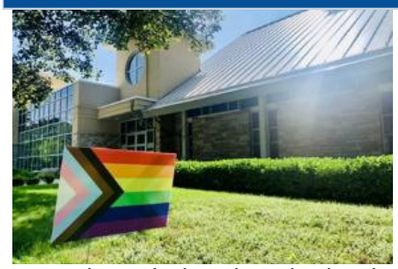
PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH NOTEBOOK — November 1, 2026

OUR VALUES: AFFIRMING—CARING—GROWING SPIRITUALLY—REACHING OUT



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.

TODAY

Find the service livestreamed on our Port Nelson YouTube channel at:
www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

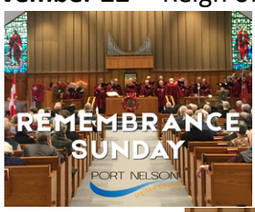
There are many opportunities to contribute to the needs in our community and to the life and work of Port Nelson United Church. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to find all the ways you can give.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM

November 8th Remembrance Sunday

November 15th Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Communion

November 22nd Reign of Christ and Baptisms



CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Nursery is staffed by two people starting at 10:15AM and located on the lower level for infants and toddlers with a pager available.

Godly Play is for children SK to Grade 6 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".

Pinnacle Young Leaders is for youth in Grades 7-12 to build leadership skills & to explore current issues from a faith perspective. The youth join their family in the worship space at the beginning of worship, then head out to the Youth Room at the "Sharing of the Peace".

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 - Donna Duncombe
Nov. 1 - Ryan Memme
Nov. 4 - Alyson Wall
Nov. 4 - Doris Thompson-Grant
Nov. 4 - David Bagshaw
Nov. 7 - Kathryn Filsinger
Nov. 8 - Brian Duncombe
Nov. 9 - Claire Sweeny
Nov. 11 - Gail Kiefhaber
Nov. 11 - Ryan Hudson
Nov. 11 - Martha Disher
Nov. 11 - Yvonne LeBlanc
Nov. 22 - Bren Thomblison
Nov. 25 - Ethel Edey
Nov. 26 - Graydon Wei-Palmer
Nov. 28 - June Wright
Nov. 29 - Jacki Kingston
Nov. 30 - Charlotte Tays

CALLING PORT NELSON HOME

Are you relatively new to Port Nelson? Would you like to learn more about our church family, about the United Church, about the Christian faith? Are you wondering what membership at Port Nelson looks like? A gathering is being planned for November. Contact Rev. Michael Brooks if you are interested in knowing more: michael@portnelson.ca

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 22nd, 2026** and **Sunday, January 10th, 2027**. If you are interested in the sacrament of Baptism for you or someone in your family, contact Rev. Michael Brooks: michael@portnelson.ca

INVITATION TO YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2027

Confirmation is an opportunity for youth and adults to affirm their baptismal vows and make an intentional, public declaration of their faith and belonging within the faith community. We are exploring a youth confirmation program for Winter 2027 that follows an action–reflection model, offering opportunities to put faith into action through outreach and service, while making space for reflection, conversation, and exploring what faith means to them. If you know a young person in Grades 9–12 who may be interested in participating or has any questions, please reach out to Jocelyn Birkes jocelyn@portnelson.ca by **November 8th**.

PRAYER TEAM REQUESTS

Please request prayers by using the prayer request cards in the pews for placement in the prayer boxes or email Mary Carey at careymb75@gmail.com. New members are always welcome. Please contact Mary if you wish to become part of the Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TAIZE PRAYER NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:30PM

A Service of Prayer with the Songs of Taize will be held **Sunday, November 8th** at **7:30PM**. All are welcome to this reflective way to end the day and begin the new week.

COMPLETING THE JOURNEY: PREPARTION FOR LIFE'S FINAL CHAPTER NOVEMBER 24TH

Preparation for Life's Final Chapter
Please Join Us for a 'Funeral Planning Seminar'
Led by Rev. Michael Brooks
Tuesday, November 24th 1:30 PM to 3PM.
Port Nelson United Church Family Room

WARM WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE NOV. 21st

Port Nelson's Warm Winter Clothing Drive is happening on **Saturday November 21st from 10AM to 2PM**. Like last year, there is still a great need in our community to prepare for winter. This year clothes will be shared with Burlington Outreach (including those living rough in the encampments) and Gore Park Community Outreach..
Special Needs:
• Outerwear (coats, snowsuits)
• New wool blend socks
• pocket sized hand creams/lip balm
Please bring your items to Port Nelson on **November 21st** parking lot door.

