

## THE mini STEPPING-STONE April 27, 2021 Issue



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### From the Moderator

At a special congregational meeting held April 25, 2021, members voted to call Pastor Richard G. Reed to serve as TUCC's part-time, settled Pastor. Fifty-six active members attended the meeting in person and four joined the meeting via Zoom.

The meeting began with a congregational prayer asking for divine guidance while making this vital decision. The careful steps taken by the Church Council over the last three years to prepare for pastoral selection were outlined. Laura Rankin, chair of the Search Committee, provided an overview of the five months of committee work leading to their final recommendation.

The floor was opened for questions directed to Reverend Reed. Written questions were addressed and concerns about church growth and visitation were expressed. Reverend Reed left after all questions were addressed.

The congregation had an opportunity to hear concerns about the selection process and to dialogue about any congregational observations or issues surrounding the search or the Search Committee recommendations.

Voting was completed by written ballot and private Zoom voting. The Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary coordinated vote counting and reported that the motion to call Reverend Reed was carried.

**Reverend Reed was given a standing ovation when he returned to hear the outcome of the meeting.**

### PARSONAGE CLEANING

#### Let's get Pastor Rick into his new home and a resident of the town of Tully!

Trustees would appreciate helpers. If you have some free time on Friday, April 30 or Saturday, May 1 can assign you to one of the parsonage rooms for basic cleaning. The tasks include wall washing, window washing, kitchen cleaning, etc. All supplies and equipment are provided. Larger tasks include basement and garage cleaning with a shop-vac.

Please contact Janet Hillenbrand with a time that is convenient for you. 315-427-9681 or [jlhb55@aol.com](mailto:jlhb55@aol.com).

Thank You.

### Fund Raiser Bell Sale Begins Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

The outdoor bells need to be repaired and the estimated cost is over \$8000. The Church Council developed plans to raise funds by selling small, engraved bells. The first will be available for sale this Sunday and are engraved to commemorate the 50 anniversary of the merger that created TUCC. Bells will be available in both silver and gold at a cost of \$10 each.

## **Baptist and Methodist Annual Meetings**

TUCC has received notice of both the Methodist and Baptist annual meetings. Both are scheduled in June and are virtual meetings. Our church is authorized to vote on denominational business scheduled for discussion at each.

Any member may attend, but the Church Council must vote on those who will represent the congregation. If you are interested in attending or if you would like to represent the church for discussion and voting, please let Cindy know. More information about each meeting follows.

### **Methodist Upper New York Conference**

The 12th Session will take place virtually June 17-19, 2021.

All eligible voting members must preregister by June 1 to be able to participate and vote.

This year, there is a small registration fee to help cover the cost of virtual meeting support and voting. TUCC will cover this fee.

### **American Baptist Churches USA 2021 Biennial Mission Summit**

The Summit is scheduled online June 24-26, 2021.

Delegates must have the church code for registering.

An unlimited number of members and attendees of every church may be a part of the worship, learning and coming together as American Baptists.

### **From The Pastor**

Well, this marks the first FROM THE PASTOR that is from your new *settled* pastor! I left pastoral ministry in 1995 and went into the “mission field” of social case work, first through the Cortland County then Tompkins County Dept. of Social Services. I never felt that I left ministry; rather that my ministry was focused in a different realm. Direct casework with individuals and families in crisis with crippling dysfunction, mental and cognitive disability, in trouble with the law, and in need of permanency was very fulfilling and I did that work for 22 years. I always endeavored to treat each client with dignity and respect, even in the worst cases that I managed, always looking for that spark of common humanity, that flash of the Imago Dei and I am very proud of my service to Cortland and Tompkins County residents. Along the way I had opportunities to fill in for pastors in pulpit supply and to perform the occasional wedding or funeral. I “blame” my friend, (Pastor) Keith for gently pulling me back into the role and functions of pastoral ministry; doing supply preaching, concelebrating communion, helping to lead in worship. Upon Pastor Keith and Janice’s retirement and my becoming the interim pastor here, I found that I needed to brush some rust off my pastoral ministry tools and hone the edges. And I continued to do so after Pastor Doug left. It’s always a work in progress! The support and encouragement that I have received from this congregation have been more than sufficient; they have been at times overwhelming. I thank you all for that.

As we were preparing to call a new pastor after Wimmersburger’s moved, we had a congregational survey and one of the questions was to list the top three expectations we had of a pastor. I will tell you my answer: 1. Love the people. 2. Love the people. 3. Love the people. I have clocked-in over 3 ½ years as your interim; the first time being 9 months and this second time being one month shy of 3 years. We have worked together, struggled together, prayed together. I have loved this congregation through it and will continue to love, serve, and give my best to the people of Tully United Community Church and to the Tully Community. I ask your patience, your grace, your prayers, and your love and assure you of mine in return.

