



FROM THE PASTOR

I typed into a Search Engine “Words to describe Lent” and this is the result:

Strange but not unhappy.
Long and hungry.
Dark interior.
Long and bitter.
More rigorous.
Little wild.
Long.
Strange.

Do these words describe the season of Lent for you? It is a different time of the church year than the rest. This is a time to deny ourselves, to look into the long, dark, bitter interior of our souls, to rigorously pursue the Lenten disciplines of prayer and almsgiving and penitence. We may want to spring ahead to the joy of Easter. We may want to skip right past the long, dark winter of Lent and Holy Week. Yet as the road to Resurrection led up a hill called Mount Calvary, so our path to the joy of Easter must lead us into the wilderness of self- denial, through the valley of self- reflection, and up the hill of self- sacrifice. And though Jesus walked this lonesome valley by himself, we know that we walk it together with our Savior and Friend.

Walk in Faith. Walk in Hope. Walk with Jesus.

Pastor Rick +

Moderator Message

Since Ash Wednesday, each morning I sit down, grab the TUCC Lenten Daily Devotional and spend a few minutes reading and thinking about this season. This small, home grown booklet blesses my heart not only because of the varied prayers and reminders, but also because the contributors and dates speak of the rich history of our congregation.

Today's entry was submitted by Jean Brown in 2000. I never met Jean Brown, but she touched me today. Her contribution was a brief prayer.

God give you grace and uphold you
 In the days ahead in all you do.
God comfort you when you are down
 And life you up to higher ground.
God walk with you step after step,
 In crisis times when you need help.
God hold you close both day and night.
 God give you love, God send you light

Perry Tanksley

You can get the booklet at the church, read entries daily and prepare your heart for the celebration of Easter on April 4th.

Ann

Behind the Scenes

TUCC reflects God's love in a variety of ways. To those who attend in person or via Zoom, the church offers new insights into God's word, inspiring music, and never-failing support and love. To the groups who use our building, TUCC offers a warm, welcoming environment for meeting and thriving. To our community, we offer our energy, resources, and dependable presence.

Living our mission is only possible because of the members who work behind the scenes. Our Boards work diligently to create meaningful worship, to reach out and support our members and community, to maintain and beautify our building and to secure our financial health. The Church Council acts as the coordinator of all these efforts and focuses on ensuring a strong foundation for our future.

During the last few months in addition to planning regular church activities, the Church Council began shaping components of our 50th year anniversary celebration, began work on a 10-year facilities plan, and started updating the Financial Management and Investment Policies.

If you are interested in any of the behind-the-scenes work, please feel free to attend any Board or Council meeting or ask any Board or Council member. Spreading God's love requires the energy and talent of all of us.

Vaccine Appointments

65 and over - vaccine appointments are available at the NYS fairgrounds and more appointments will open up at 8:00 am on Thursday. Have your insurance information with you.

GO TO:

[covid19health.ny.gov vaccine](https://covid19health.ny.gov/vaccine)

click on "check eligibility"

click on State Fair Expo Center and enter your information.

Also **Kinneydrugs.com** **click on** "Get Started"

Call Janet Hillenbrand if you need assistance: 315-427-9681

- **Church Calendar of Events – Is now available on-line.** The calendar is on the church website under the tab labeled **EVENTS**. Should you want to add activities to the calendar, please email name of the event, place, time and contact person to Ann Sedore at ann@sedore.com.

From the February, 2021 TULLY NEWS

Troop 62 Eagle Scout Project

Adam Duffy, from Boy Scout Troop 62 of Tully, has completed his Eagle Scout Project. His project was the planning and building of a “Pantry Box” to be placed on the north end of the Tully United Community Church parking lot. The pantry box consists of a closed space with a shelf to hold dry storage items for those in need. The items may include the following; Nutritious foods such as dry soups, beans, cereals, grains and pastas. Canned goods or other wet items during the winter season, (prone to freezing) must not be donated during the winter months. Some additional items to donate are toiletries and first aid supplies. The objective of the Pantry Box is to **“Take What You Need, Leave What You Can”**, in hopes that the community as well as Scout Troop 62 will participate in maintaining the supplies for the box. Any donation that will help the community will be appreciated. Currently the Pantry Box is located in the back entrance of the church and will soon be relocated to the north end of the parking lot in the spring. The box will be placed on a post for the community to have convenient access.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 6th -Robert Thompson; Feb. 7th – Sonja Shepherd, Paula Mickelson, Breanna Foster, Rebecca Bickelhaupt; Feb 8th – Sharon Hoogs; Feb 11th – Dewey Northrup; Feb 12th- Steven Cook; Feb 13th – Samantha Kemp; Feb 14 – John Burgett; Feb 17th – Norma Richards, Rusty Spaulding; Feb. 18th – Art Berg; Feb. 19th – Liz Spaulding; Feb 20th – Adam Kemp; Feb. 21st – Lou Hoagland, Sue Bickelhaupt; Feb. 23rd – Nancy Hatch; Feb. 24th Jim Millis; Feb. 27th – Barb Berg
Mar 3rd – Tirzah Smith



ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb. 8th – Smiley & Karen Prince; Feb. 16th - Peter & Mary Huntington

Prayer and Praise



Prayer Requests:

Jim Canole, friend of Pamela Poulin. For the Lines Family, friends of the Kroms. Jaci Colombo asked for prayers for her brother, Albert, who had a stroke and for Albert's family.

