

THE STEPPING-STONE



June, 2019 Issue

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FROM THE PASTOR

It has been a year since I assumed a pastoral role amongst you, again. Last time it was for nine months and because of the Wimmersberger's retirement. It was a bittersweet occasion. They had lived and ministered among us for 14 years and it was hard to see them go. But it wasn't an occasion that caused strife in the church. We faced it together, working through questionnaires and church profiles and toward calling a new pastor. This time was different, for sure. This time the circumstances for separation caused a lot of hurt and strife. That hurt rippled not only through our congregation, but through our village of Tully as well. This truly is a community church; whatever happens here surely affects the life of the people of Tully and not just those in the pews.

This congregation, being an amalgam of Baptist and Methodist polity, mixed with a definite streak of independence, has its own way of calling a pastor that doesn't fit neatly into either the Baptist or the Methodist mold. That makes us unique and it is not easy for denominational leaders to get an easy grasp of who we are and how we live. We also found ourselves in uncharted territory. The leadership of the congregation wrestled with what to do and how to do it. I believe they tried to stay true to what our constitution lays out for us. They continue to guide us through uncharted territory and I thank them for their faithfulness to this congregation and to their task. Let us continue in prayer for them to receive guidance and insight from the Holy Spirit who will lead us, yea, drive us in the way ahead.

In every congregation there are dreamers and pragmatists. The pragmatists see the problem, come quickly to the solution and want everyone to move ahead. The dreamers take their time looking at the situation; considering what might be; exploring possibilities without committing to anything too quickly. Pragmatists might find they moved too quickly and now are in an undesirable and unsustainable situation. Dreamers may never

move, stuck in the quicksand of indecision and wanting to "get it right."

It's good to take our time in this interim period; to consider who we are as a congregation and how we fit into the fabric of this community. It is good to consider the qualities that we need in a pastor for where we are right now as well as to consider where we believe God is leading us. It is good for us to know each other better, and to deepen our faith and trust in God who guides us. It is good for us to remember why we exist as this congregation in this form and to dream together of what our mission and ministry are and will be in this community.

It is also good, for the sake of our congregation and our community, not to remain in the dream state too long. If we wait until we have a solution to all our questions and dreams and ponderings, we will likely never move ahead. We are people who believe in the power of the Holy Spirit of God to guide us. We don't have to have answers to everything – sometimes we only have faith.

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
and hope in God through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that naught can move.

Peace.

Pastor Rick +

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS



HOW ARE WE DOING

May 2019 attendance

May 5– 9:30 a.m. – 22

May 12– 9:30 a.m. – 74

Mother's Day/Blanket Sunday

May 19– 9:30 a.m. - 56

Celebration of Our Ministries Service

May 26 – 9:30 a.m. – 60

Memorial Day Weekend

Hello Everyone,

June and July are the months when we start laying the ground work for the next program year. It is a pivotal time as we set goals for TUCC programs, look to fill Board and committee positions, and prepare a financial budget. Having a shared vision and common goals will help us to work together effectively.

TUCC needs engaged members to accomplish these tasks! How can you help? What skills can you offer? You know that many hands lighten the load, so be prepared to say “yes” to a committee or Board. Not only will you strengthen the church, you will strengthen your relationships with other members. Engaged relationships are a win-win for us personally and for our community church.

The TUCC Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, July 15th, after church. Please mark this event on your calendar and attend. Say “yes” to member engagement; I’ll see you there!

Bernice Potter-Masler, Moderator

NEW MEMBERS REMINDER

Anyone wishing to join the membership of the Tully United Community Church is asked to see John Burgett, chair of the board of mission and outreach, or Reverend Richard G. Reed following morning worship.

May 6, 2019 Council Meeting Highlights

Treasurer – 2019-2020 budget worksheets received; budget to be prepared. Income continues to be up; expenses down.

Pastor – Season of Lent and Easter services meaningful and well received. Membership candidates.

Moderator – Guidelines for meeting etiquette. Facilitator proposal received; continuing contacts.

