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FROM THE PASTOR – REV. RICHARD G. REED

Living in a new home brings lots of new experiences and one that I can't help but notice is the corn growing on two sides of the parsonage! I grew up on a country block with a big barn and pasture land behind our house. But that was one side, and it was down a slope, and it was cows and donkeys, not corn, and the other three sides were houses. In the parsonage the corn is creeping up the horizon – it's wonderful, and different. If only it was sweet corn... Well, the corn was certainly knee high by the Fourth of July and soon I'll be singing: "The corn is as high as an elephant's eye, An' it looks like its climbin' clear up to the sky."

Planting is our task as Christians. Watering is also our task when the ground gets too dry and the rain doesn't come. I'm reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul in his First Letter to the Church at Corinth:

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor." 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

Back in the 1800's groups of Christians of the Baptist and of the Methodist persuasions got together and established churches. And eventually they had buildings right next to one another. And they worked in the fields of Tully – sometimes separately and sometimes together. And they found eventually that they were working more together than separately. So fifty years ago they decided to pool their resources together and combine into one United church to serve the Community of Tully and in July 1971, the Tully United Community Church was born! Two strong congregations that didn't merge just to survive for self, but united in order to prosper together preaching, teaching, and doing the will of God.

This is a good reminder for us as we move forward. Like the church at Corinth, we have a particular crop to plant – the Good News of God's grace and love and welcome through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our activities are not for ourselves, not for our own survival, but to water, through our preaching, teaching and doing, the good seed of God's Word. And it is God who will give us the increase. So with patience and kindness and care toward one another, we work together in God's field here at the Tully United Community Church. And we look for the reward of the next fifty years and beyond as we are blessed by God in our efforts.

Happy 50th Anniversary!

Peace,

Pastor Rick +

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!**

NOTE: Our week-long 50th Anniversary Celebration begins on Sunday, September 12, and culminates on Sunday, September 19! Watch the Stepping Stone for more information.

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.

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?

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 speak about the challenges and rewards of board service. After the service, there will be an opportunity to talk with board members and ask questions.

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?

A Quick Reminder:

Sunday, July 11, is the first of our **Summer Worship on the Lawn** which will go through September 5. You are encouraged to bring your favorite lawn chair or a blanket (or use a folding chair from the fellowship room) and worship together in this relaxed atmosphere in God's natural cathedral!

Following worship is the **Fellowship Group Picnic** at Sharon Hoogs' Lakehouse on Oneida Lake. See details in the narthex or call the church office: 696-8066.

Tuesday, July 13 begins our church sponsored **Senior Luncheon**. This is meant to keep the place of the PEACE Nutrition Program senior lunch until they are able to return. All are welcome – price is \$3.50 for 60+, \$4.50 for under 60 and no one is denied if unable to pay. This week's menu: Egg Salad Sandwich, side salad, chips, and beverage.

Board Presentations During Worship:

