

**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  
March 31, 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 Iife, Security/Lock-up
- Charles Donaldson, 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: **Jane Wei, Jordan Palmer and Family, Ham Jukes**  
Online Greeter: **Margaret Jane Wallace**  
AV: **Chris Emery, Al Kingston, Roy Campbell**

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM**

- April 7 Second Sunday of Easter  
*Celebration of Communion*
- April 14 Third Sunday of Easter  
*1<sup>st</sup> Port Nelson Scouts are our guests*
- April 21 Good Shepherd Sunday/Earth Day
- April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter/Enduring Gifts

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 3	Zoe Glenn	April 17	Cameron Laurie
April 3	Claire Whiskin	April 17	Courtney Laurie
April 4	Megan Tripp	April 19	Amanda Blake
April 6	Jill Jukes	April 19	Alice Liddle
April 7	Brian Snell	April 20	Eliza Kurth
April 10	Kerry McCarten	April 22	Heather Hudson
April 10	Jay Poitras	April 22	Beth Kuiper
April 11	Joan Thomblison	April 22	Andrea Whiskin
April 11	Jane Wei	April 25	Beth Hancox
April 13	Amanda Tripp	April 27	Pam Butler
April 14	Scott Farrell	April 28	John Zinkie
April 15	Tammy White		

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

One of our donors shared recently that she has remembered Port Nelson with a gift in her will because she knew it would “make a difference”. How true! For information on how you can make a difference to the future of our congregation, please 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

## 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. **Note: April 9 Zoom is cancelled.** 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)

### WOMEN IN THE BIBLE—APR. 2

A 5-week 'Women in the Bible' Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm in the Family Room. We will meet on Apr. 2nd, 9th & 30th; as well as May 7th & 14th. Books will be provided to be borrowed. Please let Candy Harvey know if you are interested in attending, so that we can make sure that we have enough books. [candy.harvey2@gmail.com](mailto:candy.harvey2@gmail.com).

### TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE—APR. 14

A service of prayer with the songs of Taize will be offered **Sunday, April 14 at 7.30pm**. All are welcome for a time of reflection and prayer as we end the day and begin the new week. Candlelight, reflective music, readings, and silence.

### DANIEL(LE) IN THE LIONS' DEN PERFORMANCE—APR. 16

Join us in the Roseland Room as Port Nelson's **Afterschool Drop-In Troupe** present their version of **Daniel(le) in the Lions' Den!** Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for snacks and refreshments, followed by the show at 6:00 p.m.! RSVP your spot at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca)! Come on out and support our youth! We look forward to seeing you there!

### CALLING PORT NELSON HOME—APR. 22

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? Join Rev. Michael Brooks and other key leaders of the church for an informal Inquirers Group: Calling Port Nelson Home on Monday, **April 22 from 7pm to 8.30pm**. This will be in-person at the church. Please let Michael know if you plan to attend: [michael@portnelson.ca](mailto:michael@portnelson.ca).

### THIRD ANNUAL GIANT BOOK SALE—APR. 27

Save the date—April 27th from 10:00am—2:00pm. Save your books, puzzles, CD's and DVDs to donate. Bring them in the week of April 21st. Save your money to buy "new to you" books, puzzles, CD's and DVD's. Questions? More information? Contact: Candy Harvey [candy.harvey@gmail.com](mailto:candy.harvey@gmail.com)

### PHOTO DIRECTORY

Your opportunity to be in the new PHOTO DIRECTORY is **HERE!** Sign up on the website or before and after church. You will receive your **FREE** directory and a \$20 dollar coupon towards the purchase of a picture. Photography appointments are April 22 -27, May 13 -17, 1:30 to 8:30 weekdays, Saturday 9:30-4:00. **TIME NEEDED:** 45 minutes to have your photo taken, to choose the directory picture and perhaps the picture to purchase.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 April 5th, 2024 .

### BURLINGTON FOOD BANK



The need for food assistance in Burlington continues. Bring non-perishable food donations to the church, or monetary contributions, the 3rd Sunday of the month.

### GLEE CAMP COUNSELLOR APPLICATIONS

Counsellor applications are now open for any student who is between Gr 8 -12. Applications are due April 19th at 5pm. We are in need of a music leader for children between SK – Gr. 5 on week 2 (July 22 - July 26) from 1:00-1:45pm and 2:00-2:45pm. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please reach out to Jocelyn Birkes:

[jocelyn@portnelson.ca](mailto:jocelyn@portnelson.ca). This is a paid position.

### ARE YOU UP TO PAR?

Did you know that 106 church families give each month through **PAR? Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is a financial gift to the church by automatic monthly debit from an individual's bank account. It is a convenient way to give, providing a consistent revenue stream for the church. You can sign up for **PAR** through the church office by completing a form and including a void cheque. At any time, changes to your gift or pledge can be made by notifying the church office. Questions? Please contact [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca).

### ISSUES WITH LIVESTREAMING

We know there are many in the church family and around the world who worship with us online each week. You are part of the Port Nelson family! We have had significant issues with the livestreaming sound the last few weeks. Please know we are aware of the issues and are working very hard to resolve them as quickly as we possibly can. We appreciate your patience. If you ever experience issues with the livestreaming, please know that you can almost always go back into YouTube later in the day on Sunday and watch the service and a video will have been posted which should be free of the issues.

### GREENING TIP



**Eat out less.** Cooking at home cuts down on gas usage and earth-destroying takeout containers. Plus, one study found that eating out can contribute to greenhouse gas emissions more so than eating meat.

### OUT OF OFFICE

**Rev. Michael Brooks** will be off this coming Wednesday, April 3 until Saturday, April 6. He returns next Sunday, April 7.