Christian Education

VBC dates, 8/2-8/4/19, flyers for St. Leo's and St. Pat's

Fall Sunday School curriculum decision

Children's library permanent shelving

Deacons

Easter season services, Easter Event recap
Mother's Day flowers, picture display
Former Baptist Church summer service possibility

Mission and Outreach

Soup and dessert cookbook, name, price

June 29, 2019 blood mobile

Baccalaureate, graduation, pictures of graduates

PRB

Schedule evaluation meetings

Secure personnel files

Stewards

Consecration Sunday, brunch

Stewardship skit feedback

Postcard listing upcoming events

Trustees

Sound system quote; obtaining additional quotes

Sanctuary light fixed

Repair needed for outside lights-sign, stained glass window

New Business – Social Media Guidelines

CHILDREN'S BAPTISMS REMINDER

A service of Children's Baptism can be held anytime. Anyone wishing to have his child baptized is asked to call the church at 315-696-8066).



USHERS continue to be needed for our Sunday morning worship services during the summer months and will also act as Greeters. The sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. You may sign-up to serve as an usher for 1 week or the entire month. Questions - please see Lee Winger, head usher. Thank you.



BABY HAVEN NEWS

Mary Burgett continues to serve as the child care provider in the Baby Haven Nursery during our Sunday morning worship services. The Baby Haven is available for those attending worship with infants and toddlers. If you have questions about the Baby Haven, see Pam Downey 696-2439, chair of the Bd. of Christian Education.

SPECIAL MUSIC IS NEEDED FOR OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

All those who can provide special music for one (or more) of our summer worship services are asked to sign up at the Welcome Center. The schedule begins, Sunday, July 7, 2019 and continues through Sunday, September 1, 2019 (Labor Day weekend). All those providing music are reminded to let the church office know (696-8066) the title and composer of the piece you have selected in order for the correct information to appear in the bulletin that is printed Friday morning. The choir will resume on Rally Day Sunday, September 8, 2019.

LILLIAN BIGSBY CIRCLE NEWS...

The Lillian Bigsby Circle year-end meeting will be on Monday, June 3, 2019.

We remind you that the circle does not meet during July and August. Meetings will resume in September.

ROTARY BREAKFAST SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

The Tully Rotary continues to meet here at the church on the first and third Thursday mornings each week for breakfast and a program.

****date change**

June 6 – Ed & Janet Hillenbrand

****June 27–Trudy Krewson & Karen Prince**

TUCC GARDEN CLUB REMINDER (Peter's Weeders)



Our church has many gardens around the building, in the front, and around the church sign. In addition, there is a half acre of meadow with trails in the back of the church that need tending. The meadow has native trees, shrubs, and flowers. The group continues to meet from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The next meetings are June 5th & 19th. More helpers continue to be needed to tend the many gardens here at the church and the parsonage. Those interested in joining our TUCC Garden Club (also known as Peter's Weeders) are asked to see Peter Huntington (263-2537).

A GREAT DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

The Board of Stewards held their annual stewardship campaign and *Celebration of Our Ministries* service May 19th, 2019. Following worship the members of the board of stewards provided a brunch for our refreshment fellowship.

All those who have not returned their completed 2019-2020 *faith estimate of giving* cards (pledge card) are reminded to please to do so as soon as possible to facilitate the preparation of the annual budget for the fiscal year September 1, 2019-August 31, 2020. If you need a pledge card, extra cards are available in one of the front pockets at the welcome center in the church narthex, or call the church office (696-8066). We appreciate your help in bringing this year's campaign to a good conclusion.



WELCOME HOME COLLEGE STUDENTS

Many of our local college students have returned home for the summer. Welcome home, everyone! We invite you to join us for our 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship services this summer and hope that you will also join us at fellowship time.

