

THE STEPPING-STONE



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It is s February already! Sometimes I am amazed at how quickly time seems to fly by. January has been a busy month, personally, at church, and for the Nation. As we moved from Christmas into Epiphany the eyes of many turned toward the coming inauguration of a new leader for our nation.

While this happens every four years, and is always accompanied by much fanfare and interest, this year it also created a great deal of apprehension for some. Those folks with concerns were worried if our new President would make good on many of his campaign promises. For them, those promises do not align with the teachings of Christ as they understand those teachings, or with their understanding of what America means.

At the same time, there were others who looked forward to the new president with great hope. Hope for change back to a perceived "better times" when there were more jobs, and less tension in the nation.

With the swearing in last week, we have begun to see what direction the new administration is taking, and it has done nothing to lessen the anxieties of those who were concerned, and has even started to create some concern for many who had been hopeful.

As a result we are continuing in unsettled times, and many are expressing concern for the months ahead. Scripture can provide us with comfort and guidance during such times. We can also find uplifting words used by others from the past to sustain hope for the future. Words that were shared at other times when the future was uncertain. For example, the following comes from Martin Luther King, Jr, in April 1968, a time when much of the Nation was in turmoil over civil rights, poverty concerns, the Vietnam War and the threat of Nuclear War.

*"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind.
Like anybody, I would like to live a long life.*

Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land!

And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man!

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!!"

Sadly, King was assassinated the very next day, but those words of hope, of faith in God's promises and of recognition that the struggle which lay ahead would bear fruit, have meant so much to so many since they were uttered.

Today, we can keep that same kind of faith in God's Promises, even as we recognize that difficult and contentious times may lie ahead. If we keep our focus on God and Jesus and Jesus and everything he came to teach us, we can live in peace and hope even when there is such discord in the nation.

Jesus teaches us to love those we disagree with; to seek peace with our brothers and ways to end our disagreements. Most importantly Jesus taught us to honor God above all else.

Whatever one's political view, nationality, race, gender or any other identity we can conjure up that might cause separation and discord, - the truth is we are all Children of God – and if we keep our focus on God we can find ways to live together in Peace while living out the Gospel.

So let us look forward to the coming months not as dark days, but as days that challenge us to proclaim the message of the Gospel to a world sorely in need of Good News. The times ahead will be times to share in Christ's Way with other, to speak of hope and fruitfulness of the spirit at work in our lives, even as we see difficulties surrounding us.

May we go forward with a spirit that allows us to join with King in saying these words: ***"And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!!"***

In peace,

Paster Doug

Church Highlights

HOW ARE WE DOING?

January 2017 attendance:

January 1 – 48

January 8 -72

January 15– 74

January 22- 68

January 29 -63



WELCOME VISITORS

A guest book, available by the sanctuary doors, helps us welcome visitors to our church.

We also remind you to wear your nametag. If you do not have a **NAMETAG**, please sign the sheet by the nametags and one will be available for you the following week.

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS

Lee Winger serves as head usher. The sign-up sheet for ushers is at the Welcome Center. Ushers are needed for March 12-26, April 9-30th, May 14th-28th.

June/July/Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec are also needed you may sign up to serve as an usher for one week or the entire month. See Lee on Sunday mornings if you have questions.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

A chance to greet your church family ! Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. worship services. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Welcome Center. See Kay Butkus (677-3059), a member of the board of deacons, if you have questions.

Confirmation Class

Meetings are held Sunday evenings at 6p.m. See Pastor Doug with questions.

COMMUNION IN FEBRUARY
Communion this February will be coordinated by Kay Butkus . Communion will be served Sunday February 5TH 2017



INFANT AND CHILDREN'S BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER REMINDERS

Infant and Children's baptism can be held anytime. Please speak with Pastor Doug following morning worship, or call the church office, 696-8066.

New members can be welcomed into church membership at any time. Please see John Burgett, chair of our Board of Mission and Outreach, speak with Pastor Doug following Sunday morning worship, or call the church office 696-8066.



BABY HAVEN REMINDER

Grace Shetler continues to serve as the caregiver in the Baby Haven on Sunday mornings. She is available in the Baby Haven Nursery by 8:45 a.m. If you have questions, see Pam Downey (696-2439), chair of the Board of Christian Education.

