

# THE STEPPING-STONE



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Greetings to all in the name of the Risen Christ! – That is a typical greeting on many pastoral letters, but it is especially fitting this month as we celebrate Easter and all that it means. Easter Day, of course, is the day we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the grave. It is a day that culminates the long journey we have been on through Lent and marks our belief that all things can be made new again. It also often marks the end of a long winter season and the real beginning of Spring with the entire world coming back to life – buds on trees and shoots- and full flowers, emerging from their dormant sleep in the cold earth.

Easter also marks a time for us to allow our souls to be refreshed. The days of Holy Week, that week before Easter, take us through the full gamut of human emotion and the various places our souls can go on our journey. The week begins with Palm Sunday and the celebration of Jesus finally entering Jerusalem. It is a day filled with Hallelujahs and joy, but also a day of irony as we consider what is to come.

In the week that lay ahead, Jesus would challenge the religious leaders like never before, he would turn over tables in the Temple, and touch many lives. He would share his final meal with his disciples, go to the garden to pray, be betrayed, and disappointed in his followers, forgive them, be tried and crucified. For his followers there would be joy, disbelief, sorrow and hopelessness. In that one week, their souls would experience the greatest of joys and the deepest of depression – and through it all, Christ would continue to love them.

With all the lessons we can learn from Holy Week, perhaps that is the most important one. The lesson that no matter how we are acting, or how we are feeling, God is right there by our side, offering us support, guidance, forgiveness and redemption. Easter gives us so much, but it also challenges us. As Henry Knox Sherrill, a mid 20<sup>th</sup> century clergy and bishop in the Episcopal church has said:

*The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline,*

*sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.*

With these few words, Sherrill has summed up the call of Easter for us all. It is not only a time to celebrate the resurrection, but also to examine it's means for our lives, and to recognize the call of Christ and the Resurrection of our souls. With the resurrection, God has provided us all with the amazing gifts of redemption and reconciliation with God, but having faith in that resurrection also calls us to “do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice” that a full life in Christ requires. May God Bless you and your family in this coming season, and may the Spirit fill us with compassion and desire to live fully into a life in Christ.

In Christ's Peace

*Paster Day*



## HOW ARE WE DOING

Worship attendance in March

March 5 - 9:30 a.m. – 92

March 12 – 9:00 a.m. – 62

March 19 - 9:00 a.m. – 69

March 26 – 9:00 a.m. - 84

## JANUARY 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

January income.....\$10,946

January expenses..... 16,794

Giving us a negative - \$ 5,848 for January

## FEBRUARY 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

February income.....\$13,765

February expenditures.....\$ 6,508

Giving us a positive + \$ 7,257 for February

Hugh Reed,  
Church Treasurer



## COMMUNION IN APRIL

In April the service of holy communion will be celebrated during morning worship on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2017. Nancy Corey, a member of the board of deacons is the communion and fellowship preparer for April.

## SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Refreshment fellowship, provided by the board of deacons, is held at 10:00 a.m. following our Sunday morning worship services. Donations of baked goods are needed. If you can provide baked goods please sign up on the sheet located by the refreshments on Sunday morning. It is helpful if they are on a plate ready to put out to serve. Thank you.



## USHERS AND GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Ushers are needed for our Sunday morning worship services. You may sign-up for a week or a month to serve as an usher. The sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. Questions...see Lee Winger (head usher) on Sunday mornings.

Greeters for our Sunday morning worship services are also needed. A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, see Kay Butkus, a member of the Bd. of Deacons.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT....

To-date, a total of \$456 has been received for the annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering that was received March 12, 2017, and is directed to Church World Service through both the United Methodist and American Baptist denominations to help when disaster strikes anywhere in the world. Thank you for your support of this special offering.



## FINAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Lenten Soup Suppers have been held Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. The final Lenten Soup Supper will be held Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. and hosted by the Personnel Relations Board. Those attending are reminded to bring either a crock pot of soup, bread/rolls/butter or a dessert to share for the meal. Following the meal, Rev. Stephanie Brown, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Virgil, NY will lead discussion on the Safe Sanctuary program.

## HOLY WEEK



## PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday worship will be held Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the regular 9:00 a.m. worship hour. Following worship at 10:00 a.m. a refreshment fellowship time will be held in the Riehlman Fellowship Room. Special thanks to the Hartwell Funeral Home for providing the palms for morning worship. A service of infant baptism will also be held during morning worship on Palm Sunday.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 13, 2017



A Maundy Thursday Soup Supper will be held in the Riehlman Fellowship Room



## FAIR TRADE COFFEE ANNOUNCEMENT....

The sale of Fair Trade Coffee will end when present inventory is sold, as these products are now available at affordable prices thru several retail outlets. We are most appreciative in having been able to provide this service in the past and the support given by the congregation.

