

# SELBY PASTORAL CHARGE

Selby United Church and Empey Hill United Church

- Fall Newsletter, 2019



## ...From the Minister's Desk

There's a certain energy around the last days of summer and the first days of autumn. And as we anticipate the return to normal schedules, our churches will once again become a hive of activity.

Starting on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> we will be beginning a new sermon series called "Working It." We will explore the God-given purpose for our work, no matter what stage of life we find ourselves in.

The fall season also brings our anniversaries. This year we welcome Rev. Wayne Hilliker as the guest preacher for Selby's anniversary, and Rev. Caroline Giesbrecht for Empey Hill's anniversary. Both events are sure to be wonderful celebrations of the legacy and future of our ministry together. On Oct 27<sup>th</sup> I have been invited to preach at an anniversary service at a United Church in Uxbridge and it will be my pleasure to bring greetings from Selby Pastoral Charge.

As you know, Selby Church has been closed for two months to accommodate the necessary work on our basement floor. It was a big project, made possible only by the generosity of our congregation and community members. Thank you!

Included with this newsletter is an anniversary envelope. As we forge ahead as Christ's church in this time and place, I invite you to consider a special anniversary gift to support the continuation of the ongoing ministry that has taken place in our church for so many years.

Speaking of which, in the next few weeks our many ministry programs will be starting again. We're always eager to welcome new kids (ages 7-12) to Cornerstone, and teens (ages 13+) to Selby Youth Group. Also, our UCW and Men's Club are wonderful ways for adults to connect in meaningful relationships and to serve in important ways.

And so, as the cooler weather arrives, I wish you all the blessings of this season, and we look forward to connecting or reconnecting with you soon.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mike Putnam

## A Big Project Completed!

Throughout July and August, we enjoyed worshipping exclusively at Empey Hill Church while the basement floor renovation project at Selby Church was underway.

This project included removing the old flooring and structure, filling the space with gravel and pouring a new concrete floor. A new commercial-grade vinyl floor is being installed, and then additional storage being built, and cosmetic work done.

There are still a few last touches to be finished, but overall it looks great and will serve our church's needs for many years to come.

A big thank you to the members of the Property and Finance Committee and the team from Shetler and Sargent General Contractors! And, a big thank you to all who worked so hard to raise funds for this major project.

## Upcoming Events in our faith community...



- **Sept 5** – Selby's UCW resumes 7:30 pm
- **Sept 8** – "The Rock Café" Sunday kids' program begins at Selby – Breakfast starts at 9:00 am & Blessing of the Backpacks – 9:45 am.
- **Sept 9** – Empey Hill's UCW resumes 12:15 pm
- **Sept 11** – Cornerstone Kids' Group resumes 6:30 pm
- **Sept 12** – The Joint Session meets 7:00 pm at Selby
- **Sept 13** – Selby Youth Group – 5:30 pm
- **Sept 15** – Selby's Anniversary Sunday – 10:30 am
- **Sept 17** – Selby Property and Finance Committee meets – 7:00 pm
- **Sept 26** – Men's Group – 7:30 pm at Empey Hill Church
- **Oct 10** – Official Board Meeting 7:00 at Selby
- **Oct 20** – Empey Hill's Anniversary Sunday 10:30 am
- **Nov 9** – Selby UCW Bazaar at Selby Hall 9-2 pm







## "Working It"

- Finding purpose in your work and meaning in your job.
- Regardless of your stage of life, your work matters!
- A new sermon series starting September 8th!