REFRESHMENT FELLOWSHIP IN FEBRUARY

The refreshment fellowship preparer for February is **Kay Butkus**. Anyone who can provide a batch of cookies etc. is asked to sign up on the refreshment table on Sunday morning. It is helpful if they are on a plate ready to put out to serve.

2017 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

A copy of the 2017 altar flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex. All those signed up to provide flowers of our worship services will receive a copy of the calendar. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Corey (810-4074) or call the church office (696-8066). Reminders are printed in the Sunday bulletin and the monthly newsletter

Dates needed to be filled

March 5
April 2
October 29
December 31



FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP NIGHT MEETINGS

The February Leadership Night meetings are scheduled for **Monday, February 6, 2017**, the first Monday of the month. The 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
REMINDER**
The Lillian Bigsby Circle does not meet during the winter months of February and March. Meetings will resume Monday, April 3, 2017.

A STEWARDSHIP NOTE – From Marley Barduhn, Money Management Expert Dave Ramsey has joined Sirius XM! Many of our congregation have viewed the video on Dave Ramsey’s Christian-centered financial planning, helping many people out of debt, to build wealth and give generously. Now you can listen as you drive. Sirius Channel 145, XM channel 207 or online Channel 790 weekdays at 2 p.m. You can also check out <http://www.daveramsey.com> for budget tools and a free newsletter and financial tips.

2017 LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET



Currently we have room for more entries for the 2017 Lenten Daily Devotional booklet. If you have an article you would like included, please see Sherla Millis before the February 19, 2017, deadline. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and the readings continue through Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. The booklets will be available Sunday February 26, 2017

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NYUMAH FAMILY’S ARRIVAL TO AMERICA - JANUARY 27, 2017

It was over eleven years ago on January 27, 2006, that our congregation welcomed the Nyumah family. Several church members went to the Syracuse Airport and greeted Hannah and her children: Robert, Dalton, Philicia and Johnathan. We have been blessed by them and they by us, as many members of the congregation provided food and furniture, guidance and direction to this wonderful family.

Hannah has worked hard to keep the family together in all those years. In October of 2009 we welcomed Hannah’s husband, Dalton to join the family; his whereabouts were unknown to us until the year before. The Nyumahs have also welcomed little Keith and Wilma into their family since their arrival. Since their arrival both Hannah and Dalton have become United States citizen’s.

We are grateful to all those who volunteered to help the Nyumah family by providing monetary donations, household items or helped in any way since they arrived here ten years ago.

The Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services assists seniors in Onondaga County with applying for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP provides limited subsidies for heating and utility costs. The Office for Aging helps seniors aged 60 or older, and who are income eligible, apply for HEAP benefits. Contact the Adult & Long Term Care

Services at 315-435-2362 for further assistance or to request an application be mailed. The Onondaga County HEAP website is at <http://www.ongov.net/dss/heap.html>

FISHERMAN'S NET



Monetary donations are needed for the fishermen's net program. The money goes directly to those in need in our community. Whether it is prescriptions, clothes, or a place to stay after crisis etc.. 100% of the money goes directly to people when they often feel forgotten and helpless. Those wishing to make a donation are reminded that checks should be made out to the church with your *offering #* and *Fisherman's Net* written on the memo line.

Our Fisherman's Net Program also collects good used furniture and household items for those in need in the county south area. If you have items to donate, please call Barb Kohberger at the P.E.A.C.E. office (696-8203) in order to arrange for the items to be picked up or dropped off at their storage area in the 3 bay storage shed here at the church. In the past items have been left in the shed that are unusable...therefore, please contact Barb before dropping any items off. Thank You.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Prayer Shawl meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. See Sherri Mackey or Fran Fishlock if you have questions.

CHURCH KITCHEN SIGN OUT SHEET

There are times when members have a need to borrow items from the Church; either from the kitchen or the building. Just a reminder that there is a sign out/ sign in sheet on the refrigerator of the kitchen. Items borrowed from other areas of the building should be noted to Jillian (both when taken and returned). This helps us all.

FLOOD BUCKETS INFORMATION:



Due to recent flooding, a request has been made for replenishment of flood buckets which have been depleted. Mission and Outreach will once again collect supplies for those who need to clean out their homes and businesses. There is a signup sheet for supplies in the church narthax under one of the bulletin boards and we would like to have supplies collected for at least 5 buckets. A box is available in the narthex to leave the supplies. (Buckets have already been donated for this project).

