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Moderator Message

There is a reason that we have “Community” in our name. We are a church congregation committed to supporting the individuals and families living in Tully and neighboring communities. Whether we are offering our building to house meetings and gatherings or organizing member time and talent to provide needed resources, TUCC helps promote the health of our community. Here are just a few of our efforts.

The first Sunday of the month, food and supplies are collected for the community food pantry housed at St. Leo’s.

TUCC created an emergency need fund called Fishermen’s Net. Church representatives work with P.E.A.C.E. headquartered in the village to identify and address emergency needs of community individuals and families. Vouchers are provided for food, gas, or clothing. On occasion, money is provided to pay a portion of National grid bill or rental payments. St. Leo’s Outreach often partners with us to help.

Each fall the church participates in the Backpack/School Supply Program to ensure that local children are ready for school. The Mission and Outreach Board coordinates our efforts.

The church represented by Sally Greene helps coordinate the Red Cross blood drive in Tully on a regular basis.

The Ladies Circle works on Brother's Keepers Quilts for the Rescue Mission. They produce sleeping bags stuffed with sweatpants, sweatshirt, socks, hat, and gloves. Each sleeping bag takes about three months to make. They group meets the first Monday of the Month and the meeting includes time to socialize over lunch. Travel size toiletries are also collected and routinely taken to the Rescue Mission. These can be dropped off to the office anytime. Nancy Chawgo is the contact person.

The church collects TABS from cans of all types: soup, veggies, tuna, beverages for the Solvay Shriners. There is a large jar in the Fellowship Hall for people to drop off TABS. The Shriner's convert these tabs into funds to buy transportation for children needing dialysis.

Mission and Outreach Board guide the church in filling and sending Flood Buckets to areas afflicted by hurricanes and heavy rains. John Burgett has mobilized the church and community to gather the needed supplies.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas TUCC supports the efforts of Peace to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets and Angel Tree Christmas Gifts.

We need every member of the congregation to pray for our community and join our efforts to bless and strengthen our neighbors.

Board Updates

Activity of Personnel Relations Board Tully United Community Church

This is a review of situations and active topics that the PRB is presently working on as of November 10, 2020.

1. We are working to support the new church secretary Cindy Travers and the church's transition to a new secretary.
 - a. Directing Cindy as needed to support her training and familiarity with the church and congregation
 - b. Working and supporting Lorraine Bamler's group of office volunteers that help Cindy acclimate while they help with her daily/weekly tasks
 - c. Communicate and support our previous secretary Dawn Cox in orienting Cindy to tasks and questions as they come up during the Transition. Dawn works with Cindy for a modest number of hours as needed virtually from Florida
2. Researching and discussing methods of reducing our payroll processing expense presently costing the church \$165.00 per month. A plan to reduce this expense by 39% is being finalized presently.
3. Preparing for and working with Council on developing the guidelines and logistics of the pastoral search committee-supporting the process of negotiating with the pastor to transition from interim to assigned pastor.

Board of Stewards Summary of Current Projects

Memorials and Bequests: We're in the process of revising the current policy, including a letter to go to the family of the deceased informing them of their options as to what specific fund the contributed monies can go to.

Financial Campaign: As the same basic campaign has been used the past several years, we are researching new ones, looking for an appropriate fit for small churches. This includes a time and talent survey that is being put together to help get members more involved with the church. Online donating has been set up and the congregation will be given instructions as to how to use it.

Fundraiser: We're planning another chicken BBQ for April.

New Church Directory: Photos were scheduled to be taken last May but it has been put on hold because of Covid.

Audit: This has been put on hold until we can meet together.

Branding Logo: This has also been put on hold.

TUCC Board of Trustees Highlights of 2019 into 2020

The following items have been effected by the Board of Trustees in the last year:

- Hear2Learn began using our facility.
- Installed new water line.
- New, (used), lockable, fire retardant, file cabinet for office.
- Repaired many sanctuary chairs.
- Continuing to use LED lamps as other types wear out.
- Reihlman Room has had walls repainted; ceiling repairs and spot painting; all cove base replaced with continuous rubber cove base.
- Continuing with normal routine maintenance items.
- A new challenge of getting the immersion baptismal functioning has led to the present findings of pump/heater unit may have to be replaced and there is no ground fault protection on the 240 volt feed to this unit. Continuing saga.

Jim Butkus 11-9-2020

Other topics

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.

Pastoral Search Committee

The Church Council has finalized the membership of the Pastoral Search Committee. The members are Mark Guttendorf, Janet Hillenbrand, Peter Huntington, Jan Kublick, Kathleen Randall, Laura Rankin, and Hugh Reed.

The first meeting of the group will be Sunday, November 15th.

Reverend Leon Oaks-Lee will be our Regional Enhancement Team member and is provided free of charge to our church from the American Baptist Association. He will work with the search committee and can reach out to Rev Kelsey as needed for any conversations, guidance, or encouragement. He will be responsible for updating the Region staff periodically on progress.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any member of the Church Council.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 1st – Sue Thomas; Nov. 3rd – Brenda (Millis) Burns, Jason Phelps; Nov. 4th – Matthew Kohberger, Cheryl Wayne; Nov. 5th -Ray Greene; Nov. 6th – Karen Prince, Brad Phelps; Nov 9th - Laura Rankin; Nov 10th Erin Foster, Wells Moore Edinger

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 9th - Michael & Kathleen Randall; Nov. 10th – Joe & Judy Conklin

Announcement

Leftover Vacation Bible Camp craft and wood materials have been brought into the Fellowship Room from the shed. Please help yourself and take home any pieces for family projects



LOOKING AHEAD.....

Prayer Shawl is the second and fourth Monday each month at 7p.m.

Bell Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:30p.m.

TUCC Christmas Poinsettia Sale **deadline date is November 22**

Poinsettia Order Form is on the last page

Thanksgiving is November 26th

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests

Pamela Poulin and Lutz Mayer he remains in the hospital. The Millis family daughter, Brenda has health problems. Family and friends of John Hobart who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident. Prayers for the people of Florida who will be hit with ETA this week. Prayers for all of our Veterans who proudly served their country.



Continued prayers for:

Cheryl Haskins nephew Eric, Mary Thompson, Sharon French, Don Bicklehaust and Edie Cook we pray they are getting better and staying healthy. Our Bell Choir we are grateful no one has become ill. All of the people who now have covid.

Joys shared

**Our TLC recipient this week is George Cook. 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, tullyunitedcc@gmail.com, 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 and take 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.**



TUCC CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE



Please indicate the number and color of each plant - *Order deadline-November 22, 2020*

6 1/2" pot (x-tra fancy) \$8.00 # _____ color _____ = \$ _____

8" pot (12 bloom & up) \$20.00 # _____ color _____ = \$ _____

10" pot (15 bloom & up) \$30.00 # _____ color _____ = \$ _____

(All plants come with a foil pot cover)

TOTAL \$ _____

Color choices - RED, WHITE, PINK

Name: _____

Phone / email: _____

In Memory or Celebration of: _____

Checks can be written to **Tully United Community Church**. Be sure to put on the memo line **Poinsettia**.