

*Selby / Empey Hill  
Pastoral Charge*



*March 24, 2019*

**Selby Pastoral Charge**  
**The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**We Gather Together**

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**GATHERING SONG: LUYH#537 – OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART LORD**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively)

A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.  
**God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.**  
How we have thirsted for hope and peace!  
**How we have longed for joy and love!**  
God continually calls into new blessings.  
**Praise be to God for God's steadfast love**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

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

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

**This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. Forgive us for our selfishness and hardness of heart. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: CSS#130 – ROCK OF AGES**

**The Word Among Us**

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Our Sacred Scripture:

Genesis 11:27 to 12:9

Sermon: Mission Impossible: "God Wants a Family"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN: VU#634 – TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH**

## We Respond to God's Word

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### 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.**

### Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### **CLOSING HYMN: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

### 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

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

Max Putnam – March 26<sup>th</sup>

Gertrude Armstrong – March 27<sup>th</sup>

Rhett Martin – March 28<sup>th</sup>



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 this week from Tuesday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am. If you or someone you know would like a visit please call him directly on his cell (613-539-9324).

## **Lenten Study Group – Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm**

What made the first-century Christian's message so compelling, so defensible, so irresistible? Pastor Andy Stanley invites you to embrace a version of faith that resulted in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – "The irresistible Ethic"

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – "What love requires"

April 9<sup>th</sup> – "A new approach"

## **Upcoming Scripture Readings**

Over the next four weeks we will be looking at God's "Mission Impossible." You can follow along as we uncover the Good News of God's redeeming mission for the whole world, which culminates in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

March 24 – God wants a family - Genesis 12:1-9

March 31 – God wants a holy people - Exodus 19:1-8

April 7 – God wants something more – Jonah 1:1-16

April 14 – God wants something new – John 3:1-17

April 21–God's Mission Accomplished – Luke 24:13-35

## **Pancake Supper**

The Selby / Empey Hill Men's Club will be hosting their annual pancake supper on Friday, April 05<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Selby Church. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

## **Men's Club:**

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Selby church. We will be working out the final details for the Pancake Supper (April 5) and conduct the Golden Lake Brochure Workshop."

## **Spring Tree Sale**

Newburgh United Church is holding a spring tree sale –White Pine; Cedar Norway; Spruce Red Oak. All seedlings are \$2.00 and must be pre-ordered. Pickup of orders is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon at Newburgh Church. To place an order call 613-354-3153 or 613-876-3569

## **SELBY**

### **U.C.W.**

Will meet on Thursday, April 04<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (note time change). Glenda Hudgins has the worship. For the program Tricia Cammaat will be speaking on the Youth Group

## **SMILE**

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

'Mister,' he said, 'I want to buy one of your puppies.'

'Well,' said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, 'these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money.'

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. 'I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?'

"Sure", said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared; this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up....

"I want that one." The little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said:

"Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said:

"You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."