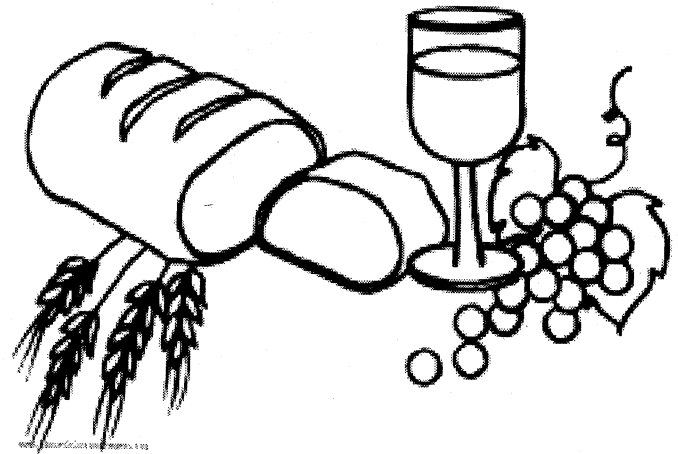


Selby / Empey Hill Pastoral Charge



January 07, 2018

Selby Pastoral Charge

The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill

January 7th, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam

Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: MV#4 – ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Lighting the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Are we lost?

wandering without purpose, meaning, value, acceptance, or place?

We do wander at times. But the Spirit of God claim's us as His own children.

By God's Spirit we are cleansed, refreshed, and made new.

Let us come and worship God who makes us His own!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Almighty God, of all who call upon your name, in the waters of baptism you have transformed us, marking us as your children, and recreating us through the work of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Shower us once more with your grace that we might be renewed in your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MV#26 – YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, you have blessed us with life and love. You have given us so many gifts and made us into truly special people. But too often we keep our gifts and blessings for ourselves. And we know that our selfishness hurts you and it hurts your creation. Forgive us for the wrongs we have committed through our thoughts, words and deeds. And as we begin this new year, help us to turn in a new direction and to truly follow in the Way of Jesus. This we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: VU#710 – SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Mark 1:4-11

Monologue: "Starting Again"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN: MV#138 – MY LOVE COLOURS
OUTSIDE THE LINES**

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU#540)

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: VU#457 – AS WE GATHER
AT YOUR TABLE**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**CLOSING HYMN: VU#563 – JESUS, YOU HAVE
COME TO THE LAKESHORE**

Benediction

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go
with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in
faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will
guide you in all you do. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

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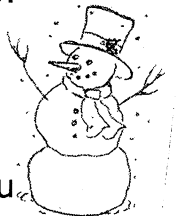
Birthdays

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

Scott Boese – January 08th

Lucas Lyons – January 09th

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; feel free to call or pop by for a visit! 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).

Reports

Please have your year end reports in as soon as possible so that they can be copied for the annual meetings. There is a folder at the back of each church for these reports. Thanks.

Ministry & Personnel Meeting

To be held on January 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Selby. The congregation is encouraged to provide any feedback to your representatives on the M & P Committee.

Upcoming Worship Services:

February 4th – Joint Worship Service at Selby (No service at Empey Hill) at 10:30. Annual Pastoral Charge Meeting and potluck lunch to follow.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 10th – Ministry and Personnel Committee - 1:30 pm at Selby.

January 11th – The Session Committee – 7:30 pm at Empey Hill.

January 16th – Property and Finance Committee – 7:00pm at Selby

January 30th – Selby Congregational Annual Meeting – 7:30pm

February 1st – Empey Hill Congregational Annual Meeting – 7:30pm

EMPEY HILL**U.C.W.**

Will meet on Monday, January 15th at 12:15 pm. Linda Stapley is the hostess; Judy McCullough as the worship and the program will be planning for the upcoming year. The roll call is a New Year's Verse. Lunch will be provided by Phyllis Mastin (sandwiches) and Marg Winter (cake).

Chug A Mug

In order to save waste and save our environment, we would encourage people bring their own mug for coffee time.

SMILE

Eight things that are guaranteed (well maybe nine!)

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried # 3
6. When you did #3, you realized that it's possible, but you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now because you were fooled.
8. You skipped # 5.
9. you just checked to see if there is a # 5.