SMALL GROUPS

***Comfort Crafters:** 4th Friday of each month at **9:30AM**
***Book Lovers:** Last Wednesday of the month at **1:00PM**
***Caring Wisdom Circle:** We opened our Circle on Thursday, October 1st with the sound of meditation bells and sharing the following intention: " With a loving and grateful heart we open the Circle to listen, to share & to inspire joy & healing for ourselves and the world. Book inspiration by Anne Lamont, SOMEHOW-thoughts on Love. The Circle is open so if you are curious please drop in and experience a warm welcome. The Family Room **Thursdays 1:30-3:00PM**
Further Questions? Laurelg43@gmail.com
***Monday Meditation:** Starting **Monday October 19th Time: 7-8PM Place: Family room** Wear comfortable clothing and something to drink. Please come a little before 7 so we can start promptly at 7PM Contact Laurelg43@gmail.com if you would like to attend as we have limited space.

SHORT TERM PARKING SPACES

Please note that two (2) parking spots have been designated as short-term (15-minute) parking, **Monday** to **Friday, 9AM to 5PM**. These spots are beside the bike rack across from the main entrance. With the increasing use of the building for events, those who are attending midweek for short-term reasons can use these spots when the lot is full. These spots are available for longer than 15 minutes on evenings and weekends, including Sunday mornings.

PODCASTS FROM PORT NELSON

We are pleased to launch a new podcast series "Window on the Word" that features past sermons from Port Nelson. You can access the podcasts on the church website: https://portnelson.ca/services/past-sermons-window-on-the-word

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you may leave your RRSPs or RIFs directly to Port Nelson? When we die, these investments become fully taxable. If you leave them to the church, the tax receipt your estate will receive will significantly off set the tax impact on your estate. And so you will be able to leave more. Like to explore possibilities? Please contact Tod Wright at 905-639-8268 or tod.wright@sympatico.ca or Marty Wamsley at 905-681-6216 or martyjwamsley@gmail.com

An enduring gift—it's ours to leave.

Enduring Gifts
Port Nelson United Church

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that, on the church website portnelson.ca there are opportunities listed to volunteer time and service at Port Nelson? and, if you are a group or ministry leader and are in need of helpers, send a brief summary of the needs to the church office - office@portnelson.ca and it can be added to the Volunteer Opportunities page on the website.

MISTLETOE MART NOV. 14TH

Mistletoe Mart Insert:

Please see the Mistletoe Mart insert for information regarding **volunteers** as well as **donation timelines**. Volunteers are still needed. Your generous gifts of time and treasures are the heart of our bazaar's success.

Silent Auction Sneak Peak:

Here are just a few of the Silent Auction teasers on display in the Gathering Place:

- **Gourmet Duck Dinner for 11**
- Three tickets for the **CN Tower Edgewalk**
- **Lunch** with a **Canadian astronaut**
- A **Niagara-on-the-Lake** get-away package
- Two tickets for **Stratford Festival 2027**
- plus many more unique and exciting items!!

Bidding for items, either individually or as a group, takes place on **November 14th from 9AM - 2PM**.

Can you lend a hand? On **Friday, November 13th**, two volunteers, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, are needed to help set up the various displays.

Collectibles:

Collectibles needs your cleaned, polished, gently used items:

- Household goods for Granny's Attic
- Linens, tablecloths, napkins for Linens
- Silver, china, crystal and unique items for Fine Treasures
- Christmas decorations for the Christmas Corner
- Interesting items for Mystery Boxes

Donations may be placed at the back of the sanctuary from:
12:00PM November 8th - 12:00PM November 12th.
Not accepted to Collectibles again this year are electronics, puzzles, books or art.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday	9:00AM to 1:00PM
By appointment:	2:00PM to 4:00PM
Friday	9:00AM to 1:00PM