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#### **COUNCIL NEWS**

Your TUCC Council met Saturday, August 1, 2020 with the Transition Team and Facilitator Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee. The purpose of the meeting was to resolve any questions in connection with the Transition Team's work and determine next steps on our path to finding a settled TUCC pastor.

There was good dialogue among attendees regarding concerns and steps going forward. The Transition Team has spent many hours looking at our heritage, exploring our core values, viewing the Tully community demographics, discussing ideas for a sustainable path into the future and compiling a suggested list of pastor expectations to be used as a starting point for a Search Committee.

Council members unanimously approved the following two motions:

- 1. Form a Search Committee and use American Baptist resources to find a candidate to present to the congregation to be a settled pastor.
- 2. Continue utilizing Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee as a resource as Council deems needed for the search process.

The Council and the Transition Team also voiced appreciation for our Interim Pastor Richard G. Reed. Pastor Rick is invited to apply for the settled pastor position if interested.

The Council also wants to recognize the many, many hours of work given by the members of the Transition Team:

Nancy Chawgo, Mark Guttendorf, Greg Ketcham, Beth Lattimer, Laura Rankin, and Hollis Rotella. Your work has blessed our church. We are thankful.

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!

#### **Prayer and Praise**

## **Prayer Requests:**

Laura Zobel shared that Rick Fultz is very ill with throat cancer. Please pray for the family also.

Kay Butkus and Jim ask for prayers for their daughter Pam who is having breathing trouble.

Rick Reed shared that his co-worker, Beth has died and he asks for prayers for the family.

Jaci Colombo is asking for prayer support and monetary help for the <u>Syracuse Rescue Mission</u>, that struggles to keep up with the needs of the people they serve in this COVID season.

Janet Hillenbrand wants us to pray that our booth at <u>Kings Corner Market</u> will be well attended and be a safe and enjoyable time for all.

<u>Continued prayers for</u>: Laura Currie's sister, Beverly FaForse; Pam Downey's sister-in-law, Cathy Wuerch; Renata Gaddis, lung cancer; David, Goddard's friend, kidney cancer; Linda Long, neighbor of the Hillenbrands, cancer; Nancy Colonna, Butkus's good friend; Ken Hoogs; Ethan, friend of Laura Zobel and Sue Wright's grandson, cancer; Laura Zobel's daughter, Carolyn's pregnancy and Paul's co-worker, Mary Deluccio; Staci MacCrea's mom, OlaMae Haskins and her sister-in-law, Marion Haskins; front line workers, health care workers, and all of us facing uncertain times.



<u>Joys shared</u>: Kay Butkus shared a joy that her brother Thurman is doing well after his heart procedure. Rick Reed- friend Randy is doing well with Chemo treatments and now has adequate health insurance. Larry Berg shared 2 joys. His mother-in-law, Mary Bland has made a remarkable recovery and is able to return to her assisted living situation. That means his wife, who has stayed at her bedside, can now return home. Jaci shared that she has ridden her bike 108 miles in the past couple of weeks for the Ride for the Rescue Mission.

\*\*"Thinking of you" card for our shut-ins will be posted each week by the Prayer book, located in the Narthex or outside on a table during Sunday Tent Service. This week, 8-9-20 is for Beverly LaForse (Laura Currie's sister). Please take a moment to sign it or write her a message. Next week, 8-16-20, will be for Joyce West.

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.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries -

BIRTHDAYS: July 30<sup>th</sup>-Jessica Currie and Ben Wayne; July 31<sup>st</sup>-Patricia Hayes, Del Wayne, Jackie St. Germain, and Julian Moore; Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>- Amberlie Brown; Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>-Adrienne Lynch; August 5<sup>th</sup>- Olivia Tufano; Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>-Pat Lowell and Jessica Donald; Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>-Jim Butkus; Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>-Tom Richards; Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>-Beth Ann Smith and Arianna Grossi; Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>- Macy Kay Mech; Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>-Beth Lattimer and John Anderson. ANNIVERSARIES: Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Don and Sue Bickelhaupt; Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>-Jon and Brenda Burns; Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>-Tom and Norma Richards.

#### **TENT WORSHIP SUNDAYS-weather permitting**

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.

Attendance under the tent, 7-26-20: <u>37</u> and 8-02-20: <u>42</u> Zoom, 7-26-20:<u>13</u> and 8-02-20:<u>16</u>



The <u>Zoom link</u> for all Sunday services is: Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Weekly: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAkc-">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAkc-</a>

6qpzIsE9xM4Z8OCBB53o8Hcr86TGkT/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGspz8tGN2cthCPRpwIHY-gKOrxmFhdj pFsUvfWw9wQCGjZe0aGrFtSI7k

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 849 4729 9698

YouTube service will be changing as of Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please watch your emails, our website and TUCC facebook for the update.

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

## **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 signed up to ride her bicycle to help raise money for the Rescue Mission and she has logged 108

  miles! This is the 10th 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. 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

#### **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 <a href="mailto:nchawgo@aol.com">nchawgo@aol.com</a>. She will be baking Monday afternoons, August 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup>; however, feel free to bake at the church another day if more convenient.

### Looking Ahead.....

\*\*NEEDED: TRUSTEES NEED HELP WEEDING THE PLAYGROUND AREA BEFORE THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE please call Janet if you can help. 315-696-8758

<u>Peter Huntington's Peter's Weeders</u> will meet Wed. Aug. 12 at 9:00 a.m. and **Sat. Aug. 29 is canceled**. <u>Kings Corner Market</u>—Tuesdays in August, 4-7pm.

<u>Annual TAG Garage Sale</u> —September 11-12 at the Richards home across from Tully Elementary School. Start setting aside your treasures! (NO clothes, exercise equipment, electronics)

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