ANNUAL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE – Sunday, June 23, 2019

The annual baccalaureate service will be held during our 9:30 a.m. morning worship service on Sunday, June 23, 2019. All graduates (High School & College) are invited to attend. Following the service a cake and punch reception will be held in the Riehlman Fellowship Room in honor of the graduates and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to all 2019 graduates!

****Tully High School graduation ceremonies will be held Friday, June 28, 2019, in the high school auditorium.**



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR....

Please Note...in an effort to continue to cut costs...the new envelopes are of a generic nature. Your name and envelope # will be on the front of the envelope packet...the envelopes themselves are not numbered OR dated. Therefore, when you make a donation to the church using your envelope you must WRITE YOUR ENVELOPE # ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE in order for your donation to the church to be credited to your individual account! We also remind you to write your offering envelope number on your check before you place it in the envelope. Extra envelopes are also available for anyone who wants them on the table in the narthex.

If you have questions, see Beth Lattimer, church financial secretary 696-5542.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – June 29, 2019

The American Red Cross Tully community blood drive will be held at the TUCC on Saturday, June 29th, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. – noon p.m. We appreciate all those who attend and donate blood. For an appointment, call Sally Greene-315-696-5562.

SUMMER REFRESHMENT/FELLOWSHIP

During the summer months we will continue with our current worship schedule with worship service each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The refreshment fellowship time will be held each week following worship at 10:30 a.m.



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Michael (Mike) Walburger who passed away on May 8th, 2019.

We share our sincere condolences with the family and friends of Joseph Stirner who passed away on May 26th, 2019.

TUCC BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

Our Board of Mission and Outreach has taken on the issue of domestic violence this year. We want to make the congregation aware of a local effort by P.E.A.C.E., Inc to help victims of domestic violence in our community. The effort is called “**Funds for Hope**”. 100% of the funds will be used for local victims of domestic violence. If you would like to contribute, checks can be made out to P.E.A.C.E., Inc. with “Funds for Hope” on the memo line. Contributions can be sent to the local PEACE office or given to John Burgett.

P.E.A.C.E. FUNDRAISER

Please check out our new fundraiser for Domestic Violence called "Funds for Hope" at www.peace-caa.org. Go to County South Family Resource Center and scroll down to "Funds for Hope" if you would like to donate to this worthy cause.

Last year, we assisted 12 families dealing with this social issue. Many in our communities don't realize how prevalent Domestic Violence is and the resources it takes to help women and children move on to a safer, happier life. Please share this website with others that you are connected with and know that any donation given is appreciated and used 100% to help families have the hope, strength and resources it takes towards a new beginning.

Prayer Shawls Carry God's Love

The members of the TUCC Prayer Shawl Ministry knit, crochet, create, quilt, and sew shawls to be given to persons who are facing serious illness; are trying to heal from major injury, grief or trauma; or are struggling with other significant life challenges.

Please complete one of the blue request cards located next to the prayer concerns book if you would like someone to receive one.

If you are interested in joining in this prayerful ministry, please come to our meetings! You do not need to know how to knit or crochet; we will gladly teach you to create the basic knitted or crocheted shawl. We invite you to enjoy the same experience.

This is a church ministry for our church family, to our community, and to any person whose life has somehow touched ours. Thank you for your prayers and support!

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

We want to thank everyone who came and helped with our Spring Fix-Up/Clean-Up day (days). There is always something to do here!

As usual the Trustees are always in need of many things: members, skilled workers, and material things.

If anyone can help us out in the following areas, to buy or donate, please let us know.

Need:

- 3 or 4 drawer fire rated, lockable file cabinet
- Someone to reset pavers in front of Church main entrance by driveway
- New vent/light fans for restrooms



HOW MANY BLANKETS

During morning worship on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019, the annual Blanket Sunday special offering was received. To date a total of \$443.00 has been received and forwarded to Church World Service. Your generosity has helped warm the hearts and bodies of many, many people. **THANK YOU!**

Roar into the Fun at VBS!