Keep in mind: Friend of Pamela Poulin- Jerry Fairchild would appreciate phone calls and visits (315-506-4794; 6414 Steger Rd, Preble.

Continue prayers for:

Also remember to keep in our prayers the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy: Amy Christopherson, Betty Ketcham, Bill Wright, Marie Kemps' friend, Maria, Mary Thompson, friends of Pastor Rick - Randy, Jenny, Penny, and Rich; Karie Cottrell, Hugh Reed's mother-in-law, Barbara Stanley, Nancy Foster's daughter, Breanna, Liz Spaulding, Wendy Dale's Aunt Claudia, Kay and Jim Butkus' daughter Pam Falge, Brenda Millis, Pamela Poulin, Jolie Spaulding, Janet Hillenbrand's brother, Betty Ketchum, Cheryl Haskins' nephew Eric, Sharon French, Don Bickelhaupt and Edie Cook.

Joys shared



Teri and Terry Krom are grandparents. Austin and Amy welcomed Logan Robert Krom. Bob and Ruth Cooper's son Robert and wife Laura are expecting a baby.

Mary Thompson is thankful for the person who drove her to her medical appointment in Buffalo, the person who helped with carrying kitty litter, the person who cared for her cat and cleaned her apartment.

Sharon Hoogs is enjoying herself in the sunshine with her sister and a visiting friend. Thanks, we (Tully United CC) are on Facebook from the family of Ethan Haley.

To Church Members: A thank you note was received from Greta Odhner. The note states "Dear Folks at Tully United Community Church, Thank you so much for sending me the Lenten Booklet. I enjoy reading it every night before I go to sleep. I'm amazed by how many folks I remember. Such wonderful years we spent with you. Fondly, Greta. The note will be placed in the window of the office.



LOOKING AHEAD...

Easter Flower Order Form is now available. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 14th, 2021.** See the last page. Additional order forms will be available in the Narthex.

Prayer Shawl Meetings- **There will be no prayer shawl meetings until further notice.** Requests are still being taken. Shawl makers will be knitting and crocheting at home. Finished shawls can be left at the church office. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Burgett at 315-696-5197.

Bell Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:30p.m. No experience is necessary.

Ways to Support Your Church and Community

Ministries come in many forms. Some take time, some take money, and some take both! Here are some suggestions for giving to others:

1. Offerings to TUCC – mail or drop off at church; use the PayPal link on the church website or pay through the electronic bill payment process of your bank.
2. St. Leo's Food Pantry and Outreach, POB 574, Tully, 13159. Attn: Cheryl Paccia. Pantry needs monetary donations for fresh produce, meat, and dairy
3. Donate sauce, tuna, canned veggies, PB, jelly, toiletries, paper products, etc., for the Food Pantry. A donation box is at the church or they can be left just inside St. Leo's hall between 9am – 2pm or just outside the door.
4. Shop *smile.amazon.com* and select TUCC as your non-profit. A percentage is returned to the church!
5. Contact the Pastor, any Board chair or the Moderator to offer your ideas, time or talent. A vibrant church is built around the passions and talents of the congregation.

Meditation and Sunday Service in our Sanctuary

Our sanctuary is open daytimes for prayer or meditation. Hand sanitizer is provided by the door. Homemade masks are available for you to wear and take for added protection during COVID19.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556610214?pwd=WE9kMnhaK2lSS3dFSk51WTI4MlVlQZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 5661 0214

YouTube service: Please watch your emails, our website and TUCC Facebook for the update. TUCC INDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES are on our bulletin board and website tullychurch.org. *Remember: Wash your hands. Wear your mask in public. Stay home if you are ill.

EASTER LILIES, TULIPS & DAFFODIL PLANTS



You may purchase Easter Lilies, Tulips or Daffodil plants for our Easter worship service through the church. Please complete the order form and include it with payment (checks should be made out to the church with *Easter flowers* written on the memo line. More forms are available in the Narthex.

Easter Flower Order

I wish to order:

_____ Easter Lilies - \$8 each (5-7 bulbs)

Lily Total \$_____

_____ Tulips - \$7 each (6-inch pot)

Yellow____ Pink____ White____ Red____

Tulip Total \$_____

_____ Daffodils - \$7 (6-inch pot)

Daffodils total \$_____

Total Due: \$_____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

Make checks payable to **the Tully United Community Church.**

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