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From The Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR - REV. RICHARD G. REED

Sunday the 13th – the day of my installation as pastor - was such a wonderful day! Flowers, special music, Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee and Rev. Jim Kelsey, Jim's excellent sermon. Oh, it was all perfect!

Thank you to all who were involved in making the day special – not just for me – for all of us. It was a day to celebrate, a day to look forward to the ministry opportunities ahead, and like the hymn we sang said – a day of new beginnings!

Others need to be thanked as well. Thanks to the Transition Team and the Search Committee for their hours of work on behalf of the congregation to make sure the fit was right and everyone was informed. Thanks to the Trustees and any others who worked to clean and ready the parsonage. Thanks to the Kroms and Laura Rankin for painting! Thanks to the Church Council who worked with the Search Committee on the details of the pastoral package. Thanks to any whom I might have forgotten to thank or I may not even know about. And thanks to you, members of the congregation. You have waited and prayed, you have been patient and impatient, you have wondered and you have trusted. And now the fields of ministry are plowed and ready for us to plant together and, with faith in God the Master Gardener, watch for the harvest.

Let us not flag in our zeal to proclaim and promote the goodness and lovingkindness of the grace of God in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Forward Together in Ministry!

Pastor Rick +

CAN I GET A WITNESS?

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 15 and as a lead up to that event and the election of new board members, a member of each **church board will make a presentation** during worship. Kind of like what we used to do – but with a new twist...**the board member will speak about what excites them about being on the board, and how their board is serving the congregation, the community, and most of all, serving God! While there will be some information about what the board does, the real emphasis is on personal testimony of what it means to each person to be involved in the service that the board provides and how that helps fulfill the mission that God has given us here at TUCC.**

This is the (tentative) schedule of presentations:

Personnel Relations Board June 27

No Presentation on July 4

Deacons July 11

Mission and Outreach July 18

Stewards July 25

Trustees August 1

Christian Education August 8

SAVE THE DATES!

Here are some dates that you will want to put on your calendar at home:

Outdoor Summer Worship

July 11 – September 5

Bring your lawn chair, a blanket, or use a folding church chair. Dress casually for the weather and even bring your dog along! We will worship inside in the case of inclement weather.

Annual Meeting August 15

We will review our year together, receive reports from the boards and committees, adopt a budget and elect board members and officers. **Meeting will be at 10:45 in the sanctuary**.

50th Anniversary Kick-off and 20th Anniversary of 9/11

September 12

Rally Day isn't just for kids. Let's all rally together and have as many of our members and attendees as possible present to begin a week of celebrating 50 years together as the Tully United Community Church! During this service we will remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This service will mark the return of the Chancel Choir!

Stewardship Consecration Sunday

October 17

The Board of Stewards has been busy working on **a new program of stewardship promotion** and in the coming months we will hear more about it. For now, you will want to put this date on your calendar – it involves food and you don't have to cook! ©

SPEAKING OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY...

The Tully United Community Church held its first worship service together on Sunday June 26, 1971. The petition of the North Church and the South Church to merge was signed July 12, 1971 and the two churches were incorporated into TUCC on July 14, 1971. We plan a week of celebration beginning on September 12 and culminating with a memorial walk and service of celebration on September 19. A free community dinner is planned for Saturday, September 18 and we hope to have some activities during the week between.

INTERVIEWING THOSE WHO WERE THERE

Many of us were not around when the two churches were involved in merging together. And there are likely lots of interesting stories to be shared from people who were. We would like to **identify some of the folks** who were around then to be interviewed, as well as find some folks who would be our "roving reporters" and conduct the interviews. We also plan to **interview the former pastors of TUCC** and get their perspective on life in Tully and service to God through their ministry here among us.

If you have a story to tell, or wish have someone you would like to interview, please let the office, Pastor Rick or Ann Sedore know right away. We hope to put interviews into an anniversary booklet.

