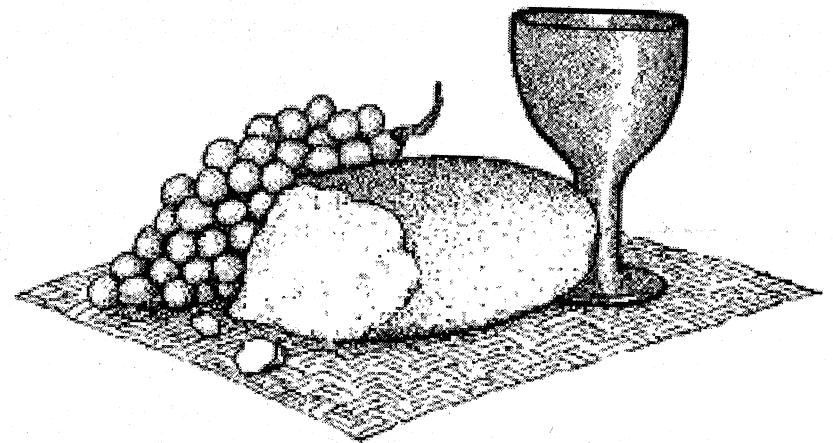


*Selby / Empey Hill  
United Churches*



*January 05, 2020*

**Selby Pastoral Charge**  
**The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**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#559 – TEN THOUSAND REASONS**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity.**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation. Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love, that we might grow**

**into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.**

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

Theme Time with the Kids

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: VU#664 – WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

**The Word Among Us**

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Our Sacred Scripture:

John 1:1-14

Sermon: "For" or "with?"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN – YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL**

**We Respond to God's Word**

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Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: VU#457 – AS WE GATHER  
AT YOUR TABLE**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**CLOSING HYMN: VU#670 – PRECIOUS LORD,  
TAKE MY HAND**

Benediction

Going Out Song

**Lord we say, as we go into all of life's promise,  
That each day we will know You are calling us  
onward. Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,  
Lead us forever. So each day we will know You  
are calling us onward.**

Announcements

We extended belated birthday wishes to the following people who celebrated in the past week:

Emma Perry – December 31st

Tim Hart – December 31st

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](mailto:pastor.mike.putnam@gmail.com).

**Membership**

Perhaps you're new to our faith community, or perhaps you've been hanging out here for a while. Either way, we're delighted that you're here! If you'd like to make your membership official, now's the time! On February 9<sup>th</sup> during worship, we will be welcoming new members by either "transfer" from another United Church or by "profession of faith."

If you are considering taking this step, please speak to Rev. Mike. You may have some questions about how the church works, and maybe you'd like to talk a bit about faith in general. Either way, we would welcome the opportunity to take a step forward together!

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Joint Session** – Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> at Empey Hill – 7:00 pm

**Joint Ministry & Personnel Committee** –

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Selby - 1:30 pm

**Selby Property and Finance Committee** – Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Selby Annual Congregational Meeting** – Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Empey Hill Annual Congregational Meeting** – Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting** – Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> – following worship (Potluck lunch to follow)

**EMPEY HILL****U.C.W.**

Will meet on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. Sylvia Chadwick is the hostess and Judy McCullough has the devotions. We will be planning the programs for 2020-2021. The roll call is A New Year's Verse. Lunch will be provided by Leona Tucker (sandwiches) and Marg Winter (cake).

**SELBY****U.C.W.**

Will meet on Thursday, January 09<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Rev. Mike Putnam has the worship and will do the installation of officers for the new year. Financial reports will also be given. Please bring one dish to share for the lunch.

**Play Group**

Selby United Church will be hosting a playgroup starting in January. Parents and caregivers join us Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 for free play, snacks, coffee, tea and songs! Our first playgroup will be Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>. We would love some volunteers to help out! Please contact Tricia Cammart or Mallory Wionzek if you can spare some time on Tuesday mornings.