

THE mini STEPPING-STONE



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Good Morning TUCC!

We hope this edition of the mini Stepping Stone finds you doing ok. It may be April Fools Day but it seems to feel like *Groundhogs Day* all over again. (If you haven't seen the movie, it's a fun watch!) Anyway, Spring is coming very nicely now – warmer sun, longer days, birds chirping. Outdoor walks are sure to help lift one's spirit during this time of social distancing due to COVID19.

Church Worship Services and Daily Devotionals

Pastor Rick has been sending daily devotional messages through email and the March 29 sermon was available through YouTube. If you like his messages, please forward to others; they may need some inspiration too. All links may be found on the church Facebook page Tully United Community Church and the church's website tullychurch.org.

Prayer Requests for: Don Wright (Sue Wright's brother-in-law, Bill's brother) passed away 3-31-20 Prayers for their family

Bob and Ruth Cooper and family on the passing of Rita Cooper, Bob's mother.

Ed and Janet Hillenbrand on the passing of Nancy Gorman, Ed's sister.

Pam Falge, Jim and Kay Butkus' daughter facing medical tests.

Mary Thompson diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disease.

Don Bickelhaupt awaiting surgery to reinstall the pacemaker.

Fran Smith, Brad Smith's mother, is at home with Hospice care.

Beverly LaForse, Laura Currie's sister, is in Cayuga Med for a hip problem.

All of us facing the uncertain times presented by COVID19.

Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please email the church, tullyunitedcc@gmail.com, and we will include your need.

The Church Office is closed for a while, BUT you can still reach information by dialing the same number 315.696.8066. All calls are forwarded to Rick's cell phone.

Pledges/Tithes/Offerings

Thank you for remembering that many of the church's expenses will continue even during COVID-19. We are so grateful for those who can continue to give to the church. Offerings mailed, or slid under the locked office door, will be given to the Financial Secretary for recording. You may also give to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering; envelopes are outside the office door.



A Fellowship Room Spruce Up

Thank you to the crew who painted the Fellowship Room: Janet H., Mel M., Ray G., David F., Bob C., and Kim G. It looks amazing! Janet adds that there are three volunteer jobs remaining: re-hanging the curtains, scrubbing the high chairs, and polishing the piano. Can you help? Call Janet at 315.427.9681 for more information.



Lenten book receivers from afar sent really nice Thank You notes and letters.

Barbara Nielson: "I find it very helpful on my journey thru Lent."

Greta Odhner: "I have enjoyed reading the offerings and reflecting on those who gave them. It brings back so many happy memories of our life in Tully. Such lovely friends!"

TENTATIVELY-COMING IN MAY

CWS BLANKETS OFFERING will be on Mother's Day, May 10th.

SPRING FIX-UP DAY: May 17th following Church Service.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CREEK WALK-Tentatively set for May 17th, following Church Service.

SENIOR TO SENIOR LUNCHEON hosted by the THS Seniors for the Senior Citizens on May 29th.

PENTECOST SUNDAY will be on Sunday May 31st.

TULLY ROTARY SCHEDULE

May 7th-Ray & Sally Greene

May 21st-Sonja Shepherd & Lorraine Balmer

Resources: United Way COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund 1-866-211-9966 to help with rent, bills and food.



Sanctuary Open

Our beautiful sanctuary is open daytimes for anyone who would like a quiet place to pray or meditate. Its beauty and peace may just offer the solace needed to counterbalance our chaotic time. Hand sanitizer is provided by the door should you come to meditate in the sanctuary.

Transition Team Update

Recently a Transition Team Report was sent out via e-mail and copies placed in the Narthex for congregation members not on e-mail to pick up at their discretion. Please feel free to talk to any of the transition team or put thoughts/suggestions in the "Comment Box" on the name badge table regarding the report. The team has drafted a write up on pastor expectations, which we feel needs a little fine tuning before finalizing our recommendation. Review of our financial picture, past and present, is necessary before these recommendations can be passed on to a pastoral search committee. We are also reviewing the suggestions for ministry action, prioritizing, and working on recommendations as to how to best implement or get accomplished. As ministry actions unfold congregational input and support will be very much needed. Some of these ministries have already been worked on, such as advertising to the community, and increased social media communication. Your continued prayers and dedication to our Church are essential and appreciated. (Team Members: Nancy Chawgo, Mark Guttendorf, , Greg Ketcham, Beth Lattimer, Laura Rankin, and Hollis Rotella)

Church Directory Postponed

The Board of Stewards has postponed the photo shoots for the new church directory. Please stay tuned and save your smile for another time!

Remember: Wash your hands. Cover your cough. Keep 6' between you and others. Stay home and stay well!