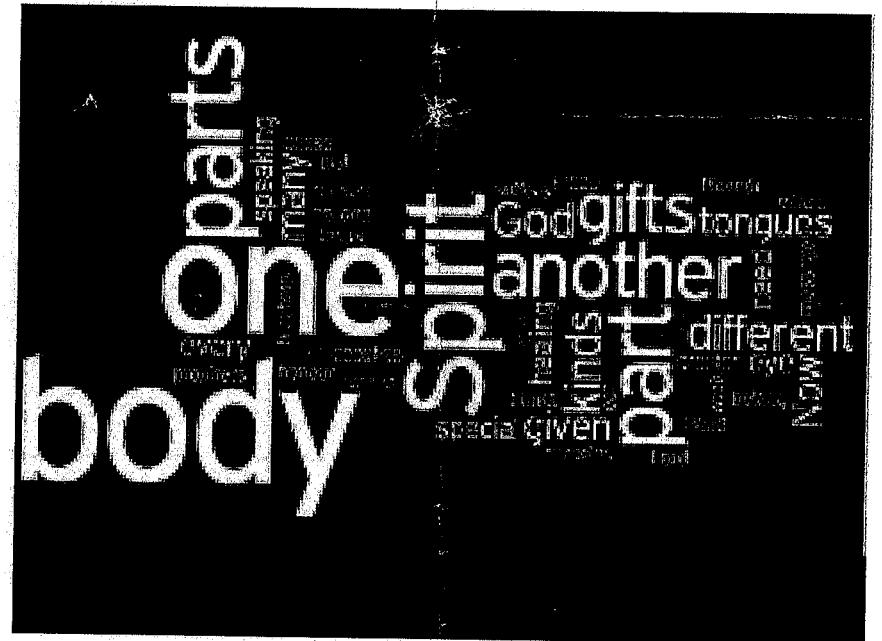


*Selby / Empey Hill
United Churches*



March 01, 2020

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge Worship
March 1st, 2020

Voluntary Associate Minister: Rev. Ed McCaig
Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: COME AS YOU ARE

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We have gathered here this morning because of Jesus' promise:

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."

We have come anticipating the welcome of Jesus:

"I will never turn away anyone who comes to me."

We have come expecting the blessing of Jesus:

"Ask, and you will receive. Seek, and you will find."

We have come seeking ways of serving this same Jesus:

"My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you."

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Holy God, today in this worship-time, we trust the promises and remember the commandments of Jesus your Son. Receive our praises, breathe life into our worship, and speak to us through your Word; praying in the name of this same Jesus, who became one of us so we could finally and fully and forever come to know you. Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MY LIGHTHOUSE

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession:

For setting out, seven days ago now, with all of the best intentions, and then failing to carry through: we are sorry.

For just going through the motions of loving those around us instead of truly loving them in costly ways: we are sorry.

For coming to this place of worship just for what we get out of it, rather than to truly worship and share our lives with our brothers and sisters: we are sorry.

Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake, because he promised we could be forgiven; and walk with us now, as we set out once again to serve him, and serve you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#14 – TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Romans 12:3-8 *Brian*

Sermon: "WiiChurch - Your Ministry"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN - VU#510 - WE HAVE THIS
MINISTRY**

We Respond to God's Word

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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

Benediction

Going Out Song

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go
with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in
faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will
guide you in all you do. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Announcements

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

Isabella Glasius - March 03
Jennifer Woodcock-Biccum- March 06
Norma Caton - March 07
Kristen Sutton - March 07

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.

Sermon Series - "WiiChurch"

The church is always changing - from small house churches in the first-century, to state-run churches in the middle ages, to the Reformation in the 1500's, to corporate style churches and denominations in the 20th century. But what does it mean to be faithful community in the 21st century?

February 16th - "Entrusted" - 2 Timothy 1:8-14
February 23rd - "Gotta Serve Somebody" - Acts 15:12-19
March 1st - "Your Ministry" - Romans 12:3-8
March 8th - "Better Together" - Galatians 6:2-10

Church Website – www.selbyunited.ca

Every week the bulletin (with announcements) and the sermon (both audio and text format) are posted for your convenience. If you miss a week or are teaching at the Rock, you can keep up with the latest news and sermon series!

Upcoming Worship Services:

March 15th – Rev. Frank Hamper leading worship (Rev. Mike away for March Break)

March 22nd – Celtic Worship with Guest Celtic Musicians "From Away"

World Day Of Prayer

Will be held Friday, March 06th downstairs at Grace United Church in Napanee. This year this ecumenical program has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Spring Tree Sale

Newburgh United Church is having a spring tree sale – white pine, white cedar, Norway spruce and red oak. All seedlings are \$2.00 and must be pre-ordered. Pick up of seedlings is Saturday, April 25th from 9 am until noon.

EMPEY HILL

U.C.W.

Will meet on Monday, March 02nd at 12:15 pm. Marg Winter is the hostess. We will be practicing for the World Day of Prayer Service. Lunch to be provided by Phyllis Mastin (sandwiches) and Linda Stapley (cake).

U.C.W.

Empey Hill U.C.W. will be doing the World Day Of Prayer service at the John M. Parrott Centre. Please meet at the home by 1:30 pm

SELBY

U.C.W.

Will be held on Thursday, March 05th at 7:00 pm. Shirley Jackson has the worship and Carolyn Robinson has the program.

SMILE

The Thief and the Parrot

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He stealthily crept through the lounge and was stopped dead in his tracks when he heard a loud voice clearly saying, 'Jesus is watching you!'

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. 'Jesus is watching you', the voice rang out again.

The thief stopped dead again. He was frightened out of his wits. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a birdcage and in the cage was a parrot.



He asked the parrot, 'Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?'
'Yes', said the parrot.

The burglar breathed a heavy sigh of relief and asked the parrot: 'What's your name?'
'Ronald', said the bird.

'That's a stupid name for a parrot, 'sneered the burglar.' 'What idiot named you Ronald?'
The parrot said, 'The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus.'