This passage from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Philippi is a good pattern for all of us as we begin a new chapter together:

***Philippians 3:12-14 (The Message)***

**I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running and I'm not turning back.**

Love and Peace,  
Pastor Rick +

**Stewards**

Thank you to all who supported the Steward's Chicken BBQ. It was a beautiful day and was great to see many people. Nancy Chawgo joined us for her first outing after hip surgery. The fundraiser raised about \$900 for the general fund. **We are tentatively planning another Chicken BBQ for June 5th.** Get your appetites ready!  
Thanks, Beth Ann

**A friendly reminder: Time and Talent Survey**

Please turn in your personal information for the **updated directory** regarding communications and the **time and talent survey** that were mailed out last month.

**Mission Outreach**

**This year's project will be UMCOR Hygiene Kits**

The following items are needed. You can bring in an individual item or all of the items. Financial donations are also welcome.

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)  
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One washcloth

- No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One comb

- Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
- No pocket combs or picks
- Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

- No emery boards or metal nail files

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)

- No Ivory or Jergen's soap
- Do not remove from packaging

One adult toothbrush

- Do not remove from packaging
- Personal advertising not acceptable

10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)

- Common household bandages acceptable

One one-gallon size re-sealable bag Sample Description

There will be a box in the Narthex

**If you have any questions you can contact Lorraine Balmer at 607-279-7374**

## Mother's Day is May, 9th

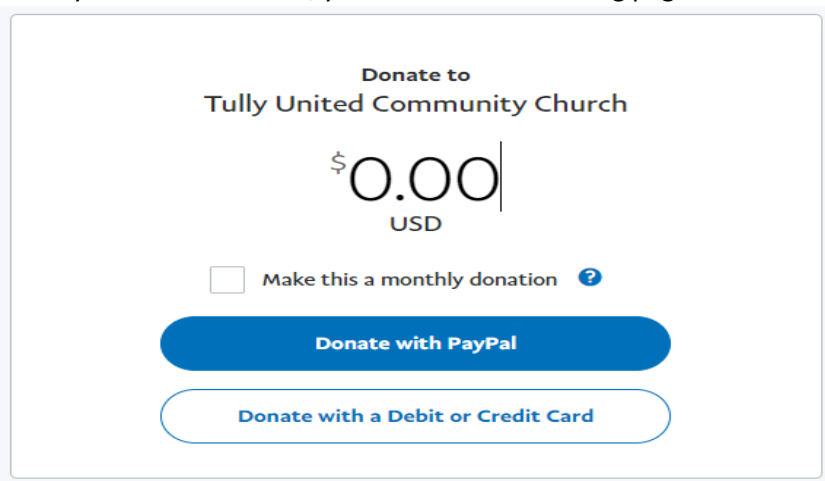
If you have any Pictures (paper or digital) of your Mom or individuals you felt were like your Mom and would like to have them **displayed during Church this Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Please bring them to the office by Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> before 12:30 or you can send them to the office through email: [tullyunitedcc@gmail.com](mailto:tullyunitedcc@gmail.com) again before 12:30 Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

**The following instructions are for Individuals that may want to Donate on-line, but do not want or have a PayPal account.**

### How to Donate to TUCC on-Line

You can make on-line donations right from [tullychurch.org](http://tullychurch.org). If you go to [tullychurch.org](http://tullychurch.org) you will see a Donate button on the right-hand side of the main site page.

- a. When you click the button, you will see the following page:



- b. Enter the amount you want to donate. For example, for \$10.00 enter 1-0-0-0. A 2-digit decimal point is assumed.
- c. Important: You do NOT need to have a paypal account to donate. You can use any standard Credit card or debit card;
1. If you **DON'T** have a paypal account click on "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card"
  2. If you do have a Paypal account, you can click on "Donate with PayPal".

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**Tully United Community Church**

\$5.00  
USD

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[Write a note \(Optional\)](#)

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Street address

Apt., ste., bldg. (optional)

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Share your mailing address with Tully United Community Church so they can acknowledge your donation. [?](#)

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Save this information for next time.

