

THE STEPPING-STONE



March, 2020 Issue

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FROM THE PASTOR,

When our children were young, they had so many toys; they didn't know what to play with next! Strewn about their bedroom, there were times no one could enter and walk across the floor without having to push toys out of the way or step on something. Maybe you can relate to this! Having so many toys really diminished their value as they boys wondered what to play with next.

Now the point of this is not that we had too many toys, although that would be a good topic for another pastoral missive! Rather, it is about having so much of something that we lose sight of its value; its importance. You see, we learned from a friend the solution of putting away half the toys for half a year. The room was significantly less cluttered and the choice of what to play with next was cut in half! And now, here's the point of this whole thing – when six months was up, we boxed up the toys that they had been playing with and opened the boxes of toys that had been put away. It was nearly like Christmas! The Oooos and Ahhhs and, "Oh, I forgot about this!" as one by one the boxes were emptied of their toyful contents! And the boys were so happy that they were once again reunited with something that they had put away and missed for half a year. Suddenly these "new" toys held much greater value and importance to them than if they had just continued strewn about their room.

Lent is upon us. On the last Sunday of Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday, we prepared our hearts for Lent to begin. Like putting away toys for a season, we put away "Alleluia." It is a word of praise used when we are joyfully worshipping God. And there is a tradition of putting away our Alleluias during Lent so that our focus is not so much on joy as it is on introspection; on ways that we can become more attuned to God's presence in our lives, on the great sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on our behalf, and on changes that we can make to our ways of thinking and living and interacting that are more in tune with God's desire for us. So to the hymn, "Alleluia, Song Of Gladness" we paraded our Alleluia around the sanctuary and placed it in a box, to be opened again on Easter. Like toys in a box, like Christ in a tomb, our Alleluias are placed out of sight and we await the joyous return!

May you keep a Holy Lent as we looked forward to the coming of a Blessed Easter!

Peace!
Rick +



CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS



HOW ARE WE DOING?

February 2020 attendance

February 2 – 57

February 9 – 68

February 16 – 58

February 23 – 62

February 26 – 33-Ash Wednesday

BAPTISMS/CONFIRMATIONS: Please speak with Reverend Richard Reed about your interests as soon as possible.

A service of **CHILDREN'S BAPTISM** can be held anytime during our Sunday morning worship services. Speak with Reverend Richard Reed or any Board member to set up a date for the baptism.

NEW MEMBERS can be welcomed into church membership anytime. See Reverend Richard Reed following worship, or call the church office, 696-8066.

BABY HAVEN NURSERY

The Board of Christian Ed offers a caregiver for Sunday morning Service. There will be someone available to take care of young ones prior to the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Please call the office if you have any questions.

COMMUNION SUNDAY will be held Sunday, March 1, 2020 during our 9:30 a.m. worship service (Communion will be served by intinction and gluten free wafers will be provided). Children will attend morning worship with their families.

2020 LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET REMINDER

Copies of the 2020 Lenten Daily Devotional Booklet continue to be available on the table in the church narthex. The readings begin Ash Wednesday, February 26th and continue through Easter Sunday, April 12th. We give a *Special thanks* to all those who submitted articles over the past 20+ years for the booklet and to Nancy Chawgo for compiling, Karen Prince for proofing, and for donating their time and skills to put it all together.



FEBRUARY 3, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer – We need to be financially responsible and careful about what we are doing. Compliments to Boards for keeping within their budget.

Christian Education

SOLID retreat at Casowasco – 8-9 youth attended

March 29th – Easter Egg Extravaganza (EEE)

April 2nd – Soup supper, “Surprise Crafts” program

No VBC this year

Deacons

Ushers needed

Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday Soup suppers

Continued planning for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Mission and Outreach

Bloodmobile February 15th

March 26th – Soup supper, “Musicians for World Harmony”

April 26th – Community dinner to benefit Fisherman’s Net

Stewards

Internal audit

TUCC Postcards highlighting services/events through Easter

March 12th – Soup supper, “Gifts to the Church”

Pictorial Directory

Celebration Sunday

PRB

Personnel File Policy

Shredder

March 5th – Soup supper, “Your Personal Preferences, Strengths and Conflicts”

Trustees

Laptop hardware available for sound system

March 19th – Soup supper, “You’ll See”

Water line replacement

SOUP SUPPERS/LENT

Beginning on Ash Wed. February 26th at 6 p.m. and a Service to follow at 6:45, then, every Thursday through Lent, there will be Soup suppers with a program that is sure to interest everyone. All are invited and welcome. Please see each Board’s schedule below in the Council Meeting Highlights.

