

## Special Appeals

Following natural disasters and world events such as floods, hurricanes and famine, The United Church of Canada frequently launches special appeals as a way for people to lend assistance. These are usually announced during Sunday worship services as needed.

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## United Church Mission & Service

Mission & Service connects our local church to the wider work of The United Church of Canada at home and around the world. At Port Nelson, 7 percent of all general offerings given are forwarded to Mission & Service, which is about \$34,000 each year. In addition, there are special appeals throughout the year to offer other opportunities for people to give. Contributions help support programs such as: Global and Canadian justice initiatives, Aboriginal ministries and right relations, Community ministries, theological education, youth and camping, intercultural engagement, support to remote ministries and innovation in communities of faith.

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## Wesley Urban Ministries: Case for Kids Event

Case for Kids is Wesley Urban Ministries' major annual fundraiser, held at Bay Front Park in Hamilton. A team of 10-12 people from Port Nelson typically participate in running, walking or riding bikes to end child poverty. There is opportunity for the church family to sponsor those participating.

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## Wesley Urban Ministries: Christmas Store

For the month of December, Wesley Urban Ministries hosts a no-charge Christmas store whereby people on the margins can shop for gifts and food items they may need for their families. Food items and gifts are gathered from the church family at the annual Gifts Service, which includes a drama written and performed by our Port Nelson youth. Then, the youth typically volunteer for a day at the Christmas store.

**2nd Sunday of December**

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## Reaching Out

*Jesus encouraged his followers to "Feed my sheep." (John 21:17) Since its beginning, Port Nelson has been reaching out, giving resources, time, money, and skills to support those in need. We strive to follow the words in 1 John 3:18 that we should "not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." We are ready to discover, encourage, and support new ways of sharing God's love.*

# REACHING OUT MINISTRIES

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## Adaptive Eyewear

Adaptive Eyewear refers to the project to take glasses and diagnostic equipment on Developing World Connections trips so that we can provide the gift of clearer vision to those who have no access to vision care in the communities we visit. So far, in partnership with Clearly Contacts, this has taken the form of thousands of pairs of sunglasses and readers to prevent cataracts and sun blindness and to address age related vision problems. In addition, the funds have purchased adjustable eyeglasses and smart phone based diagnostic equipment. We set up clinics by invitation, and our ultimate goal is to train a local person to use the equipment to become the ongoing eye care and vision expert in the community.

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## Burlington Food Bank

During the worship service, we receive an offering of food items and donations to help support the Burlington Food Bank.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month**

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## Food Voucher Program

Several of our church members can be found just inside the sanctuary meeting people, often over a coffee and a muffin, and providing some friendship, conversation, moral support, help contacting support resources and providing them with a \$25 PC gift card every other month.

**Every Thursday morning 10am until 12pm**

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## Friday Night Community Dinner

Port Nelson prepares serves and cleans up for a dinner that feeds over 200 people at Wellington Square Church.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month**

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## Helping Hands

Wondering how you might serve in a way that is sure to bring an appreciative smile? Would you be willing to prepare and deliver a simple meal to a fellow church member once or twice a year? Helping Hands is seeking more volunteers to ensure its commitment of time remains periodic and light.

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## Help to Families at Christmas

There are always families in our community who are in need of extra assistance at Christmastime. Likewise, there are always people in the church family who want to help out. We can match the needs with the gifts!

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## Pilkey Fund

This Fund was established by the Pilkey family to honour the memory of Gordon Pilkey. The interest from the fund is available for new outreach initiatives in our community. The Reaching Out Ministry manages the disbursements. Do you have a proposal or a suggestion for the use of this fund?

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## Refugee Sponsorship Group

Port Nelson has had a Refugee Sponsorship Group since 1996, when there was concern for the refugees of the war in the former Yugoslavia. The group was reinvigorated in 2015 in light of the Syrian Refugee crisis. The group is currently sponsoring a family of three Syrian women – Eiman, Sham and Falak. Sham recently gave birth to a baby girl. At the same time, our first Syrian refugee, Hamza, is continuing in school and is progressing nicely.

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## Seeds of Life:

### Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Seeds of Life is a local growing project of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank – “A Christian response to hunger.” This 72-acre farm at Alberton, Ontario, is a community project supported by a number of churches and individuals, including Port Nelson. You can sponsor all or part of the input costs of an acre of corn, soybeans or winter wheat (depending on the year) and, when harvested, the proceeds from the crop are matched with funds from the Government of Canada for world food assistance.

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