

# THE mini STEPPING-STONE September 1, 2021 Issue



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## FROM THE PASTOR

It is an exciting moment in the life and history of our congregation. 50 years of living, ministering, and caring for one another and our community. Together.

I interviewed Rusty and Lorrie Spaulding during worship on August 29, and I asked what it was that got the two congregations, Baptist and Methodist, to come together as one congregation. Lorrie said that they both had some financial challenges as separate churches, did a lot of things together already, like Vacation Bible School, Pastoral Vacation coverage, and such, and they all knew one another and were comfortable with one another, and – this is the important part – the two churches shared a driveway. When there is a small parking lot to share and a common driveway that needs to be plowed in the winter, you must of necessity learn to get along! The two congregations figured out how to maintain a common driveway without fighting over it, so they figured they could live together as a merged church, one congregation, each and every member both 100% Baptist and 100% Methodist. It helped that this was during a time of increasing ecumenical involvement between the Protestant denominations and with the Catholic Church. And while the ecumenical movement has atrophied in these subsequent decades, our congregation continues the grand ecumenical experiment in wedding the polity and practices of two distinct religious movements into one united church.

Lorrie told me later that when the newly forged church was considering a name for the newsletter, she was aware that there were struggles and difficulties that the congregation was endeavoring to overcome – things like how to serve communion and even how often, what hymnal to use, where they would worship (before the new building was built). She said she thought of the importance of stepping stones to form a simple bridge or causeway that allows a pedestrian to cross an area that would be otherwise difficult to forge across. Thus, the name of our congregational newsletter, The Stepping Stone, was born.

A common driveway that led to a common faith community and a common mission and ministry. Stepping Stones that bridge the differences between people and encourage us to cross together whatever difficulties and challenges come our way. Are you as excited about the next 50 years together as I am?

“I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.” -Jeremiah 29:11 CEB

In Peace for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow!

Pastor Rick +

## Moderator Message

Sunday, September 12 is the launch day for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Week. There are many, varied activities planned from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> to allow the congregation and community to reflect on the history and contributions of Tully United Community Church. As we celebrate it will be clear that from our roots in the 1800's through 50 years of growth and change, TUCC has never lost focus on loving people and loving God.

During this week of celebration, please take the time to do three things. First, attend as many of the celebration activities as you can. Take the time to learn new things about our history, the wonderful people who preceded us, and the blessing we received and gave. Second, spend time talking to your friends, family and neighbors about what TUCC means to you. Each of us has been blessed by the love and actions of our church family and sharing these personal experiences will add vibrancy to the stories of our origin, growth and development. Finally, pray for God's guidance as we build on our past and plan for our future. In particular, ask God for the insight and love we need to minister to our changing community and world.

### **\*\*\*September TAG Garage Sale\*\*\***

It's that time of year again. Start going through your house and see what you want to donate to the TAG Garage Sale at the Tully United Community Church. Items that will not be accepted are: Clothing, Exercise Equipment and Electronics. **Drop-off dates are September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Sale Dates are September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

### **TUCC Volunteers Needed for Tully Community Day**

TUCC will be providing food and snacks at **Tully Community Day September 11, 2021**. Church volunteers are needed to help with preparation, set up, serving and clean up a commitment of 2 to 3 hours or combination of. Bob and Ruth Cooper are coordinating the event. If you can help with this fundraiser or would like more information, please let Bob or Ruth know. Ruth can be reached at (315) 345-5021. As always, our team will not only work hard but have fun and share our love with the community.

### **Updated COVID 19 guidelines**

- TUCC continues to follow the guidelines provided by the NYS Health Department
- Masks are recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals while indoors.
- Social distancing and handwashing continue to be imperative.
- Zoom access to services will continue for individuals at risk or those not feeling well.

### **Unlabeled photos from the past.**

Unlabeled photos from the past. There are several photo albums with pictures from the past that have no names and dates. If you are a long-term member of the church, please check out the pictures and see if you can provide any helpful information. Those that can be labeled will be displayed with other historical materials during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration week.

