

THE STEPPING-STONE January 10, 2024 Issue



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FROM THE PASTOR – January 2024

NEW YEAR GREETINGS!

The Glory of the Lord has been revealed in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord; Emmanuel, God-With-Us! I hope that we are really letting that reality sink in. God with us. Not only does that mean that God took on human form and flesh and dwelt with us, living the same joys and celebrations, frustrations and temptations as we do, but also that God remains with us always - we are never totally alone.

In the darkness of the winter it can feel pretty lonely. That's one reason why we put up lights outside and light candles inside. It brings us cheer and hope and peace.

And that is my wish for you, my congregation, and for our community and for our nation and world - cheer, hope, and peace.

Pastor Rick +

Thank You!

I was so very surprised at Christmas Eve Day service when I was gifted with a beautiful painting by Grant Dolge that I had been eyeing at the Christmas At The Station sale, along with a card and gift inside. Thank you to those who contributed to make the gift possible and thank you to the "Santa's Elves" who put it all together! As I said, the generous spirit of this congregation is so evident in many ways, not just in the gift to me. I praise God for the ministry we have together here in Tully!

Pastor Rick +

Spring Huddle – 2024

Spring Huddle for Boards and Church Council is scheduled for **January 20, 2024** from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. Attendance is open to any member of the congregation. Groups will be working on planning for the remaining 2023-2024 church year. Should you have recommendations to enhance worship or church activities, please share with any Board member, the Pastor or the Moderator.

Praise Team Looking for New Members

The Praise Team hopes to be part of Tucc worship more regularly in 2024. They are inviting anyone with a love of singing or a talent for playing an instrument to join the group. Practice is Tuesdays at 7 PM.



Senior Winter Indoor Walking -Come and join the fun

Tully United Community Church will be opening all their doors to create a 242 meter walking path INSIDE. 6 1/2 loops inside will equal a mile. Tuesday and Thursdays 10:00 - noon.(Please bring sneakers and remove boots) Questions contact Janet Hillenbrand 315-427-9681. Begins December 5th.

Tully Arts Council
presents

Songs for a Winter's Night

concert series

Tully Train Station
Sundays at 6:00 PM
Admission by donation

Week 1, January 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave Zawadzki• Butternut Creek Revival	Week 4, January 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biggs and Young• The Cadleys
Week 2, January 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Vectors Lite	Week 5, February 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loren Barrigar and LJ Barrigar
Week 3, January 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Todd Hobin	

Presented with funding from

Songs for a Winter Night

Sunday evenings, Jan 7-Feb 4 @ Tully Train Station. Please join us starting at 6pm.

Ladies Circle

The Ladies Circle meets the second Monday of each month (**February 12th next month**). We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to work on sleeping bags for the Rescue Mission. Bring a bag lunch; dessert provided. We eat about 11:45 and adjourn about 12:30. All are welcome.

Prayer Shawls

The Prayer Shawl group will gather the **third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** in the Murdock Lounge. We need to replenishing our Prayer Shawl inventory; both knitted and crocheted. We adjourn about 8:00. All are welcome. Feel free to contact Sandy Burgett or Nancy Chawgo with any questions.

Lenten Devotional Pamphlet

This Pamphlet is a compilation of inspirational daily messages submitted by members and friends. We also use some favorites from past issues. Please consider submitting an inspiration you would like to share. With Ash Wednesday being February 14th, **the deadline for these is January 28th**. Please e-mail or drop your submission to Cindy at the Church Office.

Choral Singers Sought for Faure Requiem

Experienced choral singers are invited to participate in a performance of Gabriel Faure's beloved Requiem on March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday) at the Tully Community Church on Meetinghouse Road, Tully, New York. No audition will be required. **Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the church venue.** The rehearsal schedule is: 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19. **Dress rehearsal** Saturday, 3/23, 10 a.m. to noon. **Performance** Sunday, 3/24 at 3 p.m.

Blood Mobile- February 10th 8-Noon

@Tully United Community Church, 5872 Meetinghouse Road

- Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/heart

Volunteers Needed for Tuesday Senior Luncheon

Volunteers needed for the Tuesday Senior luncheon. Any amount of time between 10 am and 1:00 pm would be helpful. Some tasks could include chopping vegetables, setting tables, serving, or washing dishes. We serve up to 40 lunches each week for our deserving senior citizens. Thanks for considering this community service.

Soup Suppers during Lent

TUCC Fellowship Hall, 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Menu consists of homemade soups, breads, dessert and an informative program. All are welcome

DID YOU KNOW

TUCC has a **24/7 Pantry Box** located in the parking lot. If you need items, take them. If you have extras, please add them. The box is available to all community members.

