

Selby / Empey Hill Pastoral Charge



January 14, 2018

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The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
January 14th, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: MV#18 – LORD PREPARE ME

Lighting the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather to respond to the call of God's love.

Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

May we too love enough to share this good news with others.

Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Love, given away, is not lost but expanded.

May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Our prayers are in your heart even before they are on our lips. And yet we must utter our prayers. We must proclaim our praise

of you and all your wondrous creation. You know our hearts' desire to serve you. We pray that you will keep us true to that desire. And so, we utter our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: LUYH#755 – SPEAK, O LORD

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But sometimes we forget the mission of your church, and your desire to have a family. We know that others are longing and thirsting for the unconditional love of God. Forgive us our reluctance to roll out the red carpet, to change our ways to make someone else feel welcome or to open our hearts to others. Help us to give up our hesitations to witness to those we have considered strangers for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#46 – I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

John 1:43-51

Sermon: "An Odd Kind of Revolution"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#601 – THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission

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.**

CLOSING HYMN: VU#87 – I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

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

Scott Chadwick – January 16th

Linda Donovan – January 17th

Drew Chadwick – January 20th



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).

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Next week we begin a sermon series called "Bullseye: Aiming to Follow Jesus." We will look at 6 markers or targets for people looking to follow Jesus. Our first marker is Spiritual Practices. For those who like to read the scripture passages before Sunday morning, our readings on January 21st will be as follows:

- Matthew 6:6-13
- 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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.

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 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

Selby/Empey Hill Men's Club

Will meet on Thursday, January 25th, 7:30 pm at Empey Hill. This will be a planning meeting, so come with your ideas for the coming year.

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.

SELBY

Property & Finance Committee

Will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 pm at the church.

U.C.W. Executive Planning Meeting

Will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 pm at the church.

SMILE

Getting Older – Thoughts

My goal for 2017 was to lose just 10 pounds only 15 more to go.

Ate salad for dinner...mostly croutons and tomatoes....really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce....and cheese.....FINE, it was a pizza....I ate a pizza!!

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag but....I finished all of my 14 day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.