

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
May 12, 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

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 or Jocelyn Birkes 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

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
- Charles Donaldson, Bookkeeper
- Austin Beattie, Kitchen Coordinator

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- E-transfer**—office@portnelson.ca
- Online giving**—www.portnelson.ca
- Credit/Debit**—accepted at office & after worship
- Cheques**—may be mailed or brought to the church. Please make all cheques payable to Port Nelson United 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

Greeters: Karen O'Halloran, Marilyn Webb, Rick Waldhauser

Online Greeter: Cathy Greven

AV: Miriam Ridge, Chris Emery, Roy Campbell

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

- May 19 Festival of Pentecost
- May 26 Trinity Sunday
- June 2 Affirm Sunday

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| May 4 | Anne Smith | May 25 | Leslie Harrison |
| May 5 | Eric Powell | May 28 | Joanne Corner |
| May 5 | Kate S. | May 28 | Ruth McQuirter |
| May 14 | Sharon Hollingsworth | | |
| May 24 | Kiera M. | May 30 | Pat O'Neill |



PORT NELSON LEGACY CIRCLE



This honorary group includes all those who have remembered Port Nelson in their estate plans with a bequest, gift of insurance, annuity or some other type of planned legacy gift. Today we

acknowledge our legacy giving donors and at the same time, encourage others to consider joining their ranks. Legacy gifts can and do make a lasting difference. For information, please 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.

PRAYER TEAM REQUESTS?

Offers prayers, in confidence. Contact Mary Carey at careymb75@gmail.com or 905-634-3898.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 1:00, 2:00 to 4:00
- Friday 9:00 to 1:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT GROUPS

Tuesday Zoom Cafes —Cancelled on May 14th. Will rezoom on May 21st at 1030.
Contact Marilyn Parsons **905 637 5093** or parsonsm@mcmaster.ca

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

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

SESSION ON LEADING PRAYERS—MAY 28

Are you interested in possibly leading prayers in worship services? Rev. Michael Brooks is offering a session on public prayer on **Tuesday, May 28 at 7.30pm**. All are welcome, even if you'd just like to explore this possibility. Questions? Contact Michael:
michael@portnelson.ca

33RD ANNUAL CASE FOR KIDS WALK—JUNE 2

Sunday June 2nd is the **33rd Annual Case for Kids walk**, a community event and fundraiser for Wesley's Children and Youth Programs. We hope you will participate after the service at Bayfront Park, Hamilton. Join the PNUC team and walk (1:30), share with friends, family and coworkers and/or consider making a donation. We will be carpooling this year from the church.

Please visit: <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6swVPd> to join the team or donate...no matter how big or small, every donation makes a difference. You can also see **Susan Redgrave** following the service.

CAMP OPPORTUNITY GR. 4-8—JUNE 7/8

Kids Across the Regions is a fun, faith-filled weekend for children (in grades 4-8) from across the three regional councils of Antler River Watershed, Western Ontario Waterways and Horseshoe Falls of The United Church of Canada! Opportunities for high school councillors available! Leaving Friday June 7th and coming back Saturday June 8th at Camp Bimini, St. Paul's, ON!
APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MAY 24th**
Contact **Jocelyn Birkes**: jocelyn@portnelson.ca for more info and to register!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER STUDENT POSITION AVAILABLE

Burlington Baptist Church is hoping to hire a student for 8 weeks this summer to help us with several task, including archiving of records, cleaning and reorganizing of storage spaces, and perhaps some leadership with our Vacation Bible School program. We're looking for someone who is familiar with church life, has good computer skills and a strong work ethic, and who is motivated and self-directed. Students who might be appropriate, please forward a short resume by May 22 to office@burlingtonbaptist.com.

GARDENERS NEEDED

It is time for a spring clean up of the gardens beds at Port Nelson. We need 8-10 willing souls to weed, transplant, edge and distribute mulch.
When: Saturday May 11th from 10 to 12.
You don't have to preregister but I would be delighted to know if you might be coming with a shovel and secateurs. Call or email June Wright with questions, **905-639-8268**, fjunewright@sympatico.ca.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

The last photography days for the photo directory are May 13 to 17. There are a few cancelled appointments. If you would like to have your photograph taken and receive a new directory, please call Jean Redgrave, **905 332 0229**.

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.

GREENING TIP



Make your own cleaning products.

From cleaning your toilet to mopping your floors, there are super easy ways to do this with homemade products that don't require harsh chemicals in plastic bottles.

HALTON PRIDEFEST: WE NEED YOU—JUNE 1

Port Nelson will have a presence this year at Pridefest and we need your help! Pridefest 2024 will be at Hidden Valley Park in Burlington from 10 am - 5 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help staff our booth. Please sign up for a 2-hour shift and help share Port Nelson with Burlington!

<https://tinyurl.com/PNUCPride>

AV VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a fantastic AV crew and are looking to expand. If you are interested in this very important volunteer opportunity, please contact Christine at office@portnelson.ca for more information.

SEEDS OF LIFE UPDATE

seeds of life A huge THANKS to everyone who has contributed so far toward our 2024 Seeds of Life Growing Project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The good news is that, as of May 7, we have received **\$7,100** toward our goal of \$7,200 for our 24-acre share of the crop costs. Well done! If you'd still like to contribute, visit portnelson.ca and, under "Give," click "Seeds of Life." There are also brochures in the Gathering Place at the church.

REV. MICHAEL BROOKS

Michael Brooks is on study leave from May 13 until May 20, attending the Festival of Preaching in Pittsburgh. He returns Tuesday, May 21.

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.