### Senior to Senior Lunch

The Tully High School Senior Class will be hosting a lunch for ALL Seniors (55 years of age or older) in the Tully School District on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 a.m. here at T.U.C.C. No reservation needed.

## LEADERSHIP NIGHT MEETINGS IN APRIL

Leadership night meetings will be held Monday, April 3, 2017. Boards of the church meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the church council meeting at 8:00 p.m. All church officers and board members should plan to attend this important meeting night.

## LILLIAN BIGSBY CIRCLE NEWS

The Lillian Bigsby Circle will resume meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Those planning to attend are reminded to bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The circle will work on a "Brother's Keeper Quilt" for the Rescue Mission during their meeting. Also...the circle continues collecting toiletries for the Rescue Mission (like those provided when you go to a motel). A box is available in the church office for donations of toiletries. The Rescue Mission appreciated the many items that were donated late last year. All women of the church are welcome to attend the Lillian Bigsby Circle meetings.



## TUCC PRAYER SHAWL

**REMINDER** ...The prayer shawl ministry continues to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Murdock Lounge here at the church.

The ministry continues the need for donations of yarn and/or funds for the purchase of yarn and related supplies, so please spread the word. If you have suggestions of a person to be recipient of a prayer shawl, please complete one of the request cards on the table in the narthex and turn it in to the office or give it to Sherri Mackey or Fran Fishlock. We will do our best to honor as many of the requests as possible in a timely manner. In April meetings of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Mondays, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.



## YOUTH NEWS –

The Youth Class, under the leadership of Karin Dykeman and Del Wayne, generally meets every other week. See their facebook page (Tully United Community Church Youth) for more information.

## SUMMER CAMP REMINDER

All youth planning to attend church camp during the 2017 summer season should get their registration forms completed and sent in as soon as possible. If you plan to go to camp and have not yet received camp material in the mail, brochures are available on the table in the church narthex, or contact the church office (696-8066). If you would like, you may also register on-line at...[www.aldersgateNY.org](http://www.aldersgateNY.org) and [www.casowasco.org](http://www.casowasco.org). A registration form can be downloaded and printed for easy registration by mail. Getting your registration form in by May 1, 2017, will allow you to take the early bird discount which saves \$20.00 (those attending a partial week camping program will get a \$10 early bird discount). A deposit of \$75 per session must be submitted with the registration form in order for it to be processed. The balance is due three weeks prior to the start of the camper's session. Other camping brochures are available and are also located on the table in the church narthex. Those

interested in the American Baptist Pathfinder Camp on Otsego Lake in Cooperstown, NY may register on-line at: [www.abc-nys.org/camps](http://www.abc-nys.org/camps).



### CAMPERSHIP REMINDER

Monies for camperships are available from the church for those planning to attend church camp this summer. All youth planning to apply for a campership are reminded to get a copy of your camp registration form to the church office by the May 7, 2017 deadline. Questions, see Pam Downey, co-ordinator of our Christian Education Program, and chair of the Board of Christian Education (696-2439).



### CAMPERSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Board of Christian Education and the youth of the church will be sponsoring a bake sale following worship on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> during the refreshment fellowship time. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the campership program.

### BABY HAVEN REMINDER

Grace Shetler continues to serve as the childcare giver in the Baby Haven Nursery during Sunday morning worship. Grace is available by 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Questions about the Baby Haven....see Pam Downey, chair of the Bd. of Christian Education (696-2439).



**SPRING BREAK....**Spring break is scheduled for the week of April 17 – 21 (the week after Easter). Due to Easter and spring break, NO Sunday School classes will be held Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

**FAMILY DAY** - As you may know, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) is Family Day. Children will attend worship with their families and Sunday School classes are held from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

### THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL....

On Saturday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup> the Adult Fellowship Group enjoyed an evening of Progressive Pitch at John & Cathy Burgett's home (Rt. 80 West). A fun time was had by all those who attended.

### THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Anyone willing to host the appetizer portion of the meal is asked to let Sharon Hoogs know (696-5009) as soon as possible. The main course will be served at the church in the Riehlman Fellowship Room. The dessert portion of the meal will be served at Hollis Rotella's home, Tully Lake. Those planning to attend are asked to sign up at the welcome center. Please check the sign-up sheet the week before the event (April 16, 2017) to see what you should bring for the meal or contact Sharon (696-5009). All adults are invited to join in the fun.



### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

Food for the community food pantry at St. Leo's Church Hall is received each month on Communion Sunday (April 2), or can be dropped off in the church office anytime. Donations of canned foods and non-perishable items continue to be needed as well as paper products and baby foods and diapers (all sizes). The food pantry is open one Wednesday a month from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. To find out what day the food pantry is open, or to set up an appointment please call 696-8721.



## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



The next community blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017, at St. Leo's church hall from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Please call Nancy O'Neil 416-8556 to set up an appointment. As blood donations continue to be low, all those who are able to donate blood are encouraged to set up an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The next Tully community Red Cross blood drive to be held here at TUCC is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Watch for more details in the May newsletter. See Sally Greene (315-696-5562) to set up an appointment.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS



**A SERVICE OF INFANT AND CHILDREN'S BAPTISM** is scheduled to be held during morning worship on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. Anyone wishing to have their child/children baptized that morning is asked to speak with Pastor Doug as soon as possible or call the church office (315) 696-8066.

Infant and children's baptism can be scheduled anytime during morning worship. See Pastor Doug to set the date you wish to have your child/children baptized or call the church office.

**NEW MEMBERS...** If you are interested in joining the church, new members can be welcomed anytime. Speak with Pastor Doug following morning worship, or see John Burgett (696-8620), chair of our Board of Mission and Outreach.



## SYMPATHY

We all join in extending our sympathy to Don and Sue Bickelhaupt on the death of Don's brother, Dan Bickelhaupt on March 6, 2017.

## PRAYER CHAIN REMINDER

The church has a very active prayer chain. If you wish to become a member of the prayer chain, contact Linda Cottrell (696-5160), or if you have a prayer request during the week, call Linda with the information, and she will contact the members of the prayer chain.



## FOLLOWING IS A STEWARDSHIP NOTE FROM...Jim & Sherla Millis members of the Board of Stewards

Being good stewards requires us to decide what we will do with all that God has entrusted to us. The familiar offertory response "All things come from you, and of your own do we give you" reminds us that all that we have is sourced from God's provision. We are encouraged to give time, skills and money to support the work of the church and that of other charities that build God's kingdom. Much of this giving may be regular giving from our income, but we should also consider what we will do with the wealth that we accumulate.

A little humor.....

## CELEBRATION OF OUR MINISTRIES

### *Loving People, Loving God*

The Board of Stewards continues planning our celebration of ministries service (pledge Sunday) May 21, 2017. The boards of the church will begin giving their presentations Easter Sunday, April 16, 2016.

The schedule is as follows:

- April 16 – Personnel Relations Board
- April 23 – Bd. of Mission & Outreach
- April 30 - Board of Deacons
- May 7 – Board of Christian Education –

Also Children's Day

May 14 – Board of Trustees

The final presentation will be given by the Board of Stewards on May 21, 2017

Plans are underway for the 9:00 a.m. *Celebration of Our Ministries Service* (pledge Sunday) May 21, 2017. The theme this year is "Loving People, Loving God" our church theme for the year.

A mailing will be sent to church members and friends in early May. Included in the mailing will be an Estimate of Giving (pledge) card. We remind you to complete the card and return it to the church in the envelope that will be provided either by mail, or you may bring it with you on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Your pledge will help the members of the church council prepare a budget for the next fiscal year (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018).

Following worship May 21<sup>st</sup> a celebration brunch, hosted by the member of the board of stewards, will be held in the Riehlman Fellowship Room. All are welcome and invited to attend.

**INSPIRATIONAL PEBBLES...**The members of the Board of Stewards invite you to pick up an *inspirational pebble* from the container on the table in the church narthex that will be available in early April. There is a word or phrase on each pebble that we encourage you to use as your *thought for the week*. Then the next Sunday, you may keep the pebble and choose a different one. The *inspirational pebbles* will be available through Sunday, May 21, 2017.

