

Selby / Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge



December 10, 2017

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
Advent 2 - December 10th, 2017

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Selby Supply Music Leader: Margaret Palamaka
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

**GATHERING SONG: LUYH#526 – COME, NOW IS
THE TIME TO WORSHIP**

Lighting the Advent Candle –
Charley & Cameryn Sexsmith and Jane Hughes

HYMN: VU#6 A CANDLE IS BURNING (Verse 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)
What have you come to see?
We have come to see the Light.
The light of peace is here for you.
God's peace shines through our darkness.
Come, worship the Lord of Light and peace!
**Praise God for the breaking of light into our
lives.**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)
**God of winter and starlight, you have promised
us your presence: to live among us, to right all
wrongs, to bring good things to all who wait
for your new day. In these dark days, we look**

**for signs of your coming. Make us at home with
righteousness, that we may be ready to walk
in your holy ways. Amen.**

Choir Anthem: "Waiting for Bethlehem Star"

**HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: O WHAT A
GLORIOUS NIGHT (VIDEO)**

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, it seems like the weeks are
slipping by. Time seems to get away from us
and we get trapped in the buy-wrap-send
syndrome. Forgive us when we put our faith on
a back burner and focus instead on pressures in
our lives. Clear our spirits of the frustrations
and anxieties of this season, so that the Light
which you are sending into the world will truly
shine in and through us to others. These things
we pray in the name of Jesus, our Hope and our
Light. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: VU#8 – LO HOW A
ROSE E'ER BLOOMING**

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Sermon: "Reframing"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#2 – COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU#55)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: VU#29 – HARK THE GLAD SOUND

Benediction

Choral Blessing (MV#33)

Jesus came bringing us peace, Jesus came bringing us peace, Jesus came bringing us peace, hallelujah for ever more!

Go out sharing Christ's peace, Go out sharing Christ's peace, Go out sharing Christ's peace, hallelujah for ever more!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

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

Judy McCullough– December 10th

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



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 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

December 31 – Wassail Service – 10:30 am – Empey Hill (No service at Selby this Sunday) Bring some leftover Christmas treats to share.

Mary Stafford's 90th Birthday

You are invited to join with friends and family to celebrate Mary's 90th Birthday at the Lonsdale Women's Institute Hall, December 17th (1:00 pm – 4:00pm).

Christmas Candlelight Service

Trinity United Church in Napanee is holding a Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 pm. This will be a evening of seasonal song celebrations around the Christmas story. Free will offering for Morning Star Mission and Trinity's Music Ministry.

Mitten Trees

Donations to the mitten trees at both churches will be received until Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for the support.

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 Cammaart 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.

EMPEY HILL

Poinsettias

The poinsettias at the front of the church are placed there by:

Helen McRae and her family Lois & John McGrath and Linda & Wayne Garrison in loving memory of husband and father **Alvin McRae**.

Audrey McRae in loving memory of her husband **Claude McRae**.

Ed Fuller in loving memory of his wife **Shirley Fuller**.

David and Linda Stapley in loving memory of their parents **Roy and Betty Stapley** and **George and Winnefred and Helen Marshall**.

SELBY

Property & Finance Committee

Will meet on Tuesday, December 12th 9:00 am.
Please note change in time.

Christmas Puddings & Gift Baskets

There are still a very few Christmas puddings and gift baskets left (baskets are on display downstairs). If you are interested please see Lorraine Martin.

Food Bank

Items for the food bank are collected each Sunday. Please leave them at the back of the church. This is a busy time of year for the food banks and donations are greatly appreciated.

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Betty and Bruce O'Brien in loving memory of their parents **Dorothy and Albert O'Brien** and **Isabelle and Russell Saunders** and their sons, **Russell and Eric O'Brien**

Lois Thomlison & family in loving memory of our husband, father and grandfather **Doug Thomlison**; son, brother and uncle **Alan Thomlison**; daughter, sister and aunt **Helen Thomlison**

Bonnie, Steve, Joanne, John, Tammy, Ethan, Brooklyn, Kelly, Vince, Michaela in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather **David Winter**

Mildred Milligan and family in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather **Albert Milligan**
Glenda, Jason, Shelley, Andrew, Ashley, Addyson, Tricia, Jeff, Owen, Gabby and Foster in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather **Carl Hudgins**
Lorne and Donna Jackson in loving memory of their grandson **Owen Kevin Jackson** and their parents **Ronald Lakins**, and **Homer and Mary Jackson**

Barb Brookfield and family in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather **Wray Brookfield**

Margaret, Kim, Tammy and families in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather **Dean Nugent**

Clarke and Lorraine Martin in loving memory of **their parents**

Douglas & Shirley, Gary and Susan, Margaret and families in loving memory of our father & Mother **Dorland & Bernice Jackson** and their sister **Marilyn Weese**

Barbara and Doug McConnell in loving memory of their parents: **Fred & Birdie McConnell and Harold and Bernice Bell**

Brian Hudgins in loving memory of his parents **Ralph and Mary Hudgins**

Margaret Martin in loving memory of her husband **Glen Martin** and her daughter **Cindy Huntley**

Jane Hughes in loving memory of her parents **Aubrey and Iva Asselstine** and her sister **Judy Jarmin**

John and Linda Williams and family in loving memory of their parents/grandparents **Stan and Florence Williams** and **Claude and Helen Martin.**

Bryon and Fern Perry and family in loving memory of their parents **Alice and Wilfred Winter** and brother **David Winter**

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Grandma's Christmas Strategy

One Christmas, a mother decided she was no longer going to remind her kids to send thank you notes. Consequently, the kids' grandmother never received any thanks for the Christmas cheques she sent to her grandchildren.

The very next Christmas, all the kids stopped by in person to thank their grandmother for their cheques.

When asked by a friend what caused this change in behavior, the grandmother smiled and replied, "Simple. This year I didn't sign the cheques."

Our Mission Statement

Our purpose is to come together as a community to worship and celebrate our faith in God, as seen in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. In the future we will grow and change, but keep our core value of faith and our commitment to supporting each other, the wider community and providing opportunities for people of all ages to learn and engage in Christian fellowship.