THE mini STEPPING-STONE, April 29, 2020 Issue



Good Morning TUCC!

A few days ago was the official annual Earth Day, April 23rd! We are to be responsible stewards of God's creation. Outdoor work can be therapeutic for a person's mind, body, and soul too while tending to the living environment God gave us to enjoy. And additional good news this year is that it is easy to social distance while caring for our properties. We have several submissions of environmental care and beauty. Read on and smile with thanks for these contributions!

Did you see this beautiful picture in last week's mini SS? Let us thank Shelby Cox, Dawn's daughter, for taking and sharing this incredible photo with us.





David and Jolie Spaulding enhanced the church grounds by removing the tree on the east side of the Fellowship Room. Thank you Team Spaulding!

Schedule for Peter's Weeders 2020

Wednesdays, May 6 and May 20, June 3

9AM - 1030AM

Time to get started! Peter Huntington is back in town and ready to spruce the church property. Mark your calendar for the first three dates for Peter's Weeders. A fun and productive outside mission!

Trustees Planning Outdoor Clean Up

Save-the-date, May 17th, for yard work at the church/parsonage property. More details to come.

Looking Ahead...

The annual TAG plant sale will be held at Cornerstone Park on Saturday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. No plant donations from the public this year but there will be a good selection of perennials and native plants available. All proceeds from the sale will go to the continued development of the park. More details to come.

MOTHER'S DAY - May 10-Deacons request pictures

Mother's Day is May 10 and even though we may not be together with our families this year, TUCC would like to remember all the "Moms" in our lives in the May 6th *Mini Stepping Stone*. Please send a digital picture of "Mom" (perhaps a picture you take with your phone of a print picture) to tullyunitedcc@gmail.com by May 4th. Include Mom's name and your own plus a fun fact or short anecdote about what makes/ made her special in your life.



Blanket Sunday - from Board of Mission and Outreach

On May 10, 2020 we will be celebrating Mother's Day. It is also the day that the church celebrates Blanket Sunday. It is the time when we can give in order to support this program. Church World Service will use our giving to distribute blankets all over the world. Some uses are: warmth when it is chilly, as a bed on a hard surface, as a way to get some privacy, to name a few. The love of God is shown in this simple gift. Please write *Blankets* on the memo line of your check before you mail it in. Thank you and God bless you.

Message from the Board of Stewards

During these uncertain times, the need for Social Distancing it is truly understandable, but what is going to be affected next? Worship has changed, learning has changed, work has changed, life as we know it has changed. The one constant, God is here for us! This will never change.

Prayer and Praise Requests

Lydia Aris's mother, Zdena, hospitalized in Prague, Czech Republic with COVID-19 is improving

David Klem at home with Hospicare for cancer.

Pam Falge, Jim and Kay Butkus' daughter, doing better with chemo treatments.

Nancy Colonna, Butkus's good friend, is at home with cancer.

Mary Thompson praise for feeling better. Lab numbers are improving. Upcoming treatments at Roswell.

Angie Fratesch is doing better since moving home with family.

Randy Vermillion, Rick's friend, is able to have chemo treatments due to generosity of friends.

Bruce Killian (Lorraine and Linda's nephew) praise for successful cancer treatment.

Sue Wright thankful for distance visit from family

Richard Mickleson thankful that computer scam averted and offered advice to be wary

<u>Prayers for children</u> doing distance learning at home and for those missing out on highlights that they would have in schools. Praise that due to technology education can continue and for teachers and parents that are working so hard to keep this going.

<u>Continued prayers</u> for Joe Puccia (broken hip), Don Bickelhaupt, Beverly LaForse, Robbie MacCrea and new military recruits, and all of us facing the uncertain times presented by COVID-19.

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

Food Pantry at St. Leos

Please continue with your regular donations of sauce, tuna, canned veggies, PB, jelly, toiletries, paper products, etc., etc.. Donations for the Food Pantry can be left just inside St. Leo's hall between 9am – 2pm or just outside the door. Monetary donations supporting fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat can be mailed to: St. Leo's Food Pantry and Outreach, 10 Onondaga St., Tully, 13159. Attn: Cheryl Paccia.



Birthdays for the week of April 26th-May 5th

April 28th-Barry Lane; April 29th-Barbara Bursch; April 30th-Greg Masler; May 1st-Brian Cottrell; May 2nd-Tommy Burt & Tom Currie; May 3rd-Dave Hatch & Hugh Reed; May 4th-Chad Currie

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Our beautiful sanctuary is open daytimes for anyone who would like a quiet place to pray or meditate. Hand sanitizer is provided by the door. Homemade masks are available for you to wear <u>and take</u> for added protection during COVID19.

Sunday Service Link

The Zoom link for all Sunday services is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/135746765 Meeting ID: 135 746 765
The link for the sermon on Youtube is sent a day or two before via email.

Church Connections

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Email – tullyunitedcc@gmail.com will be received by Dawn

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Facebook Page – Tully United Community Church

"Like" the FB page to always receive the links to new devotional and sermon postings.

Remember: Wash your hands. Cover your cough. Keep 6' between you and others. Stay home and stay well!