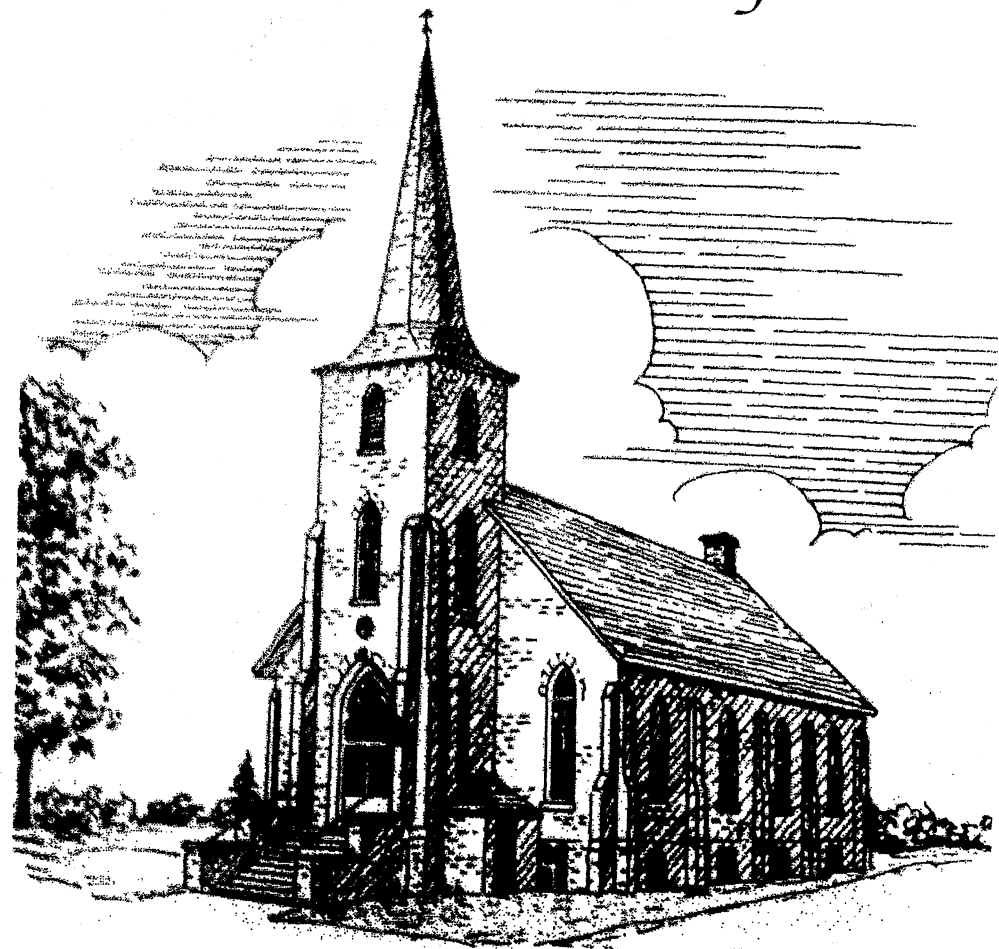


Selby United Church Anniversary



September 15, 2019

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
Selby's 144th Anniversary
September 15th, 2019

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker
Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam
Special Music: Nancy Demerchant

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)

For 144 years, Selby Church has told the amazing stories of Jesus.

For God's redeeming story we give thanks!

For generations this church has served God in this community and in the wider world.

For God's love for the least, the last and the lost we give thanks!

For countless people, this church has been a place to grow, to celebrate, and to find strength.

For these walls, worn thin by the prayers of thanksgiving, petition and praise, we give thanks!

For more than 2000 years, God has made The Church God's body in the world.

And so, we come with gratitude to worship our redeeming, loving and ever-present God!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

O God, our help in ages past, on this anniversary Sunday we come to celebrate your abiding love and presence in this community. But we also celebrate our God who will be with us in the future. May this time together remind us that you are the Creator who makes all things new, you are the Christ who calls us to live differently, and you are the Spirit who accompanies us on our journey. Amen.

Special Music: - Nancy Demerchant

A HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: ALL THE PEOPLE SAY AMEN

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Gathering God, sometimes our hopes for your church are too small. Sometimes we come here looking to relive the past. Sometimes we look for the church to meet our needs and suit our preferences. But you created the church for something much more than this; you call us here so that our lives may be transformed and we may be a blessing to your hurting world. Forgive us when we stubbornly resist your calling, and help us to participate in the wondrous work that you have for us. This we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: CSS#190 – SWEET
HOUR OF PRAYER**

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

1 Corinthians 14:6-15

Mark 12:28-34

**HYMN: VU#371 – OPEN MY EYES THAT I MIGHT
SEE**

Sermon: "Why Stay in Church"

- Rev. Dr. Wayne Hilliker

Music for Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Special Music: - Nancy Demerchant

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: GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

Benediction

Choral Blessing (VU#424)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Announcements

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

Ed Caton – Sept. 19th
Rick McFarlane – Sept. 21st



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 noon. 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 Sermon Series: "Work It"

September 8th – "What For" – Genesis 2
September 22nd – "Just Right" – 1 Samuel 17:12-37
September 29th – "Slogging it out" – Luke 16:1-15

Upcoming Worship Services

October 13th – Thanksgiving Service with Communion – 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.
October 20th – Empey Hill's Anniversary Service – 10:30 am at Empey Hill (no service at Selby this Sunday). A lunch will be served by the EH UCW following the service.

Session

There will be a joint session meeting on Thursday, September 19th, 7:00 pm at Selby.

Ministry & Personnel Committee Meeting

Due to conflicting complications the next M & P meeting has been deferred to Sept. 25, 2019. Still in Selby at 1:30 p.m."

P. A. Day Program

For another session of P. A. Day Program on Friday, September 27th at Grace U. C. in Napanee! Our program is for kids ages 4 to 12 years old. The cost is \$10 per child, and includes snacks and lunch! Drop off can begin at 8:00 a.m. with pick up no later than 5:00 p.m. Please visit our website (www.graceuc.ca) or contact the office (613-354-4373, ext. 1) to register.

Yard and Bake Sale

Saturday, September 22nd at Roblin-Enterprise United Church in Roblin. If raining the sale will be held inside. Something for everyone. Call 613-532-4431 for info.

Newburgh United Church

Will be holding a concert featuring "Trilogy" on Sunday, September 22nd. Doors open at 2:00 pm. Free will offering with all proceeds going to outreach locally.

Annual Gideon Banquet

Monday September 30th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Strathcona Paper Centre. Full roast beef dinner with all the trimmings catered by Linda Lain. The cost is \$18.00. Deadline for ticket sales Monday, September 23rd. Tickets may be purchased from Desmond French (613-354-2384) or any Gideon member. Special Music by Vocal Legacy and the program will be The Samson Project Documentary.

SELBY

Property & Finance Committee

Will meet on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers

We need volunteers to help with our Sunday morning breakfast program and also our coffee time after church. There are sign up sheets downstairs.

SMILE

The church held a "Marriage Seminar" and the Priest asked Luigi, as his 50th wedding anniversary approached, to share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Luigi replied to his audience, "Well, I tried to treat her well and spend money on her. But the best thing I did was take her to Italy for our 20th anniversary."

The Priest said "Luigi, you are an inspiration to all husbands here today. Please tell the audience what you plan for your wife for your 50th anniversary." Luigi proudly replied "I'm gonna go and get her."