Following is a list of cleaning supplies needed for each bucket: 1 dish soap (16 – 28 oz. bottle any brand), 1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden handle), 5 scouring pads (no stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads - nothing with soap built in), 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-to 45-gallon sizes), 1 pair work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather), liquid laundry detergent (one 50-oz. or two 26-oz. bottle(s) only, can air freshener (aerosol or pump), , 50 clothespins, 5 dust masks, 1 liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water; no spray cleaners), 1 insect repellent (6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover), 1 clothesline (100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines; cotton or plastic), 2 pair kitchen dishwashing gloves (should be durable enough for multiple uses).

Also needed for each bucket are 7 non-cellulose sponges and 18 cleaning wipes which will be purchased on-line. Money donations will be accepted to purchase these items, as well as other items listed above, to complete the buckets. These donations can be given to John Burgett or Sue Wright.

BOY SCOUT RETURNABLES

Tully Boy Scout Troop #62 collects returnable cans and bottles at the church. Proceeds help cover the scouts' camping expenses. The bins for the bottle collections are located by the east entryway doors to the church. It is helpful if the bottles are rinsed out before placed in the bins. Thank you.



The Tully Rotary Group breakfast meetings continue to be held each week at the church at 7 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Special thanks to all those who volunteer their time with this fundraising effort for the church. If you have questions, see Nancy Chawgo 416-5350.

The schedule for February 2017 is as follows:

February 2– Sonja Shepard & Lorraine Balmer
 February 9– Ray & Sally Greene
 February 16– Sue Wright & John Burgett
 February 23– Dave & Nancy Hatch

SHUT-INS FOR FEBRUARY



Each week we reach out to one of our church members who is unable to leave home, or unable to attend worship. We invite you to send a note or card and to sign the card located at the welcome center on Sunday mornings. The shut-ins

for February are:

February 5 – George & Ruth Cook
 Jewish Home – Menorah Park
 4101 East Genesee St
 Syracuse, NY 13214

February 12– Elsie Fuller
 31 Village View Dr.
 Tully, NY 13159

February 19 - Bob Hilfinger
 P.O. Box 100
 Tully, NY 13159

February 26- Barbara Wheeler
 Po box 58
 Apulia Station, NY 13020

*To add someone to the list, please contact the church Office with their name and address, 696-8066.

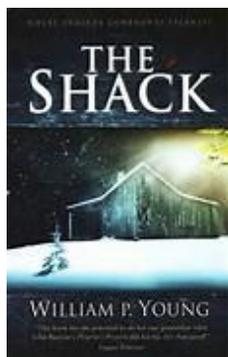
SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS –

We remind you that February 5, 2017 – the 1st Sunday of the month - is Family Day. Children attend worship with their families and Sunday School classes are held following worship from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

The Senior High class meets every other week and is led by Karin Dykeman and Del Wayne. Their schedule for February is as follows:

NO meeting on February 19 due to winter break.

February 26 - classes will be held during morning worship. Children will be dismissed for classes following the Children's Moment.



The Shack Book Study and Movie

Signup sheet is located at the Welcome Center. See pastor Doug with questions.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP NOTE.....

Several members of the Adult Fellowship Group enjoyed an afternoon of bowling followed by pizza at the Maslers' on Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2017.

Adult Fellowship Ski Day: was moved to Sunday February 19th 2017. Please look for more information in the bulletin.

TIME TO THINK SUMMER CAMP

All youth and adults planning to attend church camp this summer should get their registration forms completed and sent in as soon as possible. Camps fill up quickly and are on a first come, first served basis.

Several camping opportunities are available through both the United Methodist - Camps Aldersgate and Casowasco and our American Baptist camping facilities at Pathfinder. If you plan to go to camp and have not yet received camp material in the mail, brochures are available at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office (696-8066) and we will get information to you. Brochures and registration

forms are also available on-line at...www.aldersgateNY.org and www.casowasco.org.

Camperships are available from the church. If you wish to apply for a campership you must submit a copy of your camp registration form to the church office as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Pam Downey, board chair. Pam will be giving a campership presentation on April 2, 2017.