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**Donate Now**

- d. On this page:
- i. You can change the amount at the top of the form if it's incorrect
  - ii. Fill in your debit or credit card information.
  - iii. Fill in the billing information your credit card goes to. This is one of the verification pieces so it's important to use the same address info your credit card bills go to.
  - iv. If you click the checkbox "Share your email address with Tully United Community Church", they will acknowledge your donation. You will also receive an email from PayPal as a receipt if you include your email address.
  - v. You can enter phone and email address.
  - vi. When done, click "Donate Now".

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

Apr 28<sup>th</sup>- Barry Lane, Tamara Huyge; May 1<sup>st</sup> – Pamela Poulin, Brian Cottrell; May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Tom Currie; May 3<sup>rd</sup> – David Hatch, Hugh Reed, Robin Miller; May 4<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Mott Kohberger; May 6<sup>th</sup> – Abbey Dewey; May 9<sup>th</sup> – Carrie Burgett; May 11<sup>th</sup> Chris Kruth



### ANNIVERSARIES:

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Brian & Cindy Bartholomew

### Prayer and Praise

#### Prayer Requests:

Sue Bickelhaupt – Don’s cousin, Pat Carniute passed away from lung cancer. Concerns and Prayers for the Hill family on the passing of Jim Hill, father of Adam & Cory Hill. Nancy Chawgo is recuperating at home from hip surgery. Hugh Reed received a good report but we will keep him in our prayers. Berry Ellis is in the hospital. Larry Berg will have a hip replacement 4/29. Dawn Cox requests prayers for her sister Tammy James.



#### Continue prayers for:

Sympathy to Tom and Kim Dando on the passing of their 13 yr old granddaughter, Hazel Elizabeth Shaw, daughter of Jason & Colleen Shaw. Hazel passed away April 7, 2021.

If anyone wished to send sympathy cards, addresses follow:

Colleen and Jason Shaw  
59 Sullivan St.  
Cazenovia, NY 13035

Tom and Kim Dando  
19 Artisan Way  
Manlius, NY 13104

Hazel also started a not-for-profit organization when she was seven-years-old to raise money to help other families of children with special needs. Contributions can be sent to:

Hazel’s Hope, Inc., c/o M & T Bank, 43 Albany St., Cazenovia, NY 13035

**Also remember to keep in our prayers the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy:** Paula Mickelson, Patricia Bloodgood, Sue Bickelhaupt, Barbara & Arthur Berg; Joe Puccia; Charlene Gale’s daughter-in-law and granddaughter; Rick Reed and Laura Currie’s friend Allyson Hill; Tammy Huyge’s brother Mike. Rick’s friends, Randy from college and Tony Campolo, retired Professor at Eastern University; Jim Canole friend of Pamela Poulin; Mary Thompson, Betty Ketcham, Hugh Reed’s mother- in- law, Barbara Stanley; Nancy Foster’s daughter, Breanna; Kay and Jim Butkus’ daughter Pam Falge; Brenda Millis, Sharon French and Edie Cook. The people of Myanmar (Buma).

#### Joys Shared:

Stacey McCrea got to visit her mother in person and give her a hug. Carol Rutherford’s daughter moved into a new house. Liz Spaulding’s daughter, Kate and Spencer are expecting a baby.

### Pictures Available

During recent church clean-up activities, three pictures were found that currently have no home. They are pictured below. If you are interested in any of them, let Cindy know. Otherwise, they will be donated for a TAG sale.



### Spring Church Activities

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

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, May 1 – Parsonage Cleaning**-Trustees would appreciate helpers. Please contact Janet Hillenbrand with a time that is convenient for you. 315-427-9681 or [jlh55@aol.com](mailto:jlh55@aol.com)

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> before 12:30 – Mother’s Day Pictures** (paper or digital [tullyunitedcc@gmail.com](mailto:tullyunitedcc@gmail.com) ) of your Mom or individuals you felt were like your Mom must be to the office by **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> before 12:30** if you wish to have them **displayed during Church this Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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### **P.E.A.C.E.: County South Family Resource Center**

**Friday, April 30, 2020, community clothing drive**  
**9:00AM – 4:30PM AT Tully Masonic Lodge (rear entrance)**  
13 State Street, Tully, NY

**Good, clean Spring/Summer used clothing will be ACCEPTED:**  
Monday- Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-4:30PM  
**Volunteers Needed! Please call Barb @ (315) 696-8203**

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## **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> -Fund Raiser Bell Sale Begins**

**Peter's weeders** start beautification of our gardens on **May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM** and immediately after church on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, spring cleaning of the church begins.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day

**Tentative: June 5<sup>th</sup>** Chicken BBQ

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

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.

### **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](http://tullychurch.org).**

**\*Remember: Wash your hands. Wear your mask in public. Stay home if you are ill.**