

# SELBY PASTORAL CHARGE



Selby United Church and Empey Hill United Church

Lent/Easter Newsletter, 2020



## ...From the Minister's Desk

What would you say Easter is all about? If someone asked you, could you boil it down to just a few sentences? What if you had 60-seconds?

Every Easter, the Napanee radio station gives local churches 60-seconds to spell out the "True Meaning of Easter."

That's no small task. I admit, it takes me quite a bit of time to craft a message that fits nicely into that minute. So, here's what I came up with this year:

"Hi, this is Rev. Mike Putnam from Selby United Church and Empey Hill United Church.

You know, chances are you have a past. I know I do. And often our pasts have an impact on our present and our future. I meet people all the time who have been through some tough stuff. People who feel broken, ashamed, or even unworthy because of their past. And that makes the present hard, and the future hard to imagine.

And that's why I think Easter is so very important. Easter is an event that happened in the past. But it has something to say about our future. It says that because of a man named Jesus, who defeated death and rose to life on Easter, our past puts no limits on our future.

Easter is God's decisive action, in light of the past, to remake the future, and give us a present that is worth living for.

Now that is something worth celebrating! So, happy Easter, from

Selby United Church and Empey Hill United Church."

So, what do you think? Did I get at the heart of it? What would you have said?

This Easter season we are going to be talking about "The stories we love to tell about ourselves." We all have a story, and we like to tell it.

But how does your story change in light of Easter? How does your past intersect with God's future? How does your present look different in light of Easter?

Chances are, once you've thought about it, you will find that the story you like to tell about yourself will look a little different. So, join us this Lent and Easter as we consider your story, God's story and our story together.

In the pages of this newsletter you will find information about past, present and future ministry of our churches. I hope that you will find the contents interesting and informative, but even more so, I hope that you will find within these pages an invitation to enter into the story of Selby Pastoral Charge, to be part of what God is doing in our beloved community now and in the future.

Easter Blessings,

Rev. Mike Putnam



## Upcoming Events in our Faith Community:

- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Celtic Sunday Worship 9:45 am Selby and 11:15 at Empey Hill
- **Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – The Men's Group Pancake Supper – at Selby
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday - 9:45 at Selby and 11:15 at Empey Hill
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday Service – 10:00am at Selby United Church
- **April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday Services – 9:45 at Selby and 11:15 at Empey Hill
- **Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Selby UCW Roast Beef Dinner
- **April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00 at Selby. Mother's Day service 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 am at Empey Hill.

## Youth Retreat

On the weekend of February 29<sup>th</sup>, the Selby United Church Youth group enjoyed a wonderful retreat at Joy Bible Camp in Bancroft. We joined three other youth groups including Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church (Toronto), Maranatha Christian Reformed Church (Belleville), Eastminster United Church (Belleville). It was a wonderful time of meeting new friends in Christ.

The retreat included worship and devotional times, snow shoeing, skiing, skating and gym games. All meals were provided by the camp, and they were delicious!



**Selby & Empey Hill Men's Group**

**Annual Pancake Supper**  
**Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

**Come and enjoy homemade pancakes, real maple syrup and pie!  
5-7 PM, \$10 per person (\$5 for children under 12)**

## World Day of Prayer 2020

Once again, this year, the Empey Hill UCW marked "The World Day of Prayer," by leading a special service at the John M. Parrott Centre.

The UCW has led this service at the long-term care facility for many years, and it is always well received. Following the service refreshments and goodies were served, which gave time to connect with friends old and new.

This year the theme location was the Zimbabwe, and the service included a liturgy written by Zimbabwean women especially for the occasion.

Marg Winter provided music for the service, and Deacon David Smith, Chaplain of the Parrott Centre also participated.



## Good Friday Service

"There can be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday" is something preachers often say, and it is true! Without Jesus' sacrificial death on a cross, our shouts of "He is Risen" on Easter Sunday make no sense.

This year, our Good Friday service is going to be extra special! The Session approved a proposal to join with our sisters and brothers from Newburgh and Centreville Churches. Rev. Mike will be working with Rev. Barbara Mahood to offer a very special service of worship.

The highlight is going to be a joint choir – including members from all of our churches! Two rehearsals will be held (dates to be announced). Anyone who would like to participate is most welcome! Newburgh United Church's organist, David Rankine, will be directing the choir, and Selby's Musician, Andrea Putnam will be accompanying.

Please plan to join us on Good Friday at Selby United Church at 10:00 am for this very special occasion!



# FROM AWAY

will be our special

guest musicians at our Celtic Worship Sunday. They play Traditional Celtic music with captivating original sounds and its roots in tradition. **Graham Lindsey** is a tune-writer and session musician. Four of his tunes have been performed on the Carillon in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill where he was welcomed as guest composer in 2019. **Kristan Couture** is originally a Saskatchewan girl where she won the 2018 Saskatchewan Country Music Award for Fiddler of the Year, and received final ballot nominations for her roots album "You Just Fooled Me". She performed as a classical violinist with the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra for four years and toured and performed with local country bands and folk artists across Canada. Ottawa-born and raised **Kyle Jordan** rounds out the trio with driving Celtic rhythms and a background in Gypsy jazz. His compositions also round out the band's sound, with fresh new instrumentals.

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# Celtic Worship Sunday

Selby United Church & Empey Hill United Church

March 22, 2020 – 9:45 AM & 11:15 AM

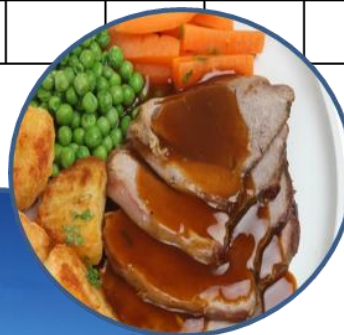
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May 9<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm  
 Adults - \$15  
 Children (12 and under) - \$7

**Tickets available from UCW members.**