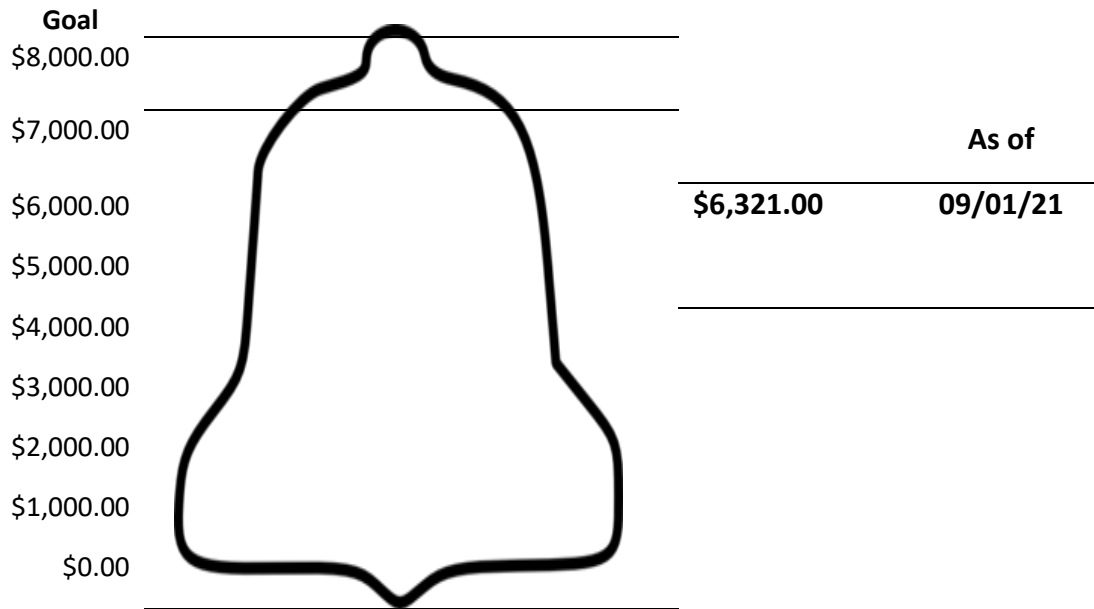
## School Supplies - A big "thank you" to all.

We have delivered all the supplies to PEACE. The donations of money and items for our Backpack/School Supply program has once again been a success because of the generosity of our congregation. Many backpacks, paper items, clipboards, binders, folders, crayons, colored pencils, markers and other school room necessities were delivered to PEACE for distribution.

Sue Wright

## Bell Sales Continue

The sale of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Bells to raise money for the carillon repair continues. Sales and donations have raised **OVER HALF** of the amount needed. Should you be interested in making a memorial donation to honor a loved one, please contact one of the Stewards. It would be wonderful to hear the repaired bells ring out through the crisp fall air.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Brad Smith, Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> - Tate Northrup, Ryan Moore, Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sean Snow, Mary Huntington, Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> - Cheryl Haskins, Ben Smith, Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> – Marley Barduhn, Sep 12<sup>th</sup> – Nika Marie Kemp, Richard Huyge, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> – Fran Fishlock, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> - Ian Foster



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Art & Barb Berg, Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> - Jason Borek & Pam Downing

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**                      **Total**

**Sunday, August 22**                      **53**  
**Sunday, August 29**                      **54**

**CONTRIBUTIONS** (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

**Total**

**Sunday, August 22**                      **\$ 855.00**  
**Sunday, August 29**                      **\$1,696.00**

**Prayer and Praise**



**Prayer Requests:**

Continue prayers for Betty Fairchild, still in St. Joseph’s Hospital, Syracuse. Continue prayers for Linda Millis-Jim’s sister she is in the Covid Unit at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Service men and women killed in Afghanistan and the people of Afghanistan. For the people who have been impacted by Hurricane IDA. Nancy Foster’s son, Ian and family have moved to Maryland from Hawaii. Her grandson Ben is having a tough time adjusting to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He has gone from a very small school to a large school. Pam Downey’s daughter & son-in-law (Cailin & Shane) moved to Arizona August 23. Pray for safe travels and settling in. Pam’s son, Cameron, has moved into Cornell University. Pray for settling into college life. 15-year-old Elgin Hawley Daughter of Mike and Jennifer Hawley recovering from brain aneurism surgery. Linda Oaks Shea has a tear in her aorta, she is a resident at the Meadows. Charlotte Henderson Herold passed away, she was Marion Henderson sister. Kim - Pray for all those affected by flooding. She is thankful that things on farm turned out ok after her pig barn and 4 pigs inside washed away.