### **NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER – SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017**

The next church sponsored Community Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. hosted by the members of the Board of Mission & Outreach. A meatloaf and baked potato dinner is being planned. Needed...a variety of foods for the evening meal are needed. A sign-up sheet will be located at the Welcome Center. If you can help, please sign up. Those providing food for the meal are reminded that it needs to be dropped off at the church by 4:00 p.m. Questions....see John Burgett, chair of the Bd. of Mission & Outreach 315-345-3660. Thank you.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FEELING YOUNGER EVERY DAY**

The April meeting of the Tully Senior Citizens' Group will be an evening pot luck meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month) here at the church. All area Senior's, 55 years of age or older are welcome and invited to attend. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass; beverage will be provided.

Those wishing to join the Tully Senior Citizens' Group are reminded that dues are \$5.00 a year per person. Checks should be made out to: Tully Senior Citizens' Group and sent to Sue Swayze, treasurer, P.O. Box 965, Tully, NY 13159-0965.

The May meeting will be their annual birthday celebration catered meal scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Reservations and payment ???\$10 per person for members and ???\$15 per person for non- members are needed in advance for the meal that will be catered by Kim Griffen. The 2017 Senior Citizen of the Year will also be announced and honored at the May 10, 2017, dinner. If you have questions, see Esther Hoose, chair of the Tully Senior Citizen's Group.



### **TULLY AND LAFAYETTE SENIOR CITIZENS' TRIP SCHEDULE.....**

The LaFayette Senior Citizens' Group and the Tully Senior Citizens' Group are scheduling **FOUR** trips each that members of both groups are invited to attend.

Following is one of the Tully trips scheduled for 2017:

Monday, August 14, 2017 – A trip to the Belhurst Castle in Geneva, NY and the Merry Go Round Playhouse in Auburn, NY featuring the 2:00 p.m. matinee of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (an adult themed production presented in a tasteful, funny way).

For more information and reservations for the Tully trips, see Lynn Anderson (315) 396-6217

Following is one of the trips for LaFayette:

September 8 – 16, 2017 – a 9 day – 8 night trip to Branson & the Ozarks Missouri including 7 spectacular shows as well as a guided tour of the College of the Ozarks.

For Information about the LaFayette trips contact Lynn Henderson – (315) 677-5112 to make reservations etc.



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## SYRACUSE CHORALE CONCERT

The Syracuse Chorale spring concert “*Our Fondest Memories*” will be held Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the DeWitt Community Church beginning at 3:00 p.m.. Tickets are: \$15 at the door; \$12 in advance (guests 18 and under FREE). For advance sale tickets see Rick Reed on Sunday mornings.



## FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING REMINDER

P.E.A.C.E. Inc. holds FREE blood pressure screening at the church on the third Tuesday of each month (April 18, 2017) from 10:30 a.m. – noon in the Murdock Lounge. Sharon Mariani and Karen Puccia provide this service. All are invited to stop by the church April 18<sup>th</sup> and get your blood pressure checked.



## FREE FOOD FROM WEGMANS

On the first Tuesday of each month, (April 4, 2017) FREE food from Wegmans is available to anyone in the community beginning at 3:00 p.m. at St. Leo’s Church Hall. A variety of foods including fruits, vegetables, breads etc. is available.

## FOOD \$EN\$E REMINDER

Food \$en\$e is a program of the Food Bank of Central New York. The goal is to help individuals and families stretch food dollars and to decrease the need for emergency food. Everyone is eligible. There is no income requirement, although the program will be most attractive to those who wish to stretch their food dollars.

You may wonder how does it work? Once each month participants register at St. Leo’s Church Hall, Each food unit costs \$20.50. This is to be pre-paid in cash or food stamps at the time of registration. There is no limit to the number of units that an individual or family may buy. Later in the month the pre-registered participant picks up his food package at a local host site on distribution day, usually the third or fourth week of the month.

What is in a food unit? One food unit has approximately 10 – 13 food items including fresh fruit and vegetables, meats and grocery staples. Each month the food package will change. The retail value of the food package will depend largely on where it is priced out. Many participants find their package is worth about \$25 - \$30.

Registration forms for April are available here at the church and are posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex. If you wish to have more information, please call St. Leo’s Church at 315-696-5092 or 315-696-8721.

## TUESDAY IS LUNCH TIME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

P.E.A.C.E. Inc. sponsors the senior citizens’ hot lunch program at the church each week on Tuesday at noon. A donation of \$3.00 per meal is suggested.

Following is the menu for April:

April 4 –

April 11- The menu was not available

April 18 – when newsletter

April 25 – was printed.

The menu will be posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

If you have questions about the program, call Velda Bumpus, co-ordinator for the hot lunch meal 683-5833. Those planning to attend are reminded to let Velda know a week in advance in order for enough food to be available.



