 28

Ralph Benmergui will be offering a workshop at Port Nelson on Feb. 28 from 10am until 3pm. Lunch will be provided by Men With Aprons.. In this powerful one day workshop, we will gather to explore our ideas and feelings about getting older. By embracing our elder selves we can renew purpose and celebrate the fact that we are "Old and Improved!" In a safe and welcoming environment we'll talk, write, share and learn. Let's not back in to our elder years but instead, celebrate the gifts it brings us as we move from Age-ing to Sage-ing. Cost is \$40 per person. Subsidies are available. Sign up online. Note: this workshop is limited to 20 people.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—FEB. 28

This year's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, February 28, from 7:00 to 8:15 pm**. Please plan to join us. The link can be found in the Friday email newsletter and on the Church website in the Events Listing.

### GLEE CAMP REGISTRATION—FEB. 29



It's that time of year.....Glee Camp registration! Registration will open online at 9:00am on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. No in person registration.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLING PORT NELSON HOME

Are you interested in joining Port Nelson as a member? Do you have questions or would you like to know more about the church family? Rev. Michael Brooks will be hosting an Inquirers Group: *Calling Port Nelson Home* in March/April. This will be online and/or in-person, depending on those participating. Contact [michael@portnelson.ca](mailto:michael@portnelson.ca) if you are interested.

### ON A JOURNEY: STEWARDSHIP 2024



Our stewardship focus this year is *On a Journey*. **The Port Nelson 2024 operating budget is in need of an additional \$63,000, an**

**increase of 10%, to reach a balanced position.** The church's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 at which time our 2024 Operating Budget will be approved. It would be wonderful if we could celebrate achieving our target of a \$63,000 increase in givings at that meeting. In order to achieve this, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete and **return your pledge card (or make your pledge online at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca)) by Friday February 16, 2024**. Visit the church website for further details. Thanks!

### GREENING TIP

**Bond with nature:** Get out of the house, go for a walk, and bond with nature. This can give you a fresh perspective on the world and your place in it. Technology and all the other demands of the modern world will still be there when you get back.