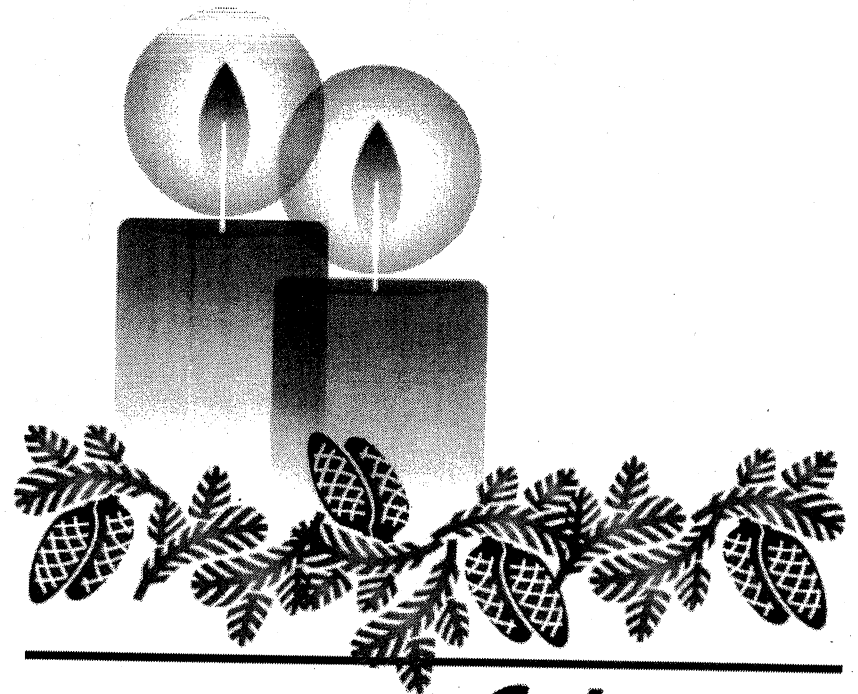


Selby | Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 09, 2018

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The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
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December 9th, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

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GATHERING SONG: MV#4 – ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Lighting of the Advent Candle – The Dwyer Family (Selby) & The Chadwick Family (Empey Hill)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively)

In this time of worship come into the light of God,
Be reawakened to the awe of Christmas.

**As we hear again the story of your Son's birth,
remind us that we are called to respond in unexpected ways.**

And when we leave this place, may Your Glory continue to shine in our hearts and minds.

And may your peace rest upon us this day and always.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

We are preparing homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Choir Anthem: "Waiting for Bethlehem's Light"

A HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Lord, these times are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. Forgive us for not making room for you in our lives. You answer our fears with an angel's voice, "I bring good news." Help us to hear it. Slow us down. Encourage us to take time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Luke 2:1-15

Sermon: "Christmas Playlist" – "The Angels' Song"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#38 – ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

We Respond to God's Word

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.**

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: VU#48 – HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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:

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 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.

Selby / Empey Hill Men's Club

The date of the next meeting has been advanced and will be held at Empey Hill on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm. This will be the program planning meeting for 2019, so get your thinking caps on.

EMPEY HILL

Poinsettias

Anyone who would like to place a poinsettia in the church in memory of a loved one, please let Jane know so that your name can be included in the bulletin.

This morning flowers are placed at the front of the church by:

Bernice Thompson and family – in memory of Frank Thompson and Charlie and Winnifred Akey

SELBY

Poinsettias

Poinsettias have been placed at the front of the church by the following people:

Doug and Barb McConnell - in memory of our parents Birdie and Fred McConnell and Bernice and Harold Bell

Margaret, Kim and Tammy Nugent and families - in memory of Dean Nugent

Douglas & Shirley Jackson, Gary & Susan Jackson and Margaret Nugent and families - in memory of Dorland and Bernice Jackson and Marilyn Weese

Barbara Brookfield and family - in memory of Wray Brookfield

Jane Hughes and family – in memory of Aubrey and Iva Asselstine and Judy Jarmin

Clarke and Lorraine Martin – in memory of their parents Claude and Helen Martin and Elvin and Marjorie Holland

Tim and Wendy Hart – in memory of their parents Ken and Lil Hart and Cecil Smith

Bonnie Winter and family– in memory of David Winter husband, father and grandfather

Brian Hudgins – in memory of his parents Ralph and Mary Hudgins

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.

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

WELL I'M READY TO
START MY CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING! JUST GOTTA
FIGURE OUT
WHERE TO GET
MONEY FROM...



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.