2016 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Financial statements for 2016 were handed out following morning worship (or mailed to those that were not picked up) in late January.

If you find an error or have any questions about your statement, contact Beth Lattimer, (696-5542) church financial secretary.

Self directed life planning: A Series on Loss, Preparation, and Aging Well.

Introduction

Pastor Doug:

From time to time, members of the congregation will write something to share with me. Last month, I received what I found to be a very important set of reflections from Fran Fishlock on what she has learned since John’s passing. As I read them, it seemed as if they would be helpful for anyone who would find themselves in a similar situation. With Fran’s Permission, her reflections are included below. As our staff prepared to include these thoughts, we realized that there may be other related topics that it would be helpful to provide some information on, and that idea grew into a need for a regular series of articles on special topics that affect the lives of those in our congregation. This month, we present the first in what will hopefully become a regular feature of the *The Stepping Stone* – as we begin the series titled “Self Directed Life Planning and Aging Well”. We encourage your thoughts on

this series, and on any other topics that you think might be useful series topics for us to explore.

Pastor Doug

When your Beloved Dies.

A personal letter submitted by Fran Fishlock



I’m not the only one who has had her beloved die. I want to tell you some things to expect. Expect a lot of paperwork and to cry over little things. Expect to cry when you least expect it. It is my experience, when you are reminded of your loved one, by anything. I suggest you sit in a different place than where you sat when there were two of you. I made the mistake of sitting across from where my beloved sat, I learned from that.

Be sure that the funeral director orders a lot of death certificates, you will need one every time you turn around. Hopefully you have made a will or trust. Do not just pick any lawyer, find one that specializes in elder care. If you have made a trust you will need to put things in the trust like property, investments and savings accounts that you own. Don’t forget to put the bank accounts and vehicles in both your names. Be sure if you have savings bonds to change the name of the beneficiary. Also, Change the name on your healthcare proxy.

Hopefully you have long term care insurance, in case you want to save something for your children or if you want to get into a good nursing home. If you have lots and lots of money, or are very poor , you don’t need long term care insurance. We bought are LTC insurance when we were in our mid- sixties. My spouse dies when he was 81. Read the LTC insurance policy carefully, we did not have any waiting period before it came into effect. I did not need to pay anything more into my LTC policy because we had it for more than 5 years.

Hopefully you can understand the household finances. You will be in charge of all of these now: paying the credit card off, paying the taxes, in general, paying the monthly bills. I hope you have shared the household finances.

The paper work goes on and on. You must notify social security. If your beloved received more than

you from SS you will be eligible to get his instead of yours. You will be entitled to receive 255.00 in death benefits, if you get social security. If you have three health insurance policies, we insured each other besides having Medicare. Notify the health insurance providers that your spouse has died.

In regards to life insurance, be sure that you notify any life insurance providers and send them death certificates. You may have to prove that you were your beloved's spouse.

FUNERAL, I assumed you talked about it, where you want to be buried, what kind of service you plan to have, what undertaker you want, will you be cremated or have a casket, will it be in some church or held in the funeral parlor? If it is in the church, will calling hours be in the church as well? All of these will best be thought over ahead of time, Few people have that conversation ahead of time, it's that you plan to never die. What cemetery do you want to be buried in? Have bought the lots? What kind of marker do you put up? Who will write the obituary? How long will it be? What will be included, will you tell the story of your beloved's life or just keep it short? It is all dependent on how much money you want to spend. I started his obituary before he died; I knew he was going to die. You can write your own obituary. I have already written mine. This allows you to say what you want. If you have the funeral in a church, does the church put on a dinner or refreshment after?

You can be overwhelmed with paperwork, and not just for a short period of time, it goes on and on. It has been said that everyone grieves differently and longer than the general public realizes. So honor that you are grieving in your own special way. Whether you cry in church or whether you see something, like his work gloves and cry. A lady doctor that I went to see for my eyes, she grieves the little things, unexpected things. It's been several years since her husband died; still it's the unexpected that drives her to tears.

I have aged five years with everything I have gone through. I have a very good family and lots of very good friends. I call on them for different tasks or just the friendship. I am involved in several activities, this is one of my secrets; stay active.