Location: TUCC

The fun begins at:
8/2: 6pm, 8/3: 12:30pm, 8/4: 1pm

The fun ends at:
8/2: 8:30pm, 8/3: 6pm, 8/4: 6pm

For more information call us:
315-696-8066

*Registration Forms are in the Church office and online:
www.tullychurch.org

Registration: \$20 per child

ROAR!
Life is wild - God is good

Vacation Bible Camp

Place: Tully United Community Church

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP REMINDER

IN JUNE....Saturday, June 22nd, the Adult Fellowship will picnic at Ray & Sally Greene's summer home on DeRuyter Lake, tentatively at 4pm. All are welcome to come and join in on the fun. Please call Sally 315-696-5562.

BOY SCOUTS REMINDER

The Tully Boy Scouts collect returnable cans and bottles in the bins in the east entrance way of the church. It is helpful if the cans/bottles are rinsed out before they are placed in the bins.

Tully Boy Scout troop #62 meets every Monday evening at the church from 7:00-8:30p.m.

TABS...TABS...TABS

Big and small tabs from soda cans (and other beverage cans) are collected for the Shriners' Hospital in Boston to buy braces, time in physical therapy and other needed items. If you have questions, or tabs to donate, please see Barb Berg (696-5425). Thank you.

SHUT-INS FOR JUNE

June 2– Rita Cooper

700 E. Brighton Ave.,
719 Cunningham
Syracuse, NY 13205

June 9 – Don & Joyce West

Walden Place
839 Bennie Road
Cortland, NY 13045

June 16- George Cook

Jewish Home Menorah Pk
4101 E. Genesee St.
Syracuse NY 13214

June 23- Fran Fishlock

1786 Union Street, Apt. 113
Niskayuna, NY 12309

June 30- Rita Cooper (see address above)

We invite you to take a moment each week and send a card to those listed. Also, please sign the card at the welcome center on Sunday mornings. If you know of someone who should be on the shut-in list, please get his/her name and mailing address to the church office. Thank you.

FOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD

PANTRY at St. Leo's church hall is traditionally collected on communion Sunday (July 1st and August 5th, 2018) or can be dropped off at the church office any time. The pantry is open one Wednesday afternoon a month from 1:00 -2:00 p.m. Please call 696-8721 for the schedule or to set up an appointment.

TUESDAY IS CHOW TIME 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. Food stamps can be used for the meal. Following is the menu for June:

June 4 – Meatloaf w/ gravy

June 11 –Vegetable Lasagna, salad

June 18 – Hoffman hotdogs, baked potatoe salad

June 25 – Grilled chicken, field green salad

All seniors 50 and over are welcome to attend the weekly lunches. The cost is \$3.00 per meal. The coordinator for the Tuesday meal is Velda Bumpus. Be sure and let Velda know (683-5833) if you plan to attend a week before in order for enough food to be available.



RIDE AND RUN FUNDRAISER FOR THE RESCUE MISSION

– Registration is open at the following website, which is the best way to join our team or to donate to the Rescue Mission for the event. Our Team name: TeamTUCC. I, Jaci Colombo have signed on as team captain and Peter Huntington is our co-captain. 315-708-8718

<https://rescuemission.donorpages.com/SyracuseRideRun2019/TeamTUCC/>. Races begin at 7am.

The Rescue Mission expects to feed 70,000 meals this summer. Please look at the website to see all that they do. This is the 6th year that TUCC has been involved in this event. I am proud of how we have helped in the past.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TULLY SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP

The Tully Senior Citizens' group met May 08, 2019, for their annual catered birthday celebration meal and the 2019 Tully Senior Citizen of the Year was announced. *CONGRATULATIONS* to Marilyn Twentymen Stoker who was recognized and honored.

In June the Tully Senior Citizens' Group will meet Wed., June 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. for their monthly pot luck meal and program here at the church in the Riehlman Fellowship Room. Those attending are reminded to bring table service and a dish to pass for the evening meal. (Beverages will be provided). If you have questions, please contact Esther Hoose 315-636-7127.