♪ YOU GOTTA RING THEM BELLS

That's a song that Liza Minnelli sang back in the 70's and it reminds us of our **Bell Carillon fund raiser**. In this 50th anniversary year, we remember that **the carillon holds the bells from the Methodist and Baptist church steeples**. Only one of the bells can be rung and both are in need of repair. **The estimate is a little over \$8000**. Wouldn't it be great to have them back up and ringing for the 50th Anniversary Celebration? Well we have been selling little bells as a fundraiser and have made over \$3000 so far but with still a long way to go. There are still a few anniversary bells that have the carillon printed on them and there is a plan to sell unprinted bells later in the year. Any other ideas?

 \square It's such a happy thing, to hear 'em ting-a-ling, you gotta ring them bells! \square

TUCC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tully United Community Church membership is scheduled for August 15, 2021 at 10:45 in the sanctuary. Preparation for this meeting has started and one focus is on developing a slate of officers and board members. The work of TUCC requires that members with God-given talents and passion join with the Pastor in living the church's mission and values.

There will be a vote to fill all church leadership positions: Moderator, Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, Church Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Assistant Financial Secretary. The term of all elected church officers is one year with a term limit of three years. The current moderator, treasurer and financial secretary are eligible to serve another year. The remaining position have been vacant throughout the 2020-2021 year.

In addition, the membership will be presented with a slate of Board members for consideration. Currently, Boards are finalizing the 2021-2022 slate and all are seeking new members to add energy and vision. Over the next few weeks of church services, members of each Board will peak about the challenges and rewards of board service. After the service, there will be an opportunity to talk with board members and ask question.

Information about the responsibilities of Officers and Boards will be provided in the Church Bulletin weekly. Questions can be directed to any of the Pastor, Moderator or Board Chair.

I Corinthians 12 assures us that God provides the full range of talents and skills needed by a church to thrive and serve. Where are your talents and passion needed?

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY by Pastor Rick

For this opportunity you may VOLUNTEER for 1 Tuesday or you may VOLUNTEER for Multiple Tuesdays whatever your schedule allows.

The PEACE, Inc. Nutrition Program has for several years provided a lunch for around 30 Tully area seniors in our Fellowship Room every Tuesday. And there are quite a number of our senior congregation members who participate in that lunch. In fact, I was also a regular attender, both as pastor of the church, but also – as a qualified senior! YIKES! Cost was minimal (\$3.50), it was a good meal, and more so, it provided an opportunity to get together for socialization and mutual care.

Well, like many things, the Tuesday lunch was shut down last year by the pandemic. And a recent call to the nutrition program coordinator revealed that it is likely a few months after restrictions are lifted before the program will be back in Tully.

But all is not lost. I also have found that we can provide a weekly lunch on our own to the Tully Seniors. It would be up to us to set and enforce any guidelines, though social distancing rules would still apply. And Velda Bumpus, who is the local site PEACE Nutrition coordinator, will help us contact the regulars to see if they are interested and ready to return.

So, I am wondering if there are some congregation members who are interested in this ministry opportunity. You may VOLUNTEER for 1 Tuesday or you may VOLUNTEER for Multiple Tuesdays whatever your schedule allows.

Here is what I think we would need:

Coordinator – help set the menu each week, make sure that there are people to make food, serve food, and clean up. This can be a mostly-work-from-home opportunity!

Site Manager – take money, make sure food is ready to be served, general oversight and coordination. (I am happy to take on that role as long as there is someone ready to step in when I am not able to be there)

Cooks – purchase ingredients, make sandwich fillings, sandwiches, soup, salad, dessert, etc.

Servers – three on the day to help serve, and clean up. (I may have a dishwasher all lined up)

Cooks and Servers for the day could be the same people, or someone could volunteer to do one or the other task. FOOD MUST BE MADE IN OUR KITCHEN. Our kitchen is inspected and approved by the Onondaga Co Health Dept who regulates this kind of program. This would not be a full meal, but rather a simple soup/sandwich, soup/salad, sandwich/salad combo with a light dessert, coffee/tea.

That's the general idea. There may be some more details to consider later. I am hoping that you will pray about this and that God might lay on your heart a desire to minister in this way to a need we already know we have. It would be great if other than the same usual's are involved, but whoever God may send our way I know will be richly blessed for their endeavor!

