

*Selby / Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge*

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



November 19, 2017

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
November 19th, 2017

Guest Minister: Rev. Frank Hamper
Selby Music Leader: Marg Winter
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

**GATHERING SONG: Vu#374 – COME AND FIND
THE QUIET CENTRE**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

How lovely is God's dwelling place.

**Our souls yearn for God's presence, our hearts
and our flesh cry out for the living God.**

The Mighty One is a sun and a shield. God bestows
favor and honour.

**We seek God and God answers us. God delivers
us from our fears.**

Come into God's house. Here, even the sparrow finds
a home,

Even the swallow has a nest near God's altar.

Come all you who thirst, all you who are heavy laden.
Come take refuge here.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**Eternal God, you are our shield; be present with
us now. As we bring our broken hearts and
crushed spirits, revive us. As we bring our joys
and praises, be happy with us. We come broken
and whole, sorrowing and rejoicing. You
welcome us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART-SPEAK O LORD

**Speak O Lord, as we come to you,
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness –
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith,
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us,
all your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach of Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stank on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, till your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.**

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you have seen our need and made our lives rich with many gifts: a sanctuary to nurture our souls; loving families; caring friends; a bountiful harvest; beauty in the nature around us. Forgive us when we fail to see and respond to the needs of others for whom a simple act of kindness, a small token of generosity or a word spoken in friendship could mean so much. Teach us, O God, that we might be generous with our gifts and talents. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: VU#657 – HE LEADETH ME

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Sermon: "Are You A Risk Taker?"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#681 – WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU#544)

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: VU#806 – O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Benediction

Choral Blessing (VU#468)

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

Selby Pastoral Charge

Mike Putnam, Minister

Jane Hughes,

Secretary

Office: 153 Pleasant Drive, Selby.
2375

Phone: 613-388-

email: selbyunited@gmail.com

website: www.selbyunited.ca

Mike can also be contacted at: 613-539-9324

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

We extend happy birthday wishes to the following people, who have or are celebrating birthdays:

Luke Jarmin – November 19th

Jacob MacKenzie – November 19th

Connor Smith – November 22nd

Lorne Jackson – November 22nd



Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you
May God's richest blessings abide upon you.

Welcome

This morning we extended a warm welcome to Rev. Frank Hamper and thank him for leading our worship service.

Also a huge thank you to Marg Winter for playing this morning.

Christmas Study Group – Starting Tuesday November 21st

A remarkable gift can arrive in an unremarkable package. One did in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. No one expected God to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger is the message. In this four-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores how the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us. Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record ... just grace. We have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, always within us—and that we have a friend and Savior in heaven. Long after the guests have left, the carolers have gone home, and the lights have come down, these promises endure.

CPR Training – November 30th 6:00 pm – FREE!

Glenda Hudgins has kindly arranged for the CPR Training Course for November 30th at 6:00pm. If you are interested please sign up TODAY on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary.

Selby/Empey Hill Men's Club

Will be hosting their Ladies Night Dinner on Thursday, November 23rd at 6:00 pm at Selby. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Mitten Tree

At both churches, there is a 'mitten' tree. We will be collecting mitts, toques, scarves, warm socks over the next three weeks. The items will then be donated to local charities. Lets cover the trees!!!

Winter Indoor Walking

Once again this year the KFL&A Public Health will be having their Walk On program beginning November 01st and running until March 31st. This free program will run at NDSS on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 pm – 6pm.

Gifts With Vision

There are booklets at the back of each church entitled 'Gifts with Vision'. This is an additional way to support the work of the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service partners in Canada, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Please take a booklet if you are interested.

SELBY

Property & Finance Committee

Will meet on Tuesday, November 21st at 9:00 am.
Please note time change.

SMILE

A man was stopped by the police around 2 am. The officer asked him where he was going at that time of night. The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late." The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man replied, "That would be my wife."