

*Selby / Empey Hill  
Pastoral Charge*



*August 18, 2019*

**Selby Pastoral Charge**  
**The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill**  
**Summer Joint Service**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam**  
**Music Leader: Marg Winter**

**We Gather Together**

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**GATHERING SONG: COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**We sing a song of peace and hope!**

Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

**Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!**

Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

**Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**Lord, we come to you this morning with so Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and joy. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN BY SUGGESTION**

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

**God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, love, and joy. Yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. Jesus has taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification, and there is no sustaining joy in this. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. Forgive us, O merciful God. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: CSS#153 – GOD OF OUR FATHERS**

**The Word Among Us**

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Our Sacred Scripture:

Philippians 3:15-4:3

Sermon: "Joy Ride: Joy in Our Ultimate Hope"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN: VU#674 – FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**

**We Respond to God's Word**

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The Forum

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.**

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**CLOSING HYMN: I'VE GOT A HOME IN GLORY LAND**

Benediction

Choral Blessing (VU#884)

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands! And all the trees of the field with clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.**

Announcements

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

Marg Winter – August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Bert Winter – August 22<sup>nd</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 Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 am until noon. He would be happy to visit with you in the office or in your home. He can be reached directly on his cell phone at 613-539-9324.

**Worship Schedule:**

August 25<sup>th</sup> – Empey Hill Church – 10:00 am  
September 1<sup>st</sup> – Empey Hill Church – 10:00 am  
September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill  
September 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Selby's 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Joint service and lunch to follow.

**Upcoming Sermon Series:**

August 25<sup>th</sup> – Philippians 4:1-9 – Joy in what we Know  
September 1<sup>st</sup> – Philippians 4:10-20 – Joy in God's Peace

### **Ministry & Personnel Committee Meeting**

September 4th in the new Selby basement (?) at 1:30 pm. Note to the Empey Hill congregation that after 4 years Dave Stapley will be leaving this committee and your church needs a replacement. If you are interested you may want to attend this meeting."

### **Blessing of the Backpacks – Sept 8<sup>th</sup>!**

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a special "blessing of the backpacks" as our young people return to school. All children are invited to bring their school bags for a special prayer and a memento to be kept inside. This will also be the first Sunday of our breakfast in The Rock Café and The Rock program during worship.



### EMPEY HILL

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

Will meet on Monday, September 09<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. Judy McCullough is the hostess; Marg Winter has the devotions and Phyllis Mastin the program. The roll call is a school memory or picture. Lunch will be provided by Leona Tucker (sandwiches) and Carmel Bell (cake).

### SELBY

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

Will meet on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (please note change in date) at 7:00 pm. Linda Williams has the worship. The program will be wrapping baskets for our Bazaar. Please bring an itemized list of your basket contents for pricing.

### **Anniversary**

Our church anniversary service will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing lunch following the service. People on the north side of the church please bring sandwiches and the south side bring desserts (cookies, squares or fruit).

### **Cleaning Bee**

There is a cleaning/painting bee for the basement at the church planned for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. We are hoping that the contractors are finished sanding by that time. Check the church web site or call a member of the Property and Finance committee for information. Many hands make light work!!

### SMILE

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driving licence and my own car. I have ID that gets me into the beer store and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. They aren't scared of anything. They have been blessed to live this long, so why be scared? And I don't have acne.

Life is Good!

Also you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Teenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age. It just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!

I have more friends I should tell this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please, tell this to your friends. They may be my friends, too!