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# **Moderator Message**

One thing that drew me to Tully United Community Church is the way the church members support and love one another. Although COVID precautions have interfered with our weekly face-to-face fellowship, still behind the scene our caring ministries provide love and support to the congregation and our extended family.

Our Prayer chain headed by Jaci Colombo mobilizes members and friends to pray. This ministry allows us to join forces asking for healing, comfort, guidance, and insight. We believe Psalm 86:7" In the day of trouble I will call upon You: for You will answer me."

In addition to prayer, TUCC provides support through our Hospitality Team. Coordinated by Janet Hillenbrand, this group provides food and other types of support to the sick and grieving. Whether daily meals are needed or support for a funeral gathering is requested, this team mobilizes the church cooks and support team. We love to step in to ensure that there is "one less thing to worry about."

Recently, Teri Krom has resurrected our Caring Card Ministry. She ensures that our members and friends receive messages of love from the church for joyous life events and words of encouragement and comfort during life's challenges and losses. The message is always that the TUCC Church Family cares about you.

The Prayer Shawl group meets twice a month to work on prayer shawls. The completed prayer shawls are given to those in need of comfort during difficult times. There is no doubt that the warmth and softness of the shawls bless the recipients. Coaching or instruction for new members is available. Sandy Burgett is the contact person for the group.

Would you like to contribute your time and talent to these ministries that bless and comfort our members and friends? It is as simple as calling the lead person and saying "here I am". Also, please call us if you, your family or friends could benefit from our caring ministries.

Next edition, I will describe how our church seeks to bless our community.

This week, pray for the church teams that love and bless our congregation and extended family.

Ann

#### From The Pastor

This coming Sunday, November 1 (9:30 am), is our annual "All Saints Service of Remembrance." This service is such a blessing as we read the names of members of our congregation and community who have died over the past year. And in this Coronavirus pandemic, we have had to make some changes of which we want to remind you.

In keeping with the regulations concerning social distancing, when a name is read, we welcome family members and friends to stand if they wish and a deacon will light a taper on their behalf and place it in the sand. When the bell tolls, those standing can sit down and the next name will then be read. I am pleased that our new moderator, Ann Sedore, will join me in reading the names of those whom we remember.

This is a popular service and always has drawn many visitors and community members to worship with us. Those who are attending will need to wear a mask (available to those who don't have one) and we will need to be aware of seating to keep social distancing. Those who are unable or choose not to attend in person can attend through ZOOM. (See the link provided in this newsletter and in emails)

Peace,

Rick +

As a reminder all-in-one communion cups can be picked up in the narex, they are on the table next to the secretary's office door. entering the sanctuary. Please take as many as you need

### **Church Clerk Needed**

The Church Clerk role remains vacant. Please consider joining the church leadership team. The Church Council will ensure adequate orientation and support.

The Church Clerk acts as secretary to the meetings of the Church Council and to the Annual and Special Meetings of the Church. She or he maintains records of the proceedings of these meetings which are available for inspection by Church Members and serve as the historical records of church business and actions. The Church Clerk works with the Board of Mission and Outreach and the Church Council to ensure the maintenance of the official "Church Membership Roll."

The Clerk attends the meetings outlined above and spends time generating the minutes and ensuring proper organization and storage.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Sedore.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries -

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Sue Thomas; Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brenda (Millis) Burns, Jason Phelps; Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Kohberger, Cheryl Wayne; Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> -Ray Greene; Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Karen Prince, Brad Phelps





#### LOOKING AHEAD.....

Prayer Shawl is the second and fourth Monday each month at 7p.m. Bell Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:30p.m.

# **Prayer and Praise**

## **Prayer Requests**

Continue praying for the Hoogs family; Sam and Jaci's friend, Kelly still needs prayer after her ATV accident. She is home now. Cheryl Haskins nephew, Eric is still in ICU. Continue to pray for him.



<u>Continued prayers for</u>: Mary Thompson and Sharon French, are both recovering from surgery. Robert Damon-Lymphoma, Pam Downey's sister-in-law, Cathy Wuerch; Renata Gaddis, lung cancer; David, Goddard's friend, kidney cancer; Nancy Colonna, Butkus's good friend; Ethan, friend of Laura Zobel, cancer; Laura Zobel-Rick Fultz; Rick Coville; The Lema family; Edie Cook; front line workers, health care workers, and all of us facing uncertain times.

#### Joys shared

\*\*Our TLC recipient this week is Fran Fishlock. Please take a moment to sign the card or write her a message.

Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please email the church, <a href="mailto:tullyunitedcc@gmail.com">tullyunitedcc@gmail.com</a>, and we will include your need.

## **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; pay through electronic bill pay 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. 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!

Board members and officers needed!! Can you support the church with your time and talents? Our church works best when everyone takes a task. Please join a Board (Christian Education, Deacons,

Mission and Outreach, Personnel Relations, Stewards, or Trustees) or serve as an officer. Call Bernice 607.423.8760 and volunteer; thank you for pitching in!

## **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.

The **Zoom link** for Sunday services

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84947299698?pwd=MFBKeEN0MDVnVG15Ujl2czhUVVZxZz09

Meeting ID: 849 4729 9698

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.

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