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From the Moderator

Koinonian is a Greek word for fellowship and is one of the most important and versatile words of Christian faith. As the community of believers grew after the Resurrection, they spent much time together in love, faith and encouragement. Our church today continues to call us to this kind of fellowship.

When we join together, we strengthen our learning, our praying and our beliefs. Monthly communion reminds us of our bond – the tie that binds. We strive through our congregation to give our time, talent and resources to support each other and our community. And amazingly, I Corinthians 1:9 proclaims that our membership is invited into partnership with Jesus Christ.

So, this week, pray that our fellowship is strengthened and blessed.

Ann

Raising Funds for Carillon Bell Repair

Tully United Community Church is selling little silver and gold bells to raise money to repair our Bell Carillon. The bells are engraved with a graphic of the bell tower and dates commemorating the 50th anniversary of the merger forming TUCC. Each bell cost \$10.

The bells in the carillon have an historical connection to our parent churches. The Baptist bell was purchased in 1852 and hung in the Baptist Church on State Street. The Methodist Bell was purchased in 1896 and hung next door at the Methodist Church.

A group of people in the young Tully United Community Church decided not to put the old bells in a museum but to repair them and hang them on a 30-foot tower at the newly built TUCC church.

The I. T. Verdin Company repaired the bells (they also made the ones we are selling for fund raising) They built the tower and added electronic capacity.

The bells were hung in the tower May 13, 1986 and then, dedicated five days later on May 18th.

Extreme caution was taken to ensure that that even with electronification the bells maintained their original sounds. It is said that the bells sounds can be heard in Preble.

A 1986 article from the Independent Villager (Marathon, NY) provides the detail and pictures. It will be available at the bell sale table Sunday.

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.

Stewards

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 Sunday, May 16th - Deadline Date for the UMCOR Hygiene Kits – this is the last day to donate items.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

May 13th – Mary Thompson, Michael Rankin; May 16th – Jillian Kublick, Rose Edinger; May 18th – Joe Martin; May 19th - Sharon Trerise; May 22nd – Sandra Burgett; May 23rd – Mark Masler



ANNIVERSARIES:

May 20th – Cleave & Laurie Snow

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

Barry Neadon passed away Sunday, May 2nd from Cancer. Prayers for the people of Afghanistan who were affected by the bombing at the girls' school.



Continue prayers for:

the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy: Laura Rouse, Nancy Chawgo, Hugh Reed, Larry Berg, Tammy James – Dawn Cox's sister; 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).

Continued prayers for individual's that have lost family members or friends:
Don Bickelhaupt cousin, Pat Carniute and The Hill family on the passing of Jim Hill.

Joys Shared:

Welcome back to Jaci & Sam Colombo. Thanks to all of those helping to prepare the parsonage.

Spring Church Activities

Fund Raiser Bell Sale – On going

May 16th – This Sunday, Spring Fix-Up Day immediately after church (10:45 am) spring cleaning of the church begins.

Wednesday, May 19th – Peter’s Weeders 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Saturday, May 22nd – Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction 4-7:30 pm (while supplies last) Tully United Community Church, **Boy Scout Troop 62**

Tentative: June 5th 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=WE9kMnhaK2lSS3dFSk51WTI4MVVQZz09>

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.**