All those 55 and over are welcome and invited to join the Tully Senior Citizen's Group. Membership dues are \$5 per year per person.



FREE FOOD FROM WEGMANS

Wegmans provides free food for anyone in the community on the first Tuesday of the month, June 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Leo's Church Hall. A variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, breads etc. is available. There is no income requirement; everyone is invited to stop by and pick out food for you and your family members. If you have questions, call 315-696-8721

FOOD \$ENSE PROGRAM REMINDER

Food \$ense, a program designed to help families stretch their food dollars. Anyone in Tully and surrounding areas is eligible to participate in this program made available by the Food Bank of CNY. There is no income requirement.

Once each month, participants can order a food unit at \$20.50 which has approximately 10-13 food items including meats, vegetables, fruits and grocery staples. The actual worth of the package is \$30 to \$35.

Only first quality, purchased food is allowed. There is no limit to the number of food units a family may

buy and there is no obligation to purchase a food unit every month. A number of *specials* are offered each month on an optional basis for an additional amount, and may be ordered without purchasing the food unit. It should be noted that only cash or food stamps will be accepted. Since this is a cooperative buying program, the greater the number of participants, the better the buying power of the Food Bank of Central New York in creating each month's food unit for all Food \$en\$e locations.

Food unit selections for each month will be posted at the Tully Library, on the church bulletin board in the narthex, in the window of the P.E.A.C.E. office and on the websites: www.stleostpatrick.org and www.foodbankofcny.org.



SUMMER MUSIC IN CORNERSTONE PARK

Performances 6:30-8pm

June 2 - from Cortland - Tiller Beckonfield - Rock, Country, R&B

June 9 - **LaFayette HS Jazz Band and Chorus - and special guest!!

June 16 - Tully's own Dave Zawadski - Happy Father's Day!

June 23 - **City of Syracuse Highland Pipe Band, Dancers and Singers

June 30 - The Neighbors and Los Primos - Guitars and Great Songs!

** If weather too inclement, **performances will be at TUCC; Duos and Solo artists will play at the Tully Arts Council across from the Park. Remember to bring chairs and prepare to have a great time!

CHADWICK QUILT RECEPTION AT TULLY FREE LIBRARY

All are invited to welcome back the Chadwick Quilt to be displayed at the Tully Free Library on June 9th 2-4pm.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Interim Pastor-The Reverend Richard G. Reed
Bernice Potter-Masler, moderator
Dawn Cox, church secretary

ABOUT OUR CHURCH – The Tully United Community Church has both United Methodist and American Baptist affiliation.

MORNING WORSHIP is held each week at 9:30 a.m. A refreshment fellowship time follows worship each week at 10:30 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED - June 2nd 2019

PENECOST SUNDAY SERVICE-JUNE 9TH- PLEASE WEAR RED

LILLIAN BIGSBY CIRCLE MEETING: 10:00 am June 3rd

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Monday, June 10th at 7pm

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE –Sunday - June 23, 2019 – Baccalaureate service in honor of our 2019 high school and college graduates.

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS-Monday, June 3rd-Boards-6:30pm Council-8:00pm

SENIOR CITIZENS MEAL & PROGRAM-June 12th at 6pm

TULLY AFTER SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM-NO CURRENT INFO AVAILABLE

WALK AND RUN FUNDRAISER FOR THE RESCUE MISSION – June 23, 2018, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY. Registration is now. Events begin at 7am

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED FOR OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE.... begins July 7, 2019. Volunteers are needed to provide special music for our 9:30 a.m. summer worship services. Please sign up at the welcome center.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING- Monday June 10th

TUCC GARDEN GROUP – June 5th & 19th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. See Peter Huntington 315-263-2537 if you would like to help tend the many gardens here at the church and parsonage.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP –The annual summer family picnic will be held Saturday, June 22nd at Greene's summer home on DeRuter Lake. Please check the Narthex for updates and future picnics

NEXT COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE-tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 29th 8:00-noon at TUCC.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July issue: July 28th, 2019

