

*Selby / Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge*



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September 29, 2019

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
September 29th, 2019

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

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: MV#4 – ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We have been called here today by the living God!

To all who are weary and need rest,

To everyone who mourns and longs for comfort,

To everyone who feels worthless or beaten down,

To all who fail and desire strength from on high,

To everyone who sins and needs a savior,

This church opens wide her doors!

Welcome in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Gathering God, today we come seeking something only you can provide. Today we seek to find a love that can lift us out of our everyday worries, and to cast our cares upon you. May

our time together encourage those who need encouragement, and challenge those who need challenging. Come, and be our God! Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: LUYH#611 – MIGHTY TO SAVE

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, there are days when our work feels futile. We long to get off the treadmill of our busyness, but we feel imprisoned by our own desire to get ahead. Forgive us for not seeing your high calling in the midst of our challenging days. Take our discontent and turn it into a desire to please you. Take our ambition and remold it into passion for justice. Take our sloth and turn it into a hunger for accomplishment in your name. Put us to work for your kingdom, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: IN THE SWEET BY AND BY

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Luke 16:1-15

Sermon: "Work It: Slogging It Out"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#120 – O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

We Respond to God's Word

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.

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: CGWH#9 – HAPPINESS IS THE LORD

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

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 Worship Services:

October 6th – World Wide Communion Sunday – 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.

October 13th – Thanksgiving Service – 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.

A History of Canadian Fiddle Music

Hosted by Deseronto United Church with tunes and songs performed by Mary's Merry Minstrels on Saturday, October 19th at 2:00 pm. The cost is adults \$10.00; youth 13 – 18 - \$5.00 and children 12 and under free. Tickets available at the door or by calling 613-354-4373 ext. 1.

Faithful Friends Country Gospel Concert

Will be held at Glenburnie United Church, 1028 Unity Road, on Sunday, October 20th – 2:30 pm. A freewill offering in lieu of admission. Money raised will support the church's benevolence fund. Light refreshments will be served.

EMPEY HILL

U.C.W.

Will meet on Monday, October 07th at 12:15 pm.

Marg Winter is the hostess; Phyllis Mastin has the devotions and Ruth Russett the program.

Lunch will be provided by Sylvia Chadwick (sandwiches) and Ruth Russett (cake). The roll call is "something for which to be thankful".

SELBY

U.C.W.

Will meet on Thursday, October 03rd at 7:00 pm.

Jane Hughes has the worship and Carolyn Pringle the program.

SMILE

WEDDING WHITE

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

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.