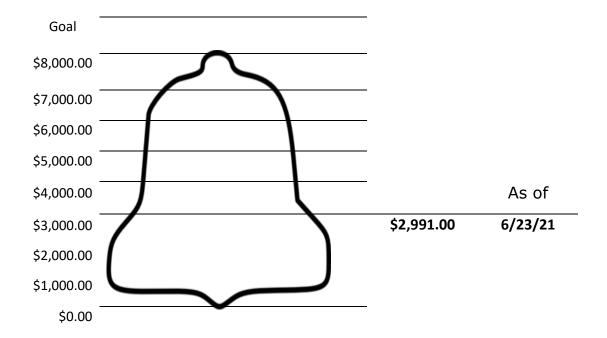
Please see Pastor Rick or contact the church office if you wish to be part of this ministry opportunity! (315) 696-8066.

Ride and Run for the Rescue 2021

We have a team in the Syracuse Rescue Mission annual fundraising event called, Ride and Run for the Rescue 2021. This is the 15th year of the event, and the 7th year we have participated as the, TUCC Team. The event is on July 31st. The Rescue Mission in the center of Syracuse has been providing emergency shelter, clothing and food for unfortunate people since 1887. This summer they expect to serve 70,000 meals. The Rescue Mission has many programs that help people become independent after hopeless periods in their lives. There are offices in Auburn and Binghamton. Please consider donating or joining our team. So far participants on our team are Jaci Colombo, Kay and Jim Butkus, and Laura Rankin. The website link is, 2021 Ride and Run for the Rescue (akaraisin.com) Or ask any of the participants about it. Thanks, Team Captain-Jaci 315-708-8718

Fund Raiser

The bells are available in silver or gold, are engraved to commemorate TUCC's 50th anniversary and cost \$10 each. The funds raised will support repair of our outdoor bells carillon.





High School

- Aidan Brown, Tully Junior Senior High School
- Luke Delavan, Sonja Shepherds, grandson graduated from High School.
- Jon Greenwood at Christian Brothers Academy.
- **Jesse Hoogs**, Sharon Hoogs grandson, will graduate from Niskauyuna High School and will be going to Northeastern university in the fall.
- Maya Elaina Lynn Huyge, Manlius Prebble Hill High School
- Hanna Pochobradsky, Sue Wright's granddaughter, graduating from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. She played field hockey in high school and plans to play at SUNY Geneseo this fall. She is unsure of a major at this time.

College

- Ellie Burns, Sue Wright's granddaughter, is from Brighton, New York and a graduate of William Smith College in Geneva with a degree in biology. She played lacrosse all four years (last year cut short because of covid). Ellie will be attending the University of Rochester this fall to pursue a nursing degree and hopes to continue and become a nurse practitioner.
- Camryn Rose Chawgo, Nancy Chawgo's eldest Granddaughter, received her Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Syracuse University on May 22nd. In the Fall she will begin working on her Actuary Certification.
- Piper Kublick graduated on May 14th with her MSW from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dept of Social work Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health. Her emphasis was in Child and Family and she will e starting a new job in Mental Health services with the Community empowerment Resources Agency.
- Erica Masler graduated top of the class 2021 Syracuse University College of Law.
- Robert Nyumah received a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Syracuse University
 graduate school this month. Robert is the oldest son of the Nyumah refugee family who were
 sponsored by our church in 2006. He also received the MFTS Social Justice Award from SU at the
 time of his graduation.
- Bryan Reed, Rick Reed's son his Masters in Physics from City College of NY.
- **Alexander Sedore,** Ann Sedore's grandson, graduated from Husson University with an MBA and earned graduate certificates in data analytics and healthcare management.
- Caleb Sedore, Ann Sedore's grandson, graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Information Management and Technology with a concentration in Information Security.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS:

June 23rd – Emily Pebbles, June 24th – Glenny Cameron, June 25th – Amy Burgett, June 26th – Katie Spaulding, June 30th – Kim Cameron, July 1st – Jolie Pfeffer, July 2nd Donna George, July Sharryl (Lane) Tinderencel, Tom Berg, Andrew Cook, Jr., Aiden Brown, July 5th – Joe Elgaway, July 6th – Jan Kublick, Andrea Mariani, Horan Burgett

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 23rd – Joe & Millie Elgaway, June 26th – John & Cathy Burgett, David & Nancy Hatch, June 27th – Robert & Ruth Fish Cooper, July 6th - Jim & Kay Butkus

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	Total	
Sunday, June 13	58	
Sunday, June 20	57	

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

Total

Sunday, June 13 \$ 2,055.00 Sunday, June 20 \$ 1,377.00

TUCC Mask Guidelines- June, 2021

Request for diapers: Barbara Kohberger, Coordinator, CPE PEACE is asking for size 3 diapers. Any kind BUT LUVS. They are completely out.

