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FROM THE PASTOR

Since March when the Corona virus pandemic caused us to cease worshipping in person, we have provided two options for worship – ZOOM online, and YouTube. Every week I record the sermon and prayers and post them to YouTube for folks who can't or don't wish to participate in ZOOM online worship. On Sunday, July 12, we began worship outside under the tent, so now there are three options for worship. It is important that we reach as many of our congregants as possible so these three ways to worship God will continue to be made available.

Here are the participation figures as I have them:

ZOOM

April 12 (Easter Sunday)	31
April 19	43
April 26	44
May 3	42
May 10 (Mother's Day)	40
May 17	35
May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend)	50
May 31 (Pentecost)	42
June 7	42
June 14	48
June 21	37
June 28	47
July 5	33

I did not keep record of any Sunday attendance prior to Easter Sunday, nor can I attest to the total accuracy of these numbers – they are the people (not just the ZOOM squares) that I was able to record.

YouTube has sent figures for the months of May and June. YouTube **Total Subscribers: 16**

May 65 views, 7.367 hours watched, 4 Likes, 2 Comments, 1 Post, 1 Share

June 64 Views, 6.717 hours watched, 2 Likes, 1 Post, 1 Share

I would add that we have an international viewership! Our good friends and "cousins across the Pond" John and Jackie Goddard are faithful worshippers with us via ZOOM. They send out the daily devotional that I have been writing, to many in their congregation in Leicester, England and to their niece, Diane, who joins us in ZOOM worship from Northern Ireland! And folks in other states from Florida to Missouri to Iowa and beyond have all been able to worship with us via ZOOM.

Some have quipped that the Corona virus has made us pastors who are using online and social media to preach, Televangelists! I don't know about that (nor is it something that I aspire to) but God has provided new ways to preach Good News, telling the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Whether under the tent, via ZOOM or YouTube, by Daily Devotional or cards and phone calls, keeping connected and worshipping together as a faith community is vital to strengthening our ties and maintaining our witness in Tully and beyond. Thanks Be To God! Peace,

Pastor Rick +

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests: Carolyn Zobel, Laura asks for prayers as Carolyn is having prenatal testing and concerns. Alyssa Ganzhorn is recovering from leg surgery and has some family concerns. Jaci Colombo asks for prayers for an acquaintance who had a heart attack. Chris Kruth's husband ,Steve is having total knee replacement surgery on 7/21.

Continued prayers for: Pam Downey's sister-in-law, Cathy Wuerch; Renata Gaddis, lung cancer; Rick's friend Beth, cancer-untreatable. David, Goddard's friend, kidney cancer; Linda Long, neighbor of the Hillenbrands, cancer; Nancy Colonna, Butkus's good friend; Ken Hoogs; Larry Berg's mother in law-Mary; Ethan, friend of Laura Zobel and Sue Wright's grandson, cancer; front line workers, health care workers, and all of us facing uncertain times.

Joys shared: Jaci Colombo-I am thankful to God that our church service under the tent went well. I'm thankful for the perfect weather. Kay Butkus is thankful that her daughter Pam's testing shows improvements so that chemo is not necessary and that her sister, Betty, is also doing better. Council is thrilled to have Dawn back in the office. Dawn is extremely thankful for all Bernice has done during her absence.

Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please email the church, tullyunitedcc@gmail.com, and we will include your need.



Birthdays and Anniversaries -

BIRTHDAYS: July 16th-Brian Goodfellow; July 18th-Laura Currie & Lorrie Spaulding; July 19th-Kathleen Haynes Randall; July 20th-Sue Prince; July 21st-Morgan Bartholomew; July 22nd-Kim Guttendorf, Sarah Goodfellow, and Hazel Shaw Adrienne Lynch **ANNIVERSARIES:** July 17th- David and Sue Prince



TENT WORSHIP – JULY 19th!

45 people under the tent last week and 15 people on Zoom - we worshiped together! For the tent, bring your own lawn chair, mask, Bible, and bulletin if you choose to print your own. For Zoom, the link and bulletin will be sent via email on Saturday.

*In the event of severely inclement weather and a need to cancel the tent service, members will be sent an email at 8:30am Sunday morning. The Zoom service will still be held.

Looking Ahead..... Peter's Weeders July Schedule - Wednesdays 15, 29. 930am - 1030am Kings Corner Market-Tuesdays in August, 4-7pm. see more info on page 3. Annual TAG Garage Sale - plans are being made for the September sale. Start setting aside your treasures!

(NO clothes, exercise equipment, electronics)

TUCC-KINGS CORNER MARKET

This year TUCC will be participating in the Kings Corner Market the four Tuesdays in August. We can always benefit from being visible within the community. We will be selling small loaves of bread, our cook books, and giving away face masks. To comply with the Market requirements, THE BAKING NEEDS TO BE DONE AT OUR APPROVED KITCHEN AT THE CHURCH. If you are able to help out with breads, please email Nancy Chawgo at nchawgo@aol.com. She will be baking Monday afternoons, August 3, 10, 17, and 24th; however, feel free to bake at the church another day if more convenient.





The Deacons extend a huge Thank You to Tyler Roberts from the King Street Church in Chambersburg, PA for the loan of the webcam and his tech advice for our Worship under the tent on Sunday July 12th.

Meditation and Sunday Service

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 all Sunday services is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/135746765 Meeting ID: 135 746 765 The Youtube sermon link is sent a day or two before via email. Search for sermon by date as they are not listed chronologically.

**NEEDED: TRUSTEES NEED HELP WEEDING THE PLAYGROUND AREA BEFORE THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Please call Janet is you can help. 315-696-8758

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!
- 5. Jaci Colombo has signed up to ride her bicycle to help raise money for the Rescue Mission. This will be the 10th



YOUR PLACE, YOUR PACE!

year that she has participated in the event. The work of this organization is so important in caring for homeless and unfortunate people in Central New York.

The event is different this year due to COVID19. She will log her miles until August 3 and plans to ride at least 100 miles. Others can join her or make a donation to the following link. You could donate \$ for each mile she rides or give any \$ amount. Click on the link to join our team in the

virtual event this year and to make donations. Our team name is the same, **TEAM TUCC**.

https://rescuemission.akaraisin.com/ui/RideandRun20

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