SOUP SUPPER PROGRAMS LIST

March 5th-“Your Personal Preferences, Strength and Conflicts”- Personnel Board
March 12th-“Gifts to the Church”- Stewards
March 19th-“You’ll See”- Trustees
March 26th-“Musicians for World Harmony” Samite-Mission and Outreach
April 2nd-“Surprise Crafts”-Christian Ed.
April 9th-“Maundy Thursday Worship Service”- Deacons

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA (EEE)

Christian Ed invites everyone to come and enjoy lunch (provided by the Board of Deacons) and Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, cookie decorating, and photo booth on **Sunday, March 29th**



BOARD OF TRUSTEES SOUP SUPPER

The Trustees will host the Lenten Soup Supper on March 19th. They invite everyone to come and dress comfortably for their “You’ll See” program.

STEWARDS UPDATE

It’s almost growing season, have you started your seedlings yet? It’s time!! The Board of Stewards has some seeds to plant – remember the dates, Friday May 15th and Saturday May 16th, more information will follow.

DEACONS

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENT FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION

In March, Kim Guttendorf and Sharon French are the refreshment fellowship providers and communion preparers. If you can provide for refreshments please sign up on the sheet located on the refreshment table on Sunday mornings. Monetary donations are extremely helpful. All monies collected help cover the cost of the coffee, refreshments, & supplies.

LILLIAN BIGSBY CIRCLE NEWS

Members of the Lillian Bigsby Circle
Reminder: that we do not meet January, February, or March. The next meeting will be Monday, April 6th, at 10 a.m. Please remember to bring a bag lunch, drinks and desserts are provided. All are invited to come. We will be working on a Brothers Keeper quilt.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

Our recipe book, **Soup for the Soul**, has been issued and many have sold! We have more for sale in case anyone is interested. Our members are Sally Greene, Beth Lattimer, Lorraine Balmer, John Burgett, Sharon Trerise, and Sue Wright.

FLOOD BUCKETS: we are accepting monetary donations in order to purchase items needed to fill buckets now. Please make checks payable to TUCC. You may call the office if you have questions. 315-696-8066

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED – March 22, 2020. Lorraine Balmer will announce on March 22nd,

during the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service. A special offering envelope will be inserted in the bulletin that day for your donation. Checks should be made out to TUCC with *One Great Hour of Sharing* and *your offering envelope number* written on the memo line. All monies received will be divided equally between the American Baptist and United Methodist denominations. Donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering enables both the American Baptists and United Methodists to respond to disasters around the world as well as here in the United States.



PRAYER SHAWL REMINDER

Prayer Shawl group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 7pm to work on prayer shawls/fellowship time. The completed prayer shawls are given to those in need of comfort during difficult times. If you have suggestions of a person to be recipient of a prayer shawl, please complete one of the request cards on the table in the narthex and turn it in to the office. We will do our best to honor as many of the requests as possible in a timely manner.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP PLANS FOR - Progressive Pitch March 2020

Saturday, March 21st at

7p.m.
More details and the signup sheet will be posted in the church narthex welcome area. All are welcome and invited to join the fellowship and fun time.



SYMPATHIES



We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Laurie Kenyon who passed away on Jan. 31, 2020.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Sharon Walburger who passed away early February, 2020.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Patty Sofranko who passed away mid-February, 2020.

Our sincere sympathies go out to the family and friends of Muriel Defabion (Marie Kemp's mom) who passed away mid-February, 2020.



