

*Selby | Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge*



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The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
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Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

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GATHERING SONG: OH, HOW GOOD IT IS

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively)

God comes into a world filled with darkness.

God seeks out doubts and replaces them with truth.

God seeks the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division.

God is the light shining in the darkness of our lives.

God is the light unto our path.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Let us praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Loving God, who can heal the broken places in our lives, touch us today. As we sing, pray and worship, come and help our spirits to rejoice in You, our Savior, Amen.

Solo: "Pour Over Me" - Emma Perry

A HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Father, we have not always glorified you as we should. Sometimes our own dimness prevents us from reflecting your light into the world. We sometimes prefer the god of our own making, to Your revelation found in your Holy Word. You have done mighty things for us, and yet we have so easily forgotten or wondered "what have you done for me lately." Have mercy on us, and restore us to the fulness of life lived in communion you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#13 – THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon: "Christmas Playlist" – "Mary's Song"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#326 – O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

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. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus sake.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: HEAVEN CAME DOWN

Benediction

GOING OUT SONG (VU#958)

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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Announcements

We extended happy birthday wishes to the following people who are celebrating in the upcoming week:

Andrea Putnam – November 26th

Wayne Chadwick – November 27th



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 am to 11:30 am. Please feel free to call, drop in or make an appointment. He can be reached on his cell phone at 613-539-9324. His email is pastor.mike.putnam@gmail.com.

Upcoming Services:

December 21st – Longest Night Service at Newburgh United Church. 7:00pm.

December 23rd – Christmas Pageant Service 10:30 am at Selby (No service at Empey Hill this Sunday).

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm at Empey Hill United Church.

December 30th – Wassail Service 10:30 am at Empey Hill (No Service at Selby this Sunday) (Rev. Frank Hamper leading worship this Sunday).

January 7th – Communion Sunday – 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 at Empey Hill.

Longest Night Service – December 21st

For many the Christmas season is especially challenging. If you are experiencing a time of grief, depression or loss, all the holiday hubbub can be particularly stressful. The Longest night service is quiet and contemplative service just for you. You will be invited to light a candle, to listen to some gentle music and to be enfolded in prayer. 7:00 pm at Newburgh United Church – Rev. Mike officiating.

A Special Thank You!

Our church office is now equipped with a state-of-the-art laptop with all the bells and whistles! A very heart felt thank you to Ed and Norma Caton for their generous donation, which will certainly make the preparation of Christmas materials and annual reports much more efficient this year!

Also, a big thank you to Rick McFarlane for volunteering to do the leg work to purchase the new computer and set it up. Much appreciated!!!

"Three Chords and the Truth" In Concert

Join us for a special fundraising concert will be held on December 2nd at 2:00 pm. This will be an afternoon of Country Gospel and Christmas music! Free will offering and all funds going to the "New Basement Floor Fund" for Selby Church.

Scottish Saints & Sights Tour

14 day tour starting July 25, 2019. For those of you with an interest in Celtic things, there are stops at Iona, Holy Island, Ladykirk Church, Culloden Moor, Glen Coe, Glasgow and many more, attending the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on Day 12.

Price includes return airfare from Toronto, deluxe motorcoach transportation, Toronto airport transfers, 12 nights accommodation, 12 breakfasts, 12 dinners, all highlights listed, Tour Director, and all taxes.

Double \$6,295. Single \$7,995. For more information please contact Rev. Frank Hamper:
hamperscamper49@gmail.com or 613-920-4010.

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Mitten Tree

Donations for the mitten tree will be accepted until Sunday, December 02nd. They will then be distributed to different organizations for those in need.

U.C.W.

Will meet for their Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 07th, 11:30 am at O'Connor House in Deseronto. The meeting will follow at the church. There will be a carol sing for devotions and the South Group has the program. Please bring a gift for a resident in a nursing home (Friendly Manor and Village Green).

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Poinsettias

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the church this Advent/Christmas season in memory of someone, please let Jane know.

Christmas Puddings, Gum Drop Cakes and Baskets

There are a few of the puddings, gum drop cakes and Christmas baskets left downstairs. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please see Lorraine Martin.

U.C.W.

Our UCW will be going to the Lennox Community Theatre on Thursday, December 06th to see "Miracle on South Division Street". Show time is 8:00 pm

**From the Selby Property and Finance Committee
- Basement Floor Fund**

Due to 143 years of moisture, dry-rot and sagging our basement floor is in need of replacing. This will be a major undertaking, requiring the entire floor and supports to be removed, and a new concrete floor to be poured. The estimate for this project is around \$30,000. Work will begin on the floor next summer when Selby is closed for the month of July. Would you consider budgeting an extra special gift for 2019 to make this important renovation possible?
More details to come in the New Year.

SMILE

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.

I told her... "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now?