

*Selby | Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge*



love one another

March 11, 2018

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
March 11th, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Guest Minister Today: Rev. Ed McCaig
Selby & Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Lighting the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We seek God's presence here among us this morning.

Jesus has promised that when we gather in his name, he is present in our midst.

And so we claim his promise, in the midst of all our struggles and all our fears.

O God, be present in our worship.

Lord Jesus, be present in our worship.

And may you be honoured in all that we do.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord, this is your day, and we your people have gathered here. We have come to worship; we have come to be blessed by your presence with us; we have come to learn from your Word; and we have come to bring you our prayers and petitions and the deep concerns of our hearts.

Graciously hear us in all of these things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: LUYH # 743 - O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD/ STEP BY STEP

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious Father, we confess that so often we are unable to see our own lives as you see them. We see wonderful accomplishments, good deeds to be proud of, and very little to regret; while you see all the times we have deceived ourselves, while failing others, and failing you. And yet you love us still; and in this Holy Season of Lent, we are led once again to the foot of the cross, and are reminded once again of the wideness and depth of your mercy, and of the immeasurable price that was paid to set us free. Now graciously grant us forgiveness, and graciously set us free. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#9 - LOVE LIFTED ME

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: "God Won't Unfriend You"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#589 – LORD, SPEAK TO ME

We Respond to God's Word

Minute For Mission - Linda Williams

Offering Hymn (VU#537)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**CLOSING HYMN: VU#333 – LOVE DIVINE, ALL
LOVES EXCELLING**

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:

Owen Cammaart – March 16th

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



Office Hours:

Rev. Mike will be on vacation (out of the country) until March 17th. Rev. Ed McCaig will be providing emergency pastoral care. Rev. Ed can be reached at home 613-388-1189.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

March 18th – Celtic Service – In honour of Saint Patrick's Day – Wear something green!

March 25th – Palm Sunday – Family Service with Communion 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.

March 30th – Good Friday – Joint Service at Selby @ 10:30 am

April 1st – Easter Sunrise Service (Location to be announced) Breakfast to follow. 7:00 am.

April 1st – Easter Sunday. 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.

Join the Good Friday Choir

On Good Friday a special joint service will be held at Selby. Would you like to join the choir for this one special event? A one-time joint choir will be created and will sing two special Good Friday songs. More details about music and a rehearsal to follow...

Quebec City Tour

You are invited to join the folks from Grace United Church, Napanee and Eastminster United Church, Belleville, as they discover the uniqueness of Old Montreal and Quebec City from June 4th - 8th! Travel with your hosts Rev. Frank Hamper and Maritime Travel via luxury coach for two nights in Montreal, and two nights in Quebec City - \$1275 double; \$1675 single. For more details please contact Debbie Morgan, Maritime Travel 613-354-5416 or Frank Hamper 613-920-4010.

EMPEY HILL

Observer

It is time to renew or sign up for the first time for your subscription to the United Church Observer. Please let Ruth Russett know (613-396-6072) by March 15th. The cost is \$25.00/year.

SELBY

Update from your P & F Committee

1. Thanks to Dean Dickerson and his son the ceiling that had been damaged at the back of the sanctuary by our previous roof leak, has been repaired and repainted.

2. The damaged fascia, soffit, eaves trough etc that was damaged by a snow slide, will be replaced around March 16 or 19, 2018. Please be cautious until then.

Presbyterial Annual Meeting

UCW members are invited to Four Winds Presbyterial Annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 04th at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church, 4080 Bath Road, Kingston. Registration is at 9 am. The theme is 'Connecting, Communicating and Caring'. Lunch cost is \$10.00. Guest speakers for the day are Janice Barling and Jeam Clipsham from the Kingston Grandmother Connection and Anne Byron speaking about her pillow case dresses for Third World countries. Donations of colourful pillow cases with some cotton thread and lace trim would be appreciated. Anne will also be speaking about her visit in India with "Mother Therea's Sisters of Mercy in Koachi, Southern India.

Please let Glenda Hudgins know by March 18th if you plan on going.