A thank you note to Reverend Rick Reed on Feb. 12, 2020:
Dear Pastor Rick,

Please excuse the tardiness of this thank you note. Last October at your Annual All Saints Memorial Communion Service, your church remembered my son, Woody Smith. My husband and I very much appreciate this gesture, and are sorry we didn't attend or communicate our appreciation. My husband is an Episcopal Priest and both of us deeply believe in the mystery of life from its creation through its after time. Please accept my gratitude for your church.

*Peace,
Louise Brown Smith*

MEETING TIME FOR THE ROTARIANS

The Tully Rotary Group meets at the church on the 1st & 3rd Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a program. Nancy Chawgo and her crew of volunteers continue to co-ordinate and provide the weekly breakfast. Work begins at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast that is served at 7:00 a.m.

March 5th – Ed & Janet Hillenbrand
March 19th – Trudy Krewson & Karen Prince



FOLLOW-UP OF NYUMAH FAMILY

By Peter Huntington

Our church first sponsored the Nyumah family when they arrived 15 years ago in Syracuse from Liberia via a refugee camp in Ghana. We met Hannah and her four tired children at Hancock Airport in January, 2005. Since then, like all families, there have been ups and downs but, in general, the family has done well. Dalton senior was found in Africa and was able to immigrate to the US after much paper work. Keith and Wilma have been new additions to the family.

Several years ago, Dalton Jr. (John) was shot in the right shoulder during a robbery attempt. He has recovered but is left with some disability.

Most of the family currently lives in New Jersey. Robert graduated from Cornell University and is attending graduate school at SU. He has been employed by Syracuse non-profits that work with refugee families. Dalton Jr. graduated from SUNY Cortland and is working in N.J. Philicia graduated from Nottingham High School, has a young son, and works full time in Syracuse. Johnathan attends RIT in Rochester where he is working toward an engineering degree. Keith and Wilma enjoy school and sports in N.J. Hanna and Dalton Sr. both work at a school district in Burlington N.J.

All members of the family have become US citizens. Their address is 22 Wellington Place, Burlington, NJ 08016.

FISHERMAN'S NET REMINDER

The Fisherman's Net Program is a joint effort of TUCC, P.E.A.C.E. Inc. and the St. Leo's Outreach Program. If you have furniture or household items to donate, please contact the P.E.A.C.E. office at 696-8203 to arrange for the items to be dropped off (or picked up if needed). P.E.A.C.E. has a storage area in the three bay shed at the far end of the church parking lot. Monetary donations are also needed to help those in need. Checks should be made out to the church with your offering # and Fisherman's Net written on the memo line.

SYRACUSE HEALTHY START:



all those who sew, knit or crochet....The program continues seeking donations of new, handmade baby items such as blankets, hats, sweaters, and booties. If you have

questions, or need more information please call 435-2000, or see Dawn Cox, Church Secretary.

SHUT-INS FOR MARCH


- March 1 -- Rita Cooper
700 E. Brighton, #719-Cunningham
Syracuse, NY 13205
- March 8-- Beverly LaForse
2 Bella Vista Drive
Ithaca, NY 14850
- March 15 – Don & Joyce West
Walden Place
839 Bennie Rd.
Cortland, NY 13045
- March 22 –George Cook
Jewish Home-Menorah Pk
4101 Genesee St.
Syracuse, NY 13214
- March 29- Fran Fishlock
1786 Union St., Apt. 113,
Niskayuna, NY 12309

We invite you to take a moment each week to send a holiday greeting card or note to those listed and to sign the card located at the welcome center on Sunday mornings. If you have a friend or family member that you would like included on the shut-in list, please get his/her name and mailing address to the church office (696-8066).

TABS, TABS & MORE TABS

TUCC continues to collect big and small tabs from soda and juice cans for the Shriners' Hospitals in Boston to buy braces, time in physical therapy and other needed items. The money from these tabs also helps transport children in our area to Shriner's Hospital Boston, Springfield, Philadelphia, Canada and St. Louis. A large container for you to place tabs is located in the Riehlman Fellowship Room of the church. If you have questions or need more information about the tabs, contact Nancy Chawgo. Thank you.

RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES

 TUCC & Boy Scout Troop #62 continue to collect returnable cans and bottles (rinsed out, returnable aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles) in the *Cans for Christ* bins in the east entrance way at the church. Proceeds are used to help cover expenses of camping trips that the scouts take throughout the year.

FOOD PANTRY REMINDER



Canned foods and non-perishable food items continue to be collected here at TUCC for the local food pantry on the first Sunday of the month/ communion Sunday. Also...food donations may be dropped off in the church office anytime. Especially needed are canned foods and non-perishable food items as well as paper products and toiletries. Baby foods and diapers (all sizes) also continue to be needed. The food pantry located at St. Leo's church hall is open one Wednesday a month from 1:00-2:00, or by appointment (696-8721)



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COMMUNITY NEWS

TULLY SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP NEWS

The Tully Senior Citizens' Group will meet at the church Wednesday, **March 11th at noon** for the monthly dinner and program. All those 50 and over are welcome to become a member of the Tully Senior Citizens' Group. Yearly dues continue to be \$5.00 per person. Questions: See Esther Hoose, 315-317-1618.

During the months of January, February, and March the second Wednesday of the month gatherings will be held at NOON at the church. If the Tully schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the meeting will also be canceled. Those attending are reminded to bring their own table service and a large dish to pass for the noon meal.

F.I.S.H. NEWS

The Tully and LaFayette F.I.S.H. Program (Friends in Service Here) is in need of drivers who could drive clients to medical and dental appointments. Volunteer drivers are scheduled to drive once a month on either a Tuesday or Thursday. If you are able to help drive, please contact Barb Kohberger at the P.E.A.C.E. office 696-8203.

Anyone living in the zip code area of 13159 or 13084 needing transportation to medical or dental appointments is asked to call the F.I.S.H. number 696-8659 or 696-8506 no later than three working days prior to the appointment.

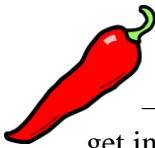
TULLY ROTARY CHILI COOK OFF

Make a mean chili? Prove it at the Tully

Rotary Chili Cook-off 3/28/20 sponsored by the Tully Rotary and Tully FFA. It will be held Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 1 a.m.

– 4 p.m. at the Tully High School. To sign up,

get instructions, entry details, prizes and more; please call, Text, or Email Suzanne at 315-447-6275 or mdrumm@twcny.rr.com.



TUESDAY IS LUNCH TIME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

P.E.A.C.E. Inc. sponsors the senior citizens' hot lunch program at the church every Tuesday at noon. A donation of \$3.50 per meal is suggested and guests are \$7. Food stamps can be used for the meal.

Following is the menu for March:

March 3 - Sloppy Joe on a Kaiser roll

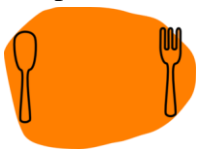
March 10 - Salt City fried chicken

March 17 – Sirloin Beef Stroganoff

March 24 – Meat Lasagna

March 31—Sirloin Beef Stroganoff

All seniors 50 and over are welcome to attend the weekly lunches. In order for enough food to be available, those planning to attend the weekly meal should sign up a week in advance. If you have questions, or wish to sign up for the meal please call Velda Bumpus 315-683-5833.



FOOD GIVEAWAY AT ST. LEO'S CHURCH HALL

In addition to the local food pantry, St. Leo's Church hosts a FREE food giveaway through Wegman's that is held the first Tuesday of each month (March 3rd) at 3:00 p.m. A variety of surplus food items are available each month for EVERYONE in the local community. If you have questions, call 696-8721 for more details.



FOOD \$EN\$E REMINDER

The Food \$en\$e Program continues to be held at St. Leo's Church. Food \$en\$e of Tully also covers LaFayette, Fabius, Otisco and Preble. For more information about the cost (\$20.50) of the program and how to participate, please call St. Leo's Hall at 696-8721. Payment can only be made by cash or food stamps (no checks). You may go to www.stleostully.org for more details about this program.