9:45 am  
At  
Selby

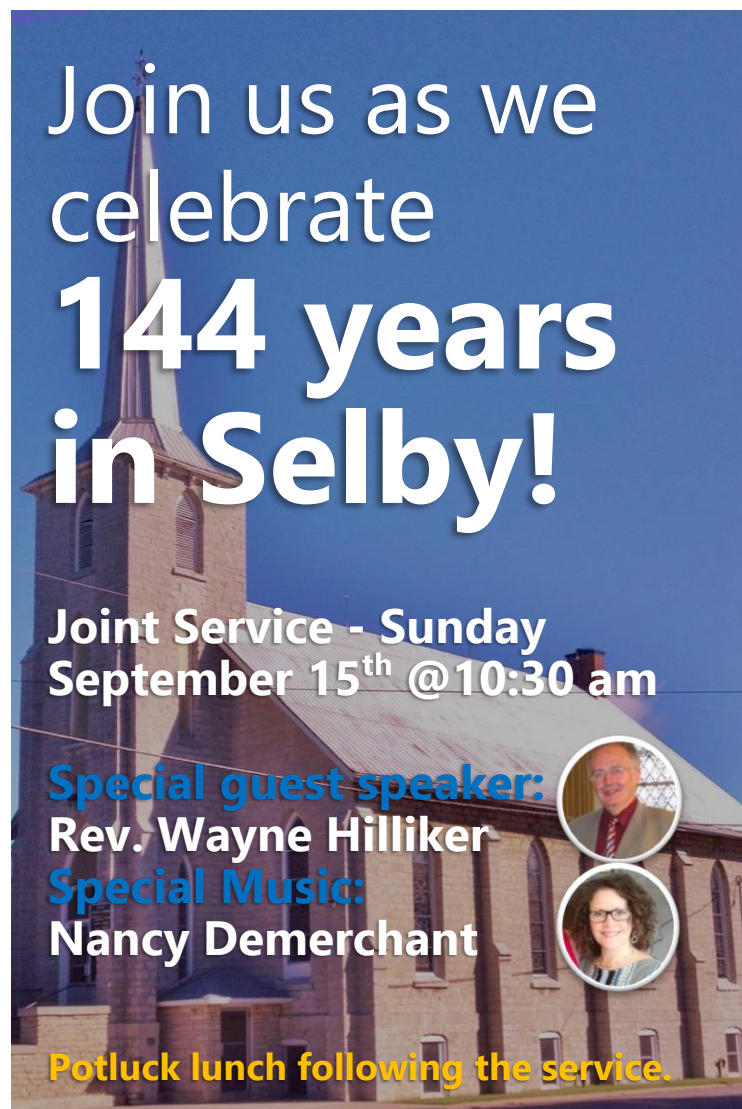
11:15 am  
At  
Empey Hill



## Blessing of the Backpacks Service

Sunday September 8th  
@ 9:45 am

**Kids are invited to bring their school backpack!**





## Join us as we celebrate 144 years in Selby!

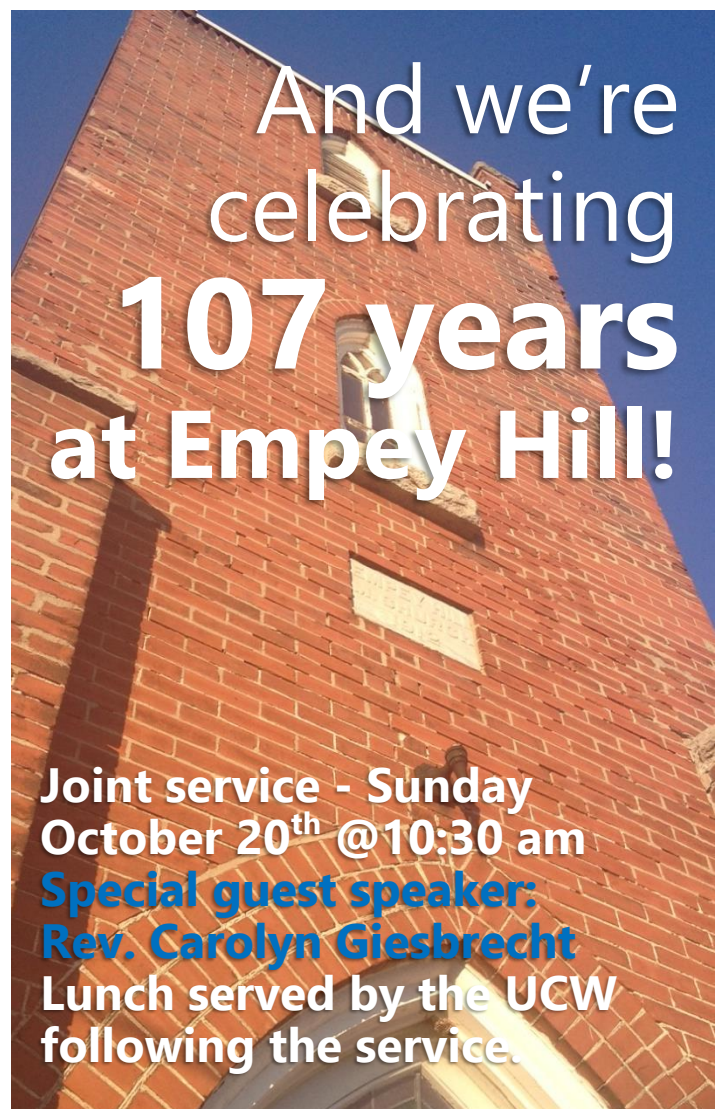
Joint Service - Sunday  
September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

**Special guest speaker:**  
Rev. Wayne Hilliker

**Special Music:**  
Nancy Demerchant

**Potluck lunch following the service.**



## And we're celebrating 107 years at Empey Hill!

Joint service - Sunday  
October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

**Special guest speaker:**  
Rev. Carolyn Giesbrecht

Lunch served by the UCW following the service.





## THE ROCK Café

Food, Fun & Faith



Our Sunday morning Kids program starts  
Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - a full breakfast and fun.

9:45 am followed by a program just for the  
kids.

*Come check it out!*

## Spirit of Christmas Bazaar



**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9-2pm**  
**At Selby Community Hall**

## Selby Youth Group

**Ages 13-18, Fridays**  
**5:30-7:30 pm**

(Starting Friday Sept. 13th)

**@ Selby United Church**



**Free Dinner. Hang Out.**  
**Outings. Games. Talk.**

## Cornerstone Kids Group

**Ages 7-12, Wednesdays**  
**6:30-8:00 pm**

(Starting Wednesday Sept. 11th)

**@ Selby United Church**



**Games. Crafts. Lessons.**  
**Contests. Parties. Hangout.**