Sincerely,
Fran Fishlock

We thank Fran for sharing her thoughts and hope you find them meaningful in your lives. The days following a passing are always difficult ones as family and friends seek to navigate the many "needs" such times require, as so attested to by Fran. One place where I often interact with grieving families is in preparation for funeral/memorial services. Needless to say, these can be difficult days to focus, difficult times to recall favorite scripture passages, songs or other wishes of your loved ones. To help in that process, TUCC has a way for any of us to provide input that can be helpful to families when they face such times. **Titled "A Witness for Life at the Time of Death" this tool records the plans and wishes of individuals that can be used by the family when needed. The form is available through the church office and on PAGE 11 and 12 OF THE NEWSLETTER,** can be filled out on your own, with family, or in consultation with Pastor Doug. TUCC is willing to keep a copy on file to help families through those difficult days when such planning is needed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TUESDAY HOT LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

P.E.A.C.E. Inc. sponsors the senior citizens' hot lunch program at the church every Tuesday at NOON. A donation of \$3.00 per meal is suggested and \$5.00 guest meal.

February 7 -

February 14 – The menu was not

February 21 - available when the

February 28 – newsletter was printed.

All those 55 and over are welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Velda Bumpus hot-lunch co-ordinator (683-5833). Those attending the meal need to let Velda know a week in advance so enough food will be available each week.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. sponsors FREE blood pressure screening on the third Tuesday of each month at the



church from 10:30 a.m. – noon (February 21, 2017) in the Murdock Lounge. Sharon Mariani and Karen Puccia provide this service. Be sure to stop by and get your blood pressure checked.

TULLY SENIOR CITIZENS' FEBRUARY LUNCH

The Tully Senior Citizens' Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. In February the group will gather at NOON February 8, 2017, for lunch. Those attending are reminded to bring their own table service and a large dish to share for the NOON meal. The group will continue to meet at NOON in March on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Evening meetings will resume April 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Questions contact Esther Hoose 636-7127..



TULLY/LAFAYETTE SENIOR CITIZENS' 2017 TRIP SCHEDULE.....

The LaFayette Senior Citizens' Group and the Tully Senior Citizens' Group are scheduling trips each that members of both groups are welcome to attend. When information about the planned trips is available, it will be included in the newsletter.

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

For information about the Tully trips and to make reservations contact Lynn Anderson (315) 396-6217.



The next community blood drive will be held here at TUCC on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – NOON. To set up an appointment please call Sally Greene 696-5562 as soon as possible. Workers are also needed. If you can help, please let Sally know. Thank you.

InterFaith Works of CNY and Women Transcending Boundaries



The 7th annual Syracuse harmony event, *Love is the Answer*, will be held on Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the University United Methodist Church, 1085 East Genesee St., Syracuse. This event is free and open to the public – a reception at 8:00 p.m. will follow the ceremony

World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the United Nations General Assembly. It provides a platform for all interfaith and good will organizations to demonstrate their impact. The movement is strengthened by building ties among world religions, educating ourselves about each other, and helping our community appreciate the beauty and diversity of our faith traditions and our diverse cultures.



(2016 World Interfaith Harmony Assembly attendees at the Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary in Syracuse.)

FOOD \$EN\$E OF TULLY: DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR GROCERY BILL?

The Tully Food \$en\$e Program is held each month at St. Leo's Parish Hall. Orders and monies for February 2017 are due February 7, 2016; the pick-up day will be February 23, 2017.

This program offers quality food at a low cost and has no age or income requirement. This program is often mistaken for a income specific program.

food sense is for anyone wishing to save money on their grocery bill. **The Food Bank of CNY is able to purchase food items in large quantities at discounted prices, and this savings is passed on to the program's customers.** For \$15.50 you can purchase a food unit of frozen meats, packaged foods, deli items and fresh produce (valued at \$25-\$30).

Order forms are available at: Tully Free Library, Tully Laundry Mat and St. Leo's Church Hall and the bulletin board in the church narthex or call 696-5092 for information.

Food \$en\$e food comes from the Food Bank of Central New York. Since Food \$en\$e is a cooperative buying program, the greater the number of participants, the better the buying power of the Food Bank in creating each month's food unit and specials.

TULLY ROTARY CHILI COOKOFF



The 8th Annual Chili Cook Off will be Saturday, February 18th at the Tully Masonic Lodge from 2:00-5:00 p.m. We would like to make this our 8th year of participation – all we need is someone to volunteer to make chili (can be reimbursed for ingredients), and a name for our chili.