KETTLE LAKE ASSOCIATIONS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 24th, 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. At TUCC to learn what others are doing to solve water quality challenges. Dinner will be provided. This event is free and open to the public, but you must register before March 20th by calling Meredith Perreault, 315-443-3741 or on line at: <https://bit.ly/37VZTgz>



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8, 2020. Remember to set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour (in the spring we SPRING forward) before you go to bed Saturday evening, March 7, 2020.

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COMING IN APRIL 2020

- Leadership Night-April 6th
- Lillian Bigsby Circle-10am, April 1st
- Lenten Soup Suppers-Thursdays at 6pm
- Maundy Thursday-April 9th, Soup Supper-6pm and Service-6:45pm
- Good Friday-Noon service/1pm 24 hour Prayer Vigil
- Easter Sunday-6am Sunrise Service, 7am Breakfast, 9:30am Worship
- Senior Citizen's Dinner & Program will be at 6pm Wednesday, April 8th
- Mission and Outreach Chicken & Biscuit dinner-April 26-benefit Fisherman's Net

March 2020

Tully United		Mar 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Purple 9:30am - Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-9:30am - Worship- 10:30am - Refreshment	10am - Lillian Bigsby Circle 12pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Boards Meet 8pm - Council Meeting	10:30am - Hear 2 Learn 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - PEACE Senior	12pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Senior Choir	7am - Tully Rotary 12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Lent Soup Supper 6pm - Lent Soup Supper	12pm - AA Meeting	8am - Cub Scouts Pinewood 12pm - AA	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Purple 9:30am - Gen 12: Ps 121; 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Refreshment	12pm - AA Meeting 7pm - Prayer Shawl	10:30am - Hear 2 Learn 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - PEACE Senior 6:30pm - Scout's moving-	12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - Senior Citizens 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Senior Choir	12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Lent Soup Supper	6am - Tully Ag. Open 12pm - AA Meeting	12pm - AA	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
One Great Hour of Sharing Purple 9:30am - Exod 17: Ps 95; 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Refreshment	12pm - AA Meeting	10:30am - Hear 2 Learn 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - PEACE Senior	12pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Senior Choir	12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Lent Soup Supper	12pm - AA Meeting	12pm - AA 7pm - Adult Fellowship	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
Purple 8am - Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Refreshment 11am - Easter Egg	12pm - AA Meeting	10:30am - Hear 2 Learn 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - PEACE Senior	12pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Senior Choir	12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Lent Soup Supper	12pm - AA Meeting	Wedding-TUCC 12pm - AA	

Click here to view our calendar https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r?tab=wc&pli=1#details_2%7Cdvtv-dHVsbHI1bml0ZWRjaHVyY2hAZ21haWwuY29t-0-1

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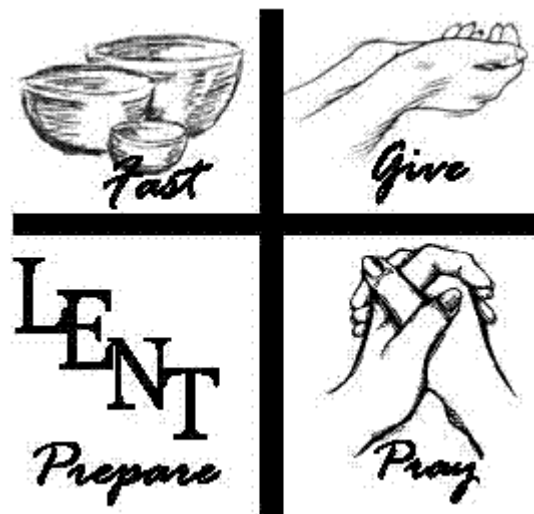
Dawn Cox – Church Secretary

Non-Profit Organization

ABOUT OUR CHURCH The Tully United Community Church has both United Methodist and American Baptist affiliation.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – April issue: March 22, 2020