**Continue prayers for:**

**the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy:** Dawn Cox requests prayers for Fred, Beth Lattimer, Eve Carleton, Don and Sue Bickelhaupt, Karie Cottrell, Bill Wright, Peggy Cutis, Billy and Myrna Millis in Arizona (Jim’s brother) Sonya Sheppard’s friend, Tom Hackett; Laura Rankin’s stepdaughter’s cousin, Tommy Andico; Art Berg, Linda Cottrell, Sally’s cousin Linda, Jay Vania, friend of Kay and Jim Butkus, Joe Puccia, Charlene Gale’s daughter-in-law and granddaughter; Jim Canole friend of Pamela Poulin; Hugh Reed’s mother- in- law, Barbara Stanley; Kay and Jim Butkus’ daughter Pam Falge; and Brenda Millis.

**Joys Shared:**

Lauri & Rusty Spaulding are visiting from Florida. Nancy Foster shared joy- her son, Ian who has been moved to Baltimore from Hawaii (by the military) and has been waiting for his things to be shipped for 2 months- finally they will come in September. Nancy’s daughter Brianna has a new traveling nurse assignment. Last assignment has been very difficult caring for babies of drug addicted moms.

Tully United Community Church Tuesday Senior Lunch Menus	
<u>September 7, 2021</u>	<u>September 14, 2021</u>
Tomato Basil Soup with Cheese Tortellini Grilled Cheese Sticks Jello	Corn Chowder Cheesy Garlic Crescent Rolls Salad Cookies
<u>September 21, 2021</u>	<u>September 28, 2021</u>
Sloppy Joes on a bun Potato Salad Brownies	Greek Salad with Sliced Chicken Pita Bread triangles and Hummus Ice Cream Cups
<u>October 5, 2021-Oktoberfest</u>	<u>October 12, 2021</u>
Brats German Potato Salad Sauerkraut Black Forest Dessert	Mac-N-Cheese Salad Cookies
<u>October 19, 2021</u>	
Tuscan Bean Soup Parmesan Toasts Blondies	

**Menu is subject to change.**

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**Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** as a United Church.

Help celebrate and show our members and the community of Tully of our devotion to our Lord, to our community, and to one another!

**This is a reminder of our upcoming events!**

**Sunday, Sept. 12** – is the kick-off to the week. The choir will be singing, we will recognize and honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, an infant baptism will take place and there will be a special anniversary “play” that helps recount the history of the merger!

**A New Addition** to our lineup – the evening of Sept. 12, from 6-8 the Board of Christian Ed is sponsoring a **Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast** in the yard off the parking lot. We plan to sing some camp songs and enjoy a late summer evening together. Hot dogs, chips and beverage provided. In the case of rain, we will roast hot dogs in the kitchen and sing in the fellowship room (without a fire!). Bring Your Own lawn chair or blanket.

**All Week Long** – Tully Historian Nancy Chawgo is putting together a **Display of Church Memorabilia** to be set up in the Murdock Lounge from Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. **Monday through Friday** of that week, we are holding an **Open House from 10 am to 1 pm** for members of the community and friends of TUCC to come see the display. Refreshments will be served, anniversary bells will be available for purchase, and each person visiting will get a gift bag! We are asking for volunteers from the congregation to host each day to welcome guests, answer questions, offer refreshments and give out the gift bags. Please sign up outside the church office.

**Saturday, Sept. 18** – the Board of Mission and Outreach will put on a **FREE Community Dinner**. Menu: Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce and cake! We need 6 people to each boil and mash 10# of potatoes (or 12 to do 5#). Look for a signup sheet outside the office window.