### AFTER THE PROM FUNDRAISER

The Junior Class at Tully High School is planning a substance-free After the Prom Party to be held following the Jr. Prom on Saturday, May 6th. The focus is to provide an alcohol and drug-free celebration and they are in need of support from the community to help fund their efforts. Martha Quinn ([mquinn2@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mquinn2@twcny.rr.com)) is the chair of this year's event.

On Saturday, April 8, 2017 a bottle/can drive, car wash and Bob Barker's Hot Dog Truck will be at the Tully High School by the bus garage. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the bottle drop off site in the high school parking lot.

Thank you for your help in providing our students with this safe and fun alternative celebration.

### BOY SCOUT RETURNABLES



Tully Boy Scout Troop #62 collects returnable cans and bottles in the bins in the east entry way of the church. It is helpful if the cans and bottles are rinsed out before they are placed in the bins. All proceeds help cover the cost of camping and other projects. Thank you for your support.

### TULLY BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Tully Boy Scouts are making plans for their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at St. Leo's Church Hall, Onondaga Street in the Village of Tully from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. Ticket costs are: Adults - \$8.00; children under 6 - \$3.00 with an immediate family ticket available for \$20.00. Menu: spaghetti, meatballs, salad,

bread and dessert. Tickets are available from any Boy Scout or call Alan Coffin (696-5149) to have a scout bring tickets to your home to purchase. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds help cover the cost of summer camp as well as supplies and equipment needed



### INTERFAITH WORKS OF CENTRAL NEW YORK FUNDRAISER

The Syracuse University Brass Ensemble under the direction of Dr. James T. Spencer will present a Spring Pops Concert on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.. at the United Church of Fayetteville (310 E. Genesee St.). Tickets can be purchased at the door \$8 Adults, \$6 Students with refreshments available following the concert.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Ministries and Services of Interfaith Works of Central New York. If you need more information you may e-mail Rev. Jim Kerr-Whitt at: [kerrwhittoo@aol.com](mailto:kerrwhittoo@aol.com)

### T.L.C. RECIPIENTS FOR APRIL

- April 2 – Bob Hilfinger  
Central Park Rehab Rm. 116  
116 Martin Luther King East  
Syracuse, NY 13205
- April 9 – Marian Clymer  
Cortland Park Nursing Home  
Rm. 309  
193 Clinton St.  
Cortland, NY 13045
- April 16 – Ruth Cummings  
The Nottingham Rm 118  
1302 Nottingham Rd.  
Jamesville, NY 13078
- April 23 – George & Ruth Cook  
Jewish Home – Menorah Park  
4101 E. Genesee St.  
Syracuse, NY 13214
- April 30 – Elsie Fuller  
31 Village View Dr.  
Tully, NY 13159



## COMING IN MAY

### LEADERSHIP NIGHT – MAY 1, 2017...

The May Leadership Night meetings are scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017. The boards meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the church council meeting at 8:00 p.m. All board chairs are reminded that budget figures for 2017-2018 are needed by the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

We remind you that many of our board members terms of office expire September 1, 2017. Any member of the church that is interested in serving on a church board is asked to see Beth Greenwood, church moderator or Pastor Doug as soon as possible. Board members will be elected at the 2017 Annual Meeting scheduled for July 16, 2017 following worship at 10:15 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Riehlman Fellowship Room with refreshments. Also...on the agenda for the meeting will be a decision on our Sunday morning worship hour. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!



**BLANKET SUNDAY –**  
**MOTHER'S DAY May 14, 2017...** The annual Blanket Sunday special offering will be received on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017. All monies received will go to Church World Service. CWS Blankets bring comfort in times of crisis. Contributions to our Blanket Sunday special offering means that CWS will be ready to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, and build viable, sustainable lives and communities. Your generous donation to the Blanket Sunday special offering is appreciated.

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP MAY ACTIVITY...** The May Adult Fellowship activity is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017 – hiking in the area is being planned. Watch the May, 2017 newsletter for more details.



**SPRING FIX-UP DAY – May 13, 2017.....** The Board of Trustees will hold their annual spring fix-up day Saturday, May 13, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m.. A list of jobs needing to be completed will be posted at the Welcome Center.

Questions...see Jim Butkus (315-677-3059).



### CHURCH GARDEN GROUP...PETER'S WEEDERS

The TUCC Garden Group (Peter's Weeders) will meet on the following dates this year. The work sessions will go from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain date May 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is welcome to come and help our church grounds look beautiful. See or call Peter Huntington 315-263-2537 if you have any questions.