PEACE Inc., County South Family Resource Center, 12 Clinton Street, PO Box 312, Tully, NY 13159

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

Betty Fairchild is home from the hospital. Karie Cottrell is home with pancreatitis and her son Zachary who is home from school because of COVID exposure. Laura Rankins stepdaughter's cousin, Tommy Andico, has been diagnosed with cancer. Art Berg has been released from Loretto, both Art and Barb appreciate our prayers.

Continue prayers for:

the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy: Linda Cottrell, Sally's cousin Linda, Jay Vania, friend of Kay and Jim Butkus, Dawn Cox requests prayers for Fred and her sister Tammy James, Lura Rouse, Nancy Chawgo, Hugh Reed, Paula Mickelson, Patricia Bloodgood, Sue

^{*}Vaccinated attendees do not need to wear masks.

^{*}Singing without masks is also allowable.

^{*}Adults who are not vaccinated should continue to wear masks. *People who have any health concerns should feel free to wear masks in any or all situations.

Bickelhaupt, 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 friend 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. Prayers for all of our high school and college graduates

For families who have lost loved ones: The family of Donald Fairbrother (cousin of Cathy Burgett), Fairchild family, Jerry passed away and Anna Dallan's family- her father Henry Charles Topper passed away.

Joys Shared:

The celebration of a marriage in the Zobel and Chave families, Carolyn Zobel and Bishop Chave. The marriage of Karen Prince's granddaughter, Danielle. Our church ministry has become international and for hearing from John and Jackie Goddard. Having Rev. Dr. James Kelsey & Rev. Leon Oaks – Lee with us for Rick Reeds, June 13th installation service. A good school year in spite of COVID restrictions. The joy of not having to wear masks and being able to sing again. Larry Berg is fully recovered from hip surgery. The joy of seeing Aiden at the Sr. prom, David Franke's son Jackson, was able to spend Father's Day with him. Cheryl Haskins has a new grandson, Leith Haskins was born 6/15/21 to Moms Elizabeth and Nicole Haskins. Bob Coopers son, Robert, just finished his residency & is now a certified neurologist. The joy of the graduates who were a product of our Church & Sunday School.

Card Showers are being done for:

Betty Fairchild, 1 Village View Dr. #205, Tully, NY 13159 **Karie Cottrell**, 6120 Rockcut Road, Lot 2, Jamesville, NY 13078

Enjoy FREE Music in Cornerstop Park Sundays July 11 – August 8 6:30-8:00 pm

Date	Artist
11- July	Dave Zawadski
18-Jul	Denn Bunger
25- Jul	The Neighbors & Sundrop Rise
1-Aug	Bob Cooper &
	TUCC Hand Bell Choir
8-Aug	Mark Zane and Janiya

Alternate venue in case of rain will be the Masonic Temple-Follow the Balloons!

Church Activities

Fund Raiser Bell Sale - On going

Wednesday, June 30th - Peter's Weeders 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Sunday, July 11th – at noon – Adult Fellowship picnic at Sharon Hoogs lake house.

Monday July 26 at 7:00 pm -Prayer Shawl Meetings-**Are beginning again!** Their first meeting will be Monday July 26 at 7:00 pm. Requests are being taken. Shawl makers will be knitting and crocheting at the Church. Finished shawls can be left at the church office. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Burgett at 315-696-5197. The next Meeting will be Monday, August 13rd.

Church Members – there is a board in the Office.

"All the Saints, Who From their Labor Rest "
We wish to remember all of our loved ones that have passed since Nov 1st, 2020

- 1. the name of the individual who has passed
- 2. when did they pass (month, day) if known
- 3. their relationship to you

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 <u>and take</u> for added protection during COVID19.

Join Zoom Meeting

We request:

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.