**Sunday, Sept. 19 – The Grand Anniversary Celebration.**

**8:45 – Walk of Remembrance and Celebration.** Gather at the parking lot between the North and South Churches (The Peddler and the Historical Society buildings). At 9 sharp, we will have a prayer of remembrance and then walk together to the present church building. Those who are not able to participate in the walk can come at the regular time and gather at the building and wait and pray for us walkers.

**9:30 – Worship** including the choir and bell choir, and comments from denominational representatives. Displays of historical interest will continue in the Murdock Lounge and a celebration booklet is planned, including comments from interviews held with leaders of the church at the time of the merger.

**10:30-12 Noon – Ice Cream Buffet Social – AKA: Sundae Brunch!** Moderator, Ann Sedore and Pastor Rick are sponsoring this ice cream social provided by Samantha’s Ice Cream in downtown Tully! Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Mint Chocolate Chip, Maple Walnut and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough ice cream; Hot Fudge, Chocolate Sauce, Marshmallow Whip, Whipped Cream, Caramel Sauce, Peanuts, Cherries, and Bananas for the toppings; two kinds of cones (or a dish), sprinkles, jimmies and even ice pops and novelties will be dished up by the Samantha’s crew in the Riehlman Fellowship Room after worship. Plan to stay, chat and eat!

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## Church Activities

**Fund Raiser Bell Sale – On going.** There are still a few anniversary bells that have the carillon printed on them and there is a plan to sell unprinted bells later in the year. Any other ideas?

**Outdoor Summer Worship**

**July 11 – September 5**

Bring your lawn chair, a blanket, or use a folding church chair.

**September** - Prayer Shawl Meetings – **There will be no prayer shawl meetings until further notice.** Requests are still being taken. Shawl makers will be knitting and crocheting at home. Finished shawls can be left at the church office. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Burgett at 315-696-5197

**Thursday, September 2<sup>st</sup>** - Thank You Dinner at 6:00 pm for **Tully Village Flood responders**

**Every Tuesday at Noon** our church sponsored **Senior Luncheon**. This is meant to keep the place of the PEACE Nutrition Program senior lunch until they are able to return. All are welcome – price is \$3.50 for 60+, \$4.50 for under 60 and no one is denied if unable to pay.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> menu:** Tomato Basil Soup with Cheese Tortellini, Grilled Cheese Sticks, & Jello

**September 14<sup>th</sup> menu:** Corn Chowder, Cheesy Garlic Crescent Rolls, Salad, Cookies

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**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – 10:30 am Peter's Weeders**

**September, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> TAG Garage Sale: Drop off dates** from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at TUCC "No Clothing, Exercise Equipment or Electronics"

**September, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> TAG Garage Sale:** 8:30am – 4:00 pm at TUCC

**September 11<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tully Community Day** - Parade starts at 10:00 am  
Volunteers are needed contact Ruth Cooper at 315/345-5021

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents, Day**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School begins at 9:30 am**

**Sunday, September 12 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11**

**NOTE:** Our week-long 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration begins on **Sunday, September 12, and culminates on Sunday, September 19!**

**Evening of Sunday, September 12th, from 6-8 pm Rally Day**

**Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast** in the yard off the parking lot.

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**October 17<sup>th</sup> - Stewardship Consecration Sunday**

The Board of Stewards has been busy working on a **new program of stewardship promotion**. For now, you will want to put this date on your calendar – it involves food and you don't have to cook! 😊

**Church Members – there is a board in the Office.**

**“All the Saints, Who From their Labor Rest “**

**We wish to remember all of our loved ones that have passed since Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**We request:**

- 1. the name of the individual who has passed**
- 2. when did they pass (month, day) if known**
- 3. their relationship to you**

### **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; use the PayPal link on the church website or pay through the electronic bill payment process 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. A donation box is at the church or 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. Contact the Pastor, any Board chair or the Moderator to offer your ideas, time or talent. A vibrant church is built around the passions and talents of the congregation.

### **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.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556610214?pwd=WE9kMnhaK2ISS3dFSk51WTI4MVVQZz09>

**Meeting ID: 875 5661 0214**

**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. If you are not fully vaccinated, wear your mask in public. Stay home if you are ill.**