

**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  
June 9, 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 Ife, 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. 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](http://www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch)

Greeters: **Colleen & Enn Vali, Richard Waldhauser**  
 Online Greeter: **Cathy Greven**  
 AV: **Eric Powell, Luke Powell**

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM**

- June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Father's Day*
- June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Celebration of Children, youth & music*  
*Ministries BBQ lunch following service*

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

June 2	Margaret Hensen	June 20	Sharon Ife
June 2	McKenna Wilkes	June 21	Adrian Beesley
June 6	Sam Farrell	June 21	Irene Crawford
June 7	Deborah Pope Miller	June 21	Lynn Haniuak
June 11	Alan Tompkins	June 24	Chris Emery
June 14	Kim McGrath	June 24	Martha Reynolds
June 16	MargaretJane Wallace	June 30	Bonnie Gowe
June 17	Rod McGrath	June 30	Dawna McDade
June 17	Quinn Thomblison	June 30	Luke Powell
June 18	Jeff Thomblison		



**PRESERVE AND ENABLE**

Preserve our heritage. Enable our future. Remembering Port Nelson Church with a bequest or some other type of legacy gift will ensure just that. You may direct you gift of any amount to any area of our congregation's work. To quote one of our bequest donors: "Port Nelson uses my annual offerings effectively and well to do good. I know it will be the same after I'm gone." For information, 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 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 4:00
- Friday 9:00 to 1:00

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ADULT GROUPS

**Caring Wisdom Circle**—Join us for our last Caring Wisdom Circle on Thursday, June 13 from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Family Room. After which we will take a break until the Fall. Please Contact Laurel Grace.

[laurelg43@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg43@gmail.com)

### BIRDS AND CREATION—JUNE 9

Come create in a celebration of creation. We will meet Mountsberg's Birds of Prey, do an arts project together, and meet new and old friends. Come, gather, create, learn and have fun from 3:30pm—5:30pm in the Roseland Room. Free event. Donations accepted. Register online at [portnelson.ca](http://portnelson.ca) by Sunday, June 2 for chance to win door prize!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRIDE COOKIES

Pinnacle Youth will be having a sleepover Saturday to Sunday and making Pride cookies to sell after service to raise funds for local 2SLGBTQIA+ organization.

### STAFF VACATIONS

**Rev. Michael Brooks** is in Portland, Oregon this weekend attending a wedding. He returns Tuesday, June 11. **Mark Ruhnke**, Director of Music, is at St Andrew's United Church in Toronto this weekend for the retirement celebrations of a former colleague.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Port Nelson United Church is currently recruiting a Security and Lock-up person. Responsibilities include ensuring that the interior and exterior of the church building are secure at the end of each day. Resumes should be submitted to Marilyn Parsons, Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee through the church office or email [parsonsm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:parsonsm@mcmaster.ca) until 4 pm on June 14, 2024. Please use Word™ if submitting electronically.

### LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Did you know that, following a course of study, the United Church of Canada licenses lay people to preach and lead worship? The next online course module begins in September. Are you interested in exploring this? Speak to Rev. Michael Brooks who is one of the teachers in the Lay Worship Leaders program for the United Church.

## 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



**Avoid palm oil (or look for ethically sourced).**

Harvesting palm oil results in wiping out rainforests, pushing animals like orangutans toward extinction and harming indigenous peoples. While some "experts" argue that refusing to consume palm oil is detrimental (because the alternative is worse) it should be said that greed within this industry is very real. Sustainable palm oil exists, and many companies are finally seeing the light and including it in their products.

## NAME TAGS

Would you like a new name tag? This will be the last order before the fall. \$10.74 for a magnetic back, plus tax and \$10.17 for a pin closure. Please let Karen know if you would like to include your pronouns on the name tags. In considering space; the options are: She/her; He/his and They/their. Payment can be made through the office or at [www.portnelson.ca](http://www.portnelson.ca) —please specify "name tag". Contact Karen Guyatt at [guyattk@gmail.com](mailto:guyattk@gmail.com).

## FROM THE MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thank you to Lilly Ife for her commitment as the lock up person for the last several years. Through rain and snow Lilly ensured that the building was secure every night. Lilly has resigned and her last day is June 28th. Our best wishes go to her as she heads off to university in September. Thank you also to Austin Beattie for his contribution as the Kitchen Coordinator. Austin resigned effective May 23<sup>rd</sup>, to focus on his new full-time job. We wish him all the best in this new opportunity.

Our Community of Faith is thankful to both for their work within the roles and look forward to their continued involvement in the life and work of Port Nelson United Church.

## ONTARIO MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION: PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

Port Nelson will be hosting the Ontario Music Festival Association, Provincial Competitions from June 10—15 from 9:00am—5:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please drop in to hear some talented musicians and enjoy the music.