### CELEBRATIONS OF OUR MINISTRIES SERVICE (Pledge Sunday)

A mailing will be sent in early May to all church members and friends regarding the May 21, 2017, Celebration of Our Ministries Service and Brunch. Included with the mailing will be an Estimate of Giving (pledge) Card for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Please complete the pledge card and either bring it with you to church on May 21<sup>st</sup> or mail it to the church in the envelope included with the mailing.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...meeting** will may will continue to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – May 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

### **CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE**

The annual Children's Day Service will be held during morning worship May 7, 2017. Watch the May, 2017 newsletter for more details.



### **TULLY MEMORIAL DAY**

#### **CEREMONIES**



The Tully American Legion and Tully Council for the Arts are again this year coordinating the Annual Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 29, 2017 with ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the Tully Elementary School followed by the parade to the Tully Cemetery at 10 a.m.

### **T.A.G. ANNUAL PLANT SALE**



T.A.G. (Tully Action Group) will hold their annual plant sale fundraiser at the Cornerstone Park (center of Tully Village) on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-1:00 at the Cornerstone Park. Watch the May newsletter for more details about the plant sale.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE**

#### **BLOOD DRIVE – June 10, 2017**

A community blood drive will be held here at TUCC on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The hours are 8:00 a.m. – NOON. To set up an appointment please call Sally Greene 315-696-5562.

#### **LEADERSHIP NIGHT MEETINGS IN JUNE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, June 12, 2017**

Leadership Night meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, June 12, 2017. Boards of the church meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the church council meeting at 8:00 p.m. The church council meeting will center on finalizing the 2017-2018 budget for approval at the July 16<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.



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APRIL 2017

Rev. Doug Mackey, Pastor

Beth Greenwood, moderator; Jillian Pyke-Chartrand, church secretary

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**ABOUT OUR CHURCH**

The Tully United Community Church has both United Methodist and American Baptist affiliation.

**MORNING WORSHIP** is held at 9:00 a.m. followed by a refreshment fellowship time at 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** are held during morning worship. Children are dismissed for classes following the Children's Moment. We remind you that April 2, 2017 is **FAMILY DAY**. Children attend worship with their families and Sunday School classes are held following worship from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

**SENIOR TO SENIOR LUNCHEON HERE AT TUCC...** Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. – hosted by the Tully High School Senior Class for Senior Citizen's living in the Tully Area – **FREE – NO reservations needed.**

**LEADERSHIP NIGHT** will be held Monday, April 3, 2017. The boards of the church meet at 6:30 p.m.; church council 8:00 pm.

**LILLIAN BIGSBY CIRCLE** – Monday, April 3, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch

**FINAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER** – Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm hosted by PRB – Program – Safe Sanctuary

**TULLY ROTARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET** – Thursday, April 6, 2017 – Orchard Vali Restaurant – honoring Tom & Kim Dando

**TULLY AFTER THE PROM FUNDRAISERS** – April 8<sup>th</sup> – bottle/can drive, car wash and Bob Barker's Hot Dog Truck at the Tully High School parking lot

**TULLY SENIOR CITIZENS** – Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. here at the church for their monthly pot-luck meal and program.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 13, 2017 – 6 p.m. Soup Supper followed by the Annual Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 14, 2017 – 24 Hour Prayer Vigil begins at Noon and continues through Noon on Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**EASTER SUNDAY** – April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunrise Service – 6:15 a.m. followed by refreshments; Easter morning worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. also followed by refreshments.

**P.E.A.C.E. HOT LUNCH MEAL FOR SENIORS** is held at the church every Tuesday at noon at a cost of \$3.00 per person.

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (April 18<sup>th</sup>) from 10:30 a.m. – NOON, provided by Sharon Mariani and Karen Puccia.

**SPRING BREAK** – Spring break – April 17<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> – No School that week.

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP APRIL ACTIVITIES** – The annual Progressive dinner will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 6 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Host/Hostesses are needed for the appetizer and dessert. The main course will be served here at the church.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** – Saturday, April 15, 2017, from 8:00 am-noon – St. Leo's church hall

**TULLY BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30-7:00 p.m. St. Leo's church hall

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY DINNER** – Sunday, April 30, 2017 – 4:30-6:00 p.m. A meatloaf and baked potato dinner is being planned. A sign-up sheet for needed foods is at the Welcome Center.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS** – see page 6 for the schedule

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