Deacons – July 11

Mission and Outreach – July 18

Stewards – July 25

Ride and Run for the Rescue 2021

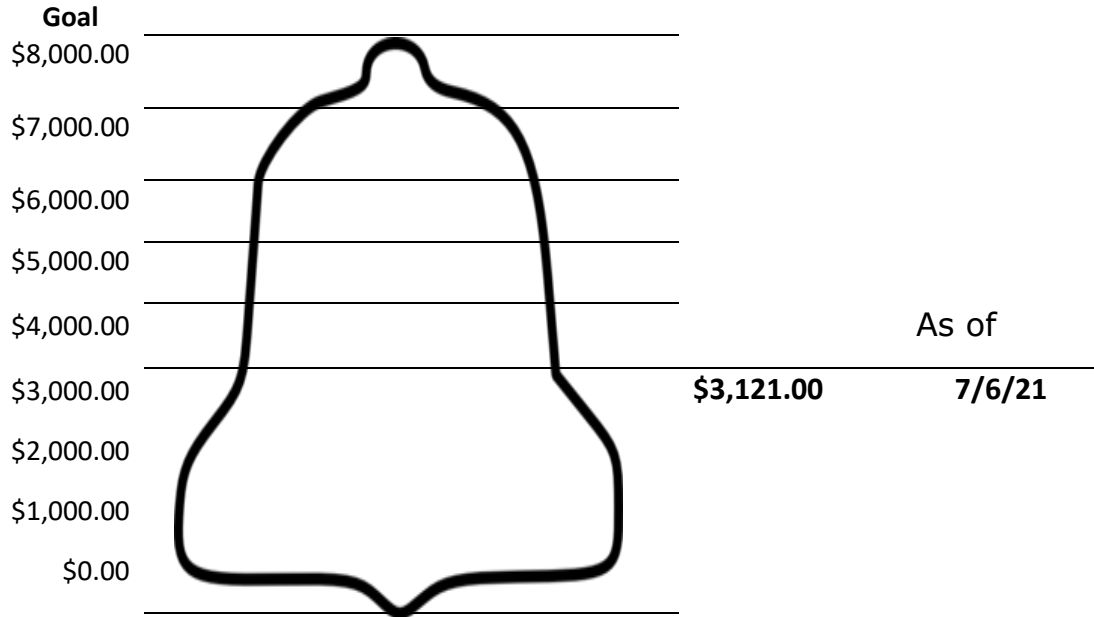
We have a team in the Syracuse Rescue Mission annual fundraising event called, Ride and Run for the Rescue 2021. This is the 15th year of the event, and the 7th year we have participated as the, TUCC Team. The event is on July 31st. The Rescue Mission in the center of Syracuse has been providing emergency 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 \(akaraisin.com\)](https://www.akaraisin.com) Or ask any of the participants about it. Thanks, Team Captain- Jaci 315-708-8718.



Janet and Ed Hillenbrand have joined TUCC Team!

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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS:

July 8th – Paula Thompson, Steve Kruth, July 9th -Ann Carlsen, July 10 – Lydia Aris – Brown, July 11 – Pamela Downey, July 16th – Brian Goodfellow, July 18th Laura Currie, Lorrie Spaulding, July 19th – Kathleen (Haynes) Randall

ANNIVERSARIES:

July 8th – Mel & Betsy Moore, July 14th – Jan Kublick & Kim Cameron

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Total

Sunday, June 27	49
Sunday, July 4	31

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

	Total
Sunday, June 27	\$1,742.00
Sunday, July 4	\$1,797 .00

Chicken BBQ Sunday, July 11th – 11:00 am until gone

Otisco Presbyterian Church \$12.00 with sides Salt Potatoes and Baked Beans

Baby Blankets can be made/donated to the **Labor of Love Program** through the **Syracuse Healthy Start**. A basket is in the church entrance to drop off.

Request for diapers: Barbara Kohberger, Coordinator, CPE

PEACE is asking for **size 4, 5, 6 diapers**. Any kind BUT LUVS. .

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

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

George O. Morley, Uncle of Kim Guttendorf died, June 24th “Best Uncle ever”.

Tanya, Pam Downey’s sister-in-law’s cousin waiting for a Kidney transplant. Larry

Nye, friend of Laura Zobal, and his wife need prayers, she just had knee surgery. Luke, Sonia Shepherds grandson is in the Marines, People in Florida who have lost loved ones and who are waiting for news.

Dawn for safe travels.



Continue prayers for:

the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy: Betty Fairchild and her son Zachary, Laura Rankin’s stepdaughter’s cousin, Tommy Andico, Karie Cottrell, Art and Barb Berg, 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 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.

Joys Shared:

Sam & Jaci have a new granddaughter. Laura Zobel’s daughter Carolyn & her husband are buying their 1st new home. Mary Huntington being able to attend Church, newly graduated Maya was also in Church. Rick’s friend, Brandon is her visiting from Germany. Liz Spaulding had a great time with Katie Spencer.

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

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

Sunday, July 11th at 6:30 pm-First of the Summer Free Music in Cornerstop Park – Dave Zawadski

Sunday, July 11th – Chicken BBQ 11:00 am until gone

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Tuesday, July 13 at Noon begins our church sponsored **Senior Luncheon**

Wednesday, July 14- 9:00 am – 10:30 am Peter’s Weeders

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.

Saturday, July 31st -Ride and Run for the Rescue 2021

TUCC Mask Guidelines- June, 2021

*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.

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

We request:

- 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 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 tulleychurch.org.

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