A Volunteer has already come forward to work the booth (one more person needed) . There is usually 14-20 participants, there is music, and beverages for sale . Anyone interested in volunteering, please see or call Nancy Chawgo (315-810-4092)

FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



Food for the community food pantry is collected on communion Sunday (February 5, 2017) or can be dropped off at the

church anytime. The food pantry is located at St. Leo's church hall and is open every other Wednesday each month from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. For more information call St. Leo's church hall 696-8721.

WINTER RECESS



Winter recess is scheduled for the week of February 20 – 24, 2017. **NO Sunday School classes will be held Sunday, February 19, 2017.** Classes will resume Sunday, February 26st and are held during morning worship. Children are dismissed for Sunday School following the Children's Moment.

Dear St. Valentine,
help us learn to
love unselfishly
and to find great
joy in giving.
Enable all true lovers
to bring out the best
♥ in each other. ♥

*“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”
John 13:34”*

TULLY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL ICE HARVEST AND CHILI

Cook Off



Tully's 37th annual Ice Harvest will be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, February 18th 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. At Green Lake. This event is under

the leadership of the New York State Draft Horse Club in conjunction with the Tully Area Historical Society. The Boy Scouts will be serving hot beverages and assisting with the ice harvest. The schedule is listed on the Below.

**ICE HARVEST COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Sat Feb 18, 2017 -

11:00-2:00 p.m. Green Lake (off Lake road in Tully) Ice Rescue Demo AND ICE HARVESTING (weather permitting)

Noon-3:00 p.m. Historical Ice Cutting Video, Pictorial display & Bake Sale
2Tully Free Library

2:00 pm-5:00 pm CHILI COOK OFF @Tully Masonic Lodge sponsored by Tully Rotary.

Sun. Feb 19th

8:00 – Noon – Historical Quilt Display @ Art Works .

8:30-11:00 a.m Pancake Breakfast @Masonic Lodge

4:00p.m. Hymn Sing in Sanctuary @ TAHS- 24 State street

**Contact the Tully Area Historical Society
for further information- 315-696-4681**

COMING IN MARCH

**East Coast weather have you singing
the winter blues? Come hang out
with the Wicked witch of the west!**



**TULLY
SENIORS
PRESENT:
Wicked at the
Landmark
Theatre:**

**THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2017 JOIN US
FOR LUNCH AND RECORD BREAKING
THEATRE! THE COST IS \$115.00 PER
PERSON AND INCLUDES THE
FOLLOWING:**

- Roundtrip transportation
- Lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse
- Orchestra seating at the Landmark Theatre
- Gratuity for your motorcoach driver.

Departure from Tully United Community church is at 10:30a.m. For more details and the full itinerary please contact Lynn Anderson at 315-396-6217. All are welcome; non-senior members will have to pay an additional 5.00.

**LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY,
March 1, 2017**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, with a soup supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. hosted by the members of the board of deacons. Following the meal, the annual Ash Wednesday evening worship service will be held at 6:45 p.m.

Due to the Ash Wednesday service, NO Bell Choir rehearsal will be held. Senior Choir rehearsal will be held that evening at 7:30 p.m.



**TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH
A WITNESS FOR LIFE AT THE TIME OF DEATH**

This planning sheet is meant to be a helpful aid to you and your family. The church respects your need for privacy in these matters and understands if you do not wish to answer all of the questions below.

Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Names/addresses and phone numbers of family and friends to contact:

1. _____ **Phone:** _____

2. _____ **Phone:** _____

3. _____ **Phone:** _____

LET MY FUNERAL BE A WITNESS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

I desire:

_____ **Memorial Service only** _____ **Calling hours/visitation** _____ **Viewing of the body**

_____ **A traditional funeral**

_____ **in this church:** _____

_____ **at this funeral home:** _____

I desire the following to be a part of my service:

Hymns to be sung: _____

And/or Hymns to be played: _____

_____ **Choir to sing**

_____ **Soloist name & phone #** _____

_____ **Scriptures to be included:** _____

_____ **Readings and readers:** _____

_____ I desire flowers: _____

_____ I desire Memorial Gifts to be left to: _____

Would these gifts be in lieu of flowers? _____

Things I would like to be remembered at my funeral: _____

_____ I will attach a brief biography

Newspapers to be notified: _____

Body Care Alternatives:

_____ cremation

_____ burial at _____ cemetery _____ plot(s) already purchased

_____ embalming _____ no embalming

_____ donation of body organs (eyes, kidneys, skin, etc.)

_____ donation of body to medical college @ _____

_____ I desire a "marker" (headstone, plaque, etc.) at the following cemetery

_____ I discussed this in detail with my family and have written instructions regarding these matters.

_____ I will attach, to this sheet, further instruction regarding the above considerations.

_____ I have a Living Will/Health Care Proxy.

_____ I have appointed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care to:

Name _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

_____ I have made arrangements at the funeral home: _____

_____ My will is on file at _____

_____ I have remembered my church in my will. _____ I would like to discuss this with the pastor.

_____ Family has been made aware that this form has been completed

Signed _____ Date _____

Received by: _____ Date _____

MARCH LEADERSHIP NIGHT - Monday, March 6, 2017. The boards of the church meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the church council meeting at 8:00 p.m

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

This year daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour (in the spring we spring forward) before you go to bed Saturday, March 11, 2017.



"They've come up with something called 'Daylight Saving Time,' and I'm darned if I can understand it."

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING



The annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received during morning worship on Sunday, March 26, 2017. A special offering envelope will be inserted in the bulletin that day for your donation to this special offering. Checks should be made out to the church with *One Great Hour of Sharing* and your offering envelope number written on the memo line. All monies received will be divided equally between the American Baptist and United Methodist denominations.

Donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering enables both the American Baptists and United Methodists to respond to disasters around the world and in the United States.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2017 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER EVENTS:

Soup suppers during Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 01, at 6:00 p.m. , and will be hosted by the members of the Board of Deacons and followed by the annual Ash Wednesday evening worship service at 6:45 p.m.

Soup suppers will continue to be held each week on WEDNESDAY evenings at 6:00 p.m. throughout Lent. There will be some great speakers and relevant topics. All are encouraged and welcome to join us for. Those attending are reminded to bring a Crockpot of soup, beverage, or dessert for the meal.

Soup Supper Schedule :

March 1, 2017: The Board of Deacons programming TBD

March 8, 2017 : Board of Trustees - programming TBD

March 15, 2017: The board of Christian Ed programming TBD

March 22, 2017: Board Of Stewards- An American Indian speaker will be part of the program.

March 29, 2017: Mission and Outreach- interfaith discussion with, Rev Jim Kerr-Whitt, an American Baptist from the CNY Round Table of Faith Leaders; Jim Brule, A Maggid (Jewish spiritual Teacher), and Mohammed Khatee of the Islamic Community of CNY

April 5, 2017: Personal Relations Board- Safe Sanctuary program

April 13, 2017- Maundy Thursday Soup

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**THE STEPPING-STONE
FEBRUARY 2016
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5872 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD
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Pastor: Rev. Doug Mackey
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.

OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE is held each week at 9:30 a.m. followed by a refreshment fellowship time at 10:30 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during morning worship February 5, 2017.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES...Family Day is Sunday, February 5, 2017 – Children attend worship with their families and Sunday School Classes will be held following worship from. NO Sunday School classes will be held Sunday, February 19th...classes will resume Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:30-11:00.

MONDAY - FRIDAY – AA meetings at NOON

TUESDAY EVENINGS – AA meeting – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENINGS – AA meetings – 8:00 p.m.

LEADERSHIP NIGHT – Monday, February 6, 2017. All church boards meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the church council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held here at TUCC on Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. – NOON. Call Sally Greene 696-5562 to schedule an appointment.

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LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017 – A soup supper hosted by the Bd. of Deacons begins at 6 p.m. followed by the Annual Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:45 p.m.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS will be held Wednesday evenings in March , see March bulletins and newsletter for more information

TULLY SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP luncheon/program – Wednesday, February 08, 2017 at NOON. Those attending bring their own table service and a large dish to share for the NOON meal.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY ACTIVITY....Saturday, February 19, 2017 cross country skiing (weather permitting

WINTER BREAK .. Monday – Friday - February 20 – 24, 2017. NO school.

CHILI COOK-OFF ..February 18, 2017 – see page 10

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