TUCC has rooms available to host community groups. TUCC has various size classrooms in the education wing, the fellowship hall including use of the DOH approved kitchen, the sanctuary and outdoor space for use by the Tully Community. Please contact Cindy Travers at the church office on Meetinghouse Road to apply. **315-696-8066 or TullyUnitedCC@gmail.com**

TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON MENU

Jan 2024

60+ - \$3.50 Under 60 - \$4.00

Jan 16

Turkey Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Dessert

Jan 23

Sloppy Joes on a bun
Cole Slaw
Potato Chips
Brownies

Jan 30

Minestrone
Italian Bread
Salad
Dessert

Menu subject to change

**CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE – 12:15-12:30, Or call the church to arrange delivery 315-696-8066
Deliveries are for Shut-ins or due to illness**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 10th – Cassie Berg, Jan 20th – Mark Guttendorf, Jan 21st – Lee Winger, Jan 24th – Cathy Burgett,
Jan 25th – Mark Stachowski, Jan 26th – Jeanette Holden, Jan 28th – David Franke, Jan 31st – Leilani
Schoff

Feb 1st – Dan Johnston, Dedrea Scalza, Feb 6th – Robert Thompson, Tom Brown



ANNIVERSARIES:

Jan 31st – Jim & Sherla Millis, Feb 4th – Tony & Donna George

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Total

Sunday, 12/10	53
Sunday, 12/17	63
Sunday, 12/24 9:30 am	43
12/24 9:00 pm Christmas Eve	31
Sunday, 12/31	42

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

Total

Sunday, 12/10	\$ 3,276.00
Sunday, 12/17	\$ 1,869.00
Sunday, 12/24 9:30 am	\$ 3,435.20
Sunday, 12/24 9:00 pm	\$ 6,341.00
Sunday, 12/31	\$ 690.00

Prayer and Praise



Continue prayers for:

Valerie Aris, Jud Barker, Linda Barker, Kelly Beck, Ben- nephew of Marie Kemp, Sue Bickelhaupt, Sara Bowling- David Franke's sister, Arthur Brown, Janet Brown, Brenda Burns, Father Cary, Margo Christopherson, David Choate, Shirley Coffin, Linda Cottrell, Betty Fairchild, Pam Falge, Carol Fisher, Anna Friedberg, Jake Greiner, Andrea Hall-mother of Anna Frateschi, Elaine Haines, Jim Herrift, Peter Huntington, Gerri Jacobus, Michael Jacobs, Jamie- with burns, Friends of Claire Jones (Andre, Marta, Sisfried, Genevieve, Rose, & Mandela). Jim & Jess Kerr- Whitt's sister, Paul Kinny, Nancy Lajoie, Beth Lattimer, Evie Lehea, Devin McCuish, Kathleen McFarlane, Rey Manson, Kris Morris, Heather Nodine, Dick Oliver, Misty Perry, Hugh Reed, Linda Reed, Tom & Norma Richards, Lura Rouse, Leslie Sanderson, Leilani Schoff, Jeremy Simon, Brenda Smith, Sheryl Sonacchio, Liz, David & Jolie Spaulding, Rusty Spaulding, Steve- Sue Wright's son-in-law, Brenda Stoker, Barbara T., Tally- Pamela Poulin's sister, Mary Thompson, Tom Toleno, Brittany Valvo, Joyce West & Jamie (Millis) York.

Please pray to stop the antisemitism in our country. The people of Kurdistan & our Kurdish Brothers in Tully. For the people of Ukraine. The families of all of the shootings in this Country. We continue prayers for the situation in Israel and Gaza.

Joys:



Chandler Michael Bush, born January 6th. First grandchild for Dawn Cox, former Church Secretary.

Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Lura Rouse, Linda Cottrell, Betty Fairchild, Joan Banner

LOOKING AHEAD→

Church Activities

Reminder: The 24/7 Pantry Box can always in the TUCC parking can always use food items.

First Sunday of each month: - Bring in non-perishable food items and paper products for the **food pantry at St. Leo's Hall** and the **emergency food pantry at TUCC.**

Also, we will have a **special offering** on the first Sunday of each month **for the Fisherman's Net Fund.** Proceeds will go to help lower income families in our community who are struggling.

Tuesdays at 12:00– Senior Luncheon Dinning (Curbside Pickup is also available from 12:00 -12:40) or if you are a **shut -in or ill** call the church 315-696-8066 to arrange delivery.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - Bell Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - Choir

Rotary meets the **first Thursday** of the month for Breakfast. The next breakfast is **Feb 1st**. They eat at 7:00; so set up begins at 6:00 a.m.

Saturday, Jan 20th - Spring Huddle 8:30 - Noon

Feb 10th – Blood Mobile 8:30 – Noon

Feb 14th Ash Wednesday- Service with ashes Noon to 12:30
Soup Supper – 6 pm
Service with ashes – 7 pm

Thursdays (Feb 22 – Mar 28) Soup Suppers Begin 6 pm -7:30

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. 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 Relaxation

Our sanctuary is open daytimes for prayer or meditation. The Murdoch Lounge is available for relaxation and offers coffee, tea, and snacks.

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.**

January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 New Years Day	02 AA-Noon	03 AA-Noon	04 Rotary Breakfast– 7 am AA-Noon	05 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	06
07 9:30 am Service Songs for a Winter's Night -Tully Train Station @6 pm	08 Ladies Circle 10-Noon AA-Noon Scouts	09 AA-Noon Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm	10 AA-Noon Senior Dinner Noon	11 AA-Noon	12 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	13
14 9:30 am Service Songs for a Winter's Night -Tully Train Station @6 pm	15 Martin Luther King Day AA-Noon Prayer Shawl 7pm– 8 pm Scouts	16 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	17 AA-Noon	18 AA-Noon	19 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	20 Spring Huddle- 8:30- Noon
21 9:30 am Service Songs for a Winter's Night -Tully Train Station @6 pm	22 AA-Noon Scouts	23 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	24 AA-Noon	25 AA-Noon	26 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	27
28 9:30 am Service Deadline for Lenten Devotional Pamphlet Songs for a Winter's Night -Tully Train Station @6 pm	29	30	31			

February 2024

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