



From the Pastor

How quickly time has gone! It is a year now since the pandemic hit. We are already in the middle of March, 2021. And Holy Week and Easter are just a week and a half away!

More and more of our congregation and community are getting their COVID vaccinations. It is essential that we get vaccinated so that this plague can be over and we can get on with the “normal” details of our lives. Yet, still people tell me they don’t think they are going to get the vaccine. Older folks who still bear the mark of the Small Pox vaccine on their arms are “afraid” that this vaccine isn’t tested long enough, may have long term adverse effects, or be somehow harmful. We must place our trust in our government, in our scientists, and in our God who guides us. Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, who gives us knowledge to make us well and keep us safe!

As more members of our congregation get vaccinated, more are returning to in-person worship and that feels very good, indeed! Remember last year at this time, we were self-isolating, masking, and very much concerned (fearful?) of what was to come in this pandemic – this plague – that was spreading across the globe. That experience taught us, like many congregations, how to “ZOOM” worship from living rooms and balconies and dining room tables. And folks still attend ZOOM-worship from the comfort of their own homes, wearing pajamas and drinking coffee! And that is wonderful! We will continue to offer worship online and welcome all those who come together with us by any means to praise our God!

And it will be such a moving and meaningful experience to join together during the coming Holy Week. All during Lent and into Holy Week, we remember, we reflect, we participate in that which makes us human, that which makes us mortal, and that which gives us hope in the midst of it all that there is something more, something eternal, something of God that remains for us yet.

Have a Blessed and Meaningful Holy Week!

Pastor Rick +

Holy Week Services

Holy Week begins on March 28th at 9:30 am with the joyful Hosannas and the solemn remembrance of Christ’s Passion of **Palm Sunday**. Once again, we are grateful to Hartwell Funeral Home for supplying us with palms for this service!

On Thursday April 1st at 7 pm, there will be a **Maundy Thursday** service. This service commemorates the Last Supper, Jesus washing the disciples' feet, and his mandate to "*... love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another*" (John 13:34b). This service comes to its dramatic end at the Tenebrae service of Light and the Stripping of the Church.

Good Friday service will begin at 12 noon on Friday April 2nd with prayers, meditative silence, moving music and the proclamation of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The service flows immediately into a 24-hour prayer vigil. You can sign up for the prayer vigil at the church.

The celebration of **Easter** will begin at 9:30 am, Sunday April 4th. The sanctuary will be filled with the fragrance of spring flowers and the joyful music of the organ, piano and bells.

You can attend any of these meetings in person following COVID 19 protocols or via Zoom.

Inspirational Messages for use in next year's Lent Devotional Booklet

While we are in the Lenten season, inspirational messages (150 words or less) are encouraged to be submitted for use in next year's Lenten Devotional Booklet. Although writings can be submitted to the office anytime throughout the year, Lent is inspirational within itself. The last three years we have taken writings that have been submitted in past issues, with just a very few current ones. Taking time to share something that touched your soul or to submit your personal thoughts are welcomed and appreciated.

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Spring Church Activities

As you plan your calendar for our much-anticipated Spring, please add these upcoming church events.

- On April 24th the Board of Steward is planning our first Chicken BBQ of the year.
- Peter's weeders start beautification of our gardens on May 5th at 9 AM and immediately after church on May 16th, spring cleaning of the church begins.

More information about each activity will follow, but the Stewards and Trustees wanted to get on members' busy calendars.

Vaccine Appointments

65 and over Have your insurance information with you.

GO TO:

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"

For questions or information about the state-run Fairgrounds clinic, please call the NYS Vaccination Hotline, 1.833.NYS.4VAX (1.833.697.4829).

If you need assistance call the Church office at 315-696-8066.

- Thanks to Adam Duffy, from Boy Scout Troop 62 of Tully, TUCC has a “Pantry Box”. The objective of the Pantry Box is to **“Take What You Need, Leave What You Can”**. Any donation that will help the community will be appreciated. Currently the Pantry Box is located in the back entrance of the church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (Upcoming)

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 19th – Betsy Moore; Mar. 20th - Erica Masler, Greg Ketcham, Jason Borek; Mar. 24th – Peter Cameron; Mar. 25th – Daniel Kublick, Kimberly Thompson; Mar. 26th Zach Guttendorf, Donald Bickelhaupt



ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar. 24th - Bob & Marie Kemp; Mar. 25th – Rusty & Lorie Spaulding; Mar. 30th - Chris & Dedrea Scalza

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for Charlene Gale’s daughter-in-law and granddaughter diagnosed with COVID. Rick Reed and Laura Currie request prayers for their friend Allyson Hill. Both Barb and Art Berg are recovering from COVID and pneumonia. Both are in Loretto for a short rehab. Tammy Huyge is in Michigan helping her brother Mike. Sue Bickelhaupt’s husband Don had a nuclear stress test for his heart problem and is home. Prayers for Rick’s college friend, Randy he is going through new chemo treatment and Rick’s seminary friend Jenny whose condition is worsening. Also, prayers for Tony Campolo, retired Professor at Eastern University as he recovers from a stroke.



Continue prayers for:

Also remember to keep in our prayers the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy: Jim Canole friend of Pamela Poulin; Jaci Colombo’s brother Albert and his family; Harold- friend of Karen Rankin; Dawn Cox’s sister Tammy James; Janet Hillenbrand’s brother and daughter; Liz Spaulding’s daughter; Amy Christopherson; Marie Kemps’ friend, Maria; Bill Wright, Mary Thompson, Betty Ketcham, Liz Spaulding, Karie Cottrell, Hugh Reed’s mother- in- law, Barbara Stanley; Nancy Foster’s daughter, Breanna; Wendy Dale’s Aunt Claudia; Kay and Jim Butkus’ daughter Pam Falge; Brenda Millis, Pamela Poulin, Cheryl Haskins’ nephew Eric; Sharon French and Edie Cook.



LOOKING AHEAD...

A quick review of Holy Week Services important dates

March 28th - Palm Sunday

April 1st - Maundy Thursday – service will be at 7:00 pm

April 2nd - Good Friday - service will be at Noon

April 4th - Easter

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=WE9kMnhaK2ISS3dFSk51WTI4MVVQZz09>

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.**