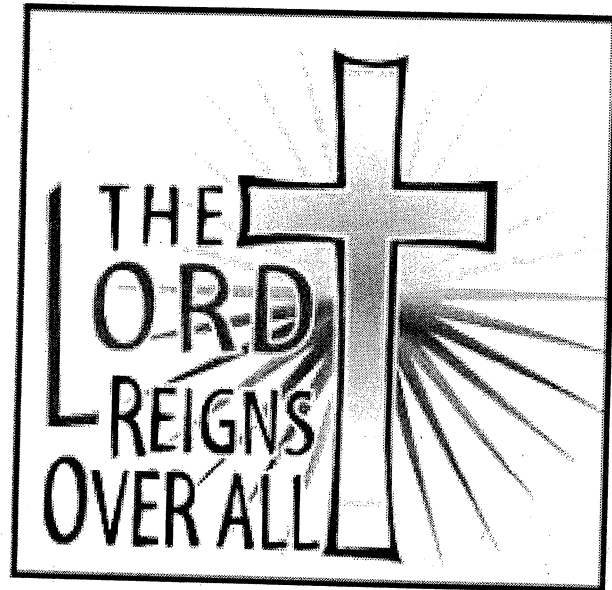


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Pastoral Charge*



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The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill

Christ the King Sunday

November 26th, 2017

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam

Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam

Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

On this 'Christ the King' Sunday we worship the one who is our true Lord.

The one who leads us and inspires us to live differently.

We gather to see the morning star.

The star that proclaims the dawn of a new day.

We come to give thanks for our saviour.

The one who could not be held by the bonds of death.

We come to worship our King.

The one who challenges all other kinds of authority and rules with love, justice and peace.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

God of perfect justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts this day. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who teaches us to care for each other and bring good news of peace for all. Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: YOU ARE HOLY

The Nicene Creed

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: CSS#150 – I SURRENDER ALL

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "We Didn't Realize"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#213 – REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

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#240 – GO TO THE WORLD

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!

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Office Hours:

Rev. Mike will be in the office Tuesday to Friday 9:30-11:30 this week. He will be out visiting and attending meetings most afternoons. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit please contact him directly (613-539-9324).

Upcoming Worship Services:

December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent and Family Service (Joint Service at Selby) – 10:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
-7:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

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

Andrea Putnam – November 26th

Wayne Chadwick – November 27th



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

Have you considered PAR?

If you are a regular giver to the church, have considered PAR? PAR stands for "Pre-Authorized Remittance" and it is a way to give your offering once a month without cheques or cash. If you pay any of your bills directly from your bank account you already know how PAR works. We started PAR two years ago, and more and more are joining! It has had a positive effect on our financial stability over the whole year.

Please consider giving by PAR. Brochures are available at the back of the church with more information as well as a form to be completed and submitted to the envelope secretary by placing the completed form on the offering plate. You can also speak to Rev. Mike or Lorraine Martin for more information.

Christmas Study Group - November 28th

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.

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!!!

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.

EMPEY HILL

U.C.W.

Will meet on Friday, December 01st at 12:00 noon for their Christmas Dinner out at Mike's Restaurant, Marysville. Our meeting to follow at Empey Hill Church. Devotions will be a Carol Sing and the North Group will provide the program. The roll call is bring gifts for Friendly Manor Nursing Home in Deseronto & Village Green Nursing Home in Selby.

SELBY

U.C.W.

Will meet on Thursday, December 07th at 7:30 pm. Jane Hughes has the worship and Carolyn Pringle has the program. The roll call is bring a white gift and bring your favourite Christmas ornament for show. Everyone to bring a small plate of goodies to share for lunch. The Nominating Committee report is also due at this meeting.

Are you willing to serve?

Our ministry to our kids is the most important work of the church today. We are truly blessed to have so many gifted and able people who participate in this ministry in various ways. But, from time to time we need to call new people to join that ministry. Are you willing and able?

Cornerstone meets each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We sing songs, play games and have a "discovery time." Currently we have five very dedicated leaders – but sometimes one of us needs to be away and we run shorthanded. Would you be willing to be an "on-call" leader to help us when

someone needs to be away? One of our leaders will be away for a month in Jan/Feb. Would you consider filling in?

The Rock is our Sunday morning kids program. Each week we have a teacher for the younger group (Grades JK-3) and the older group (Grades 4-6). Tricia Cammaat creates a schedule so teachers should only need to teach once a month or less. An excellent curriculum is provided, which makes planning lessons fun and straight forward. Would you be willing to join our amazing team of teachers?

Where would we be without people who feel God's nudge for them to get involved and give of themselves to serve others. Please consider how you can help. If you have any questions please speak to Rev. Mike or Ed McCaig for Cornerstone or Tricia Cammart or Rev. Mike for The Rock.

SMILE

Existence was so tranquil and peaceful for the young couple Adam and Eve, like straight out of a story book, until one unfortunate day when Adam showed up one hour late for supper.

By the time Adam finally came home Eve was a nervous wreck, and her imagination was working overtime.

"Honey, what happened? Why are you home so late?" Questioned Eve.

"Oh I'm sorry! Adam responded with a wave of his hand, "I just lost track of the time."

Now Eve didn't have a Mother or girlfriend around to calm her fears, after all it was just her and her Husband and despite Adam's convincing act her overactive imagination could not be calmed.

That night after two hours of restlessly turning in her bed, enough was enough.

"WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING!" Hollered Adam jumping out of bed. "YOU KNOW DARN WELL WHAT I'M DOING" Screamed Eve right back, "NOW YOU BETTER LAY STILL RIGHT NOW, AND LET ME FINISH COUNTING THOSE RIBS!"