



FROM THE PASTOR – MARCH 2022

John 1:1-5 Common English Bible

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

In the midst of our worries over the world-wide coronavirus pandemic comes a new worry, a new danger: the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian military. Our hearts, our prayers, and our resources are with the Ukrainian people, David facing a mammoth Goliath, as the conflict threatens to spill over into Europe and even the rest of the world. We have plenty to pray about during our Lenten discipline. The darkness appears to be increasing. Fear threatens.

The Gospel of John opens with a word of strong faith and hope, as printed above. "What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light." The word "light" is very important in this poetic passage. But for this missive, I want to focus on the word "extinguish." It is most commonly rendered "overcome" but the word in Greek, καταλαμβάνω (katalambanō) can have the following meanings: to lay hold of, grasp; to obtain, attain, [Rom. 9:30](#); [1 Cor. 9:24](#); [Phil. 3:12, 13](#); to seize, to take possession of, [Mk. 9:18](#); to come suddenly upon; overtake, surprise, [Jn. 12:35](#); [1 Thess. 5:4](#); to detect in the act, seize, [Jn. 8:3, 4](#); to comprehend, apprehend, [Jn. 1:5](#); to understand, perceive, [Acts 4:13](#); [10:34](#); [25:25](#); [Eph. 3:18](#).

John wants us to know that there will always be dark forces at work trying to extinguish the Light. The darkness that lies in the hearts of human beings may try to surprise and overtake. The darkness of violence, greed, and lust for power doesn't understand the Light. It tries to lure us in and seize our way of thinking and acting. But this darkness will never overcome the Light. The Word, the Light, the Power of Almighty God will always overcome the darkness. John encourages us to a Hope that frees us from the paralysis of fear and helps us bear witness to the grace, the love, the powerful life-giving presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Light of the Eternal Word, even Jesus Christ our Lord, enlighten your path this Lenten season.

Pastor Rick +



LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS



SUNDAY SERVICES AT 9:30 AM with fellowship hour to follow

LENTEN BOOK STUDY “WITNESS AT THE CROSS”
4/10)

SUNDAYS 10:45-12 NOON (3/6-

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

THURSDAYS AT 6:00 PM

SOUP SUPPER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MARCH 10	Personnel Relations	Physical Health – Focus on Exercise
MARCH 17	Board of Mission and Outreach	Holistic Medicine
MARCH 24	Trustees	TBD
MARCH 31	Board of Christian Ed	Positivity Project – Tully Schools
APRIL 7	Stewards	Local Action on Climate Change

HOLY WEEK – APRIL 10-16

APRIL 10, PALM/PASSION SUNDAY SERVICE	9:30 AM
APRIL 11, 13, 14 MIDDAY PRAYER	12 NOON
APRIL 12, SERVICE OF HEALING	7:00 PM
APRIL 14, SOUP SUPPER	6:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	7:00 PM
APRIL 15, GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	12 NOON
PRAYER VIGIL	1:00 PM-SAT 12 NOON



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17

SUNRISE/VIGIL	6:30 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	7:45-9 AM
MAIN WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 AM

WE STAND WITH UKRAINE

Supply Drive to help people in Ukraine.

Medical Supplies:

- Tylenol / Ibuprofen /Advil (adults and kids)
- First Aid Kits
- Medical cotton
- Bandages (rolls etc)
- Gauze bandage
- Clotting Gauze
- Surgery fields
- Suture kits
- Tourniquets
- Rubbing Alcohol (96%)
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Wound Pads
- Medical gloves (non powder)
- Medical Tape

Other Products:

- Diapers
- Baby formula / baby food
- Baby wipes
- Baby swaddle
- Blankets
- Hand warmers
- Socks
- Hygiene / Feminine products
- Nonperishable food (protein bars, canned food etc)
- Tea / Coffee

Please bring items to Ukrainian National Home
1317 W Fayette Street,
Syracuse NY 13204
Wednesdays 6PM to 9PM
Saturdays 11AM—2PM
If you have any questions please call 315-430-7783

TUCC will be a drop off site for Supplies for Ukraine

Please see the list of needed supplies above. The Church will be open to accept supplies M-F 9:30 am – 12:00 noon. If you have any questions please see Teri Krom.

Fund raising: Crosses for Ukraine

TUCC will be selling crosses to raise money for Ukraine. Crosses will be available for purchase on 3/10/22. The money will be given to Ukraine National Home in Syracuse. If you have any question, please contact Teri Krom.

Review and Refinement of the Church Constitution

TUCC Church Council is seeking a few volunteers to review the current church constitution to identify any refinements that are needed. The group will review the history of the constitution, the guidance it provides for current church structure and function, and changes that may be needed to address our work in 2022 and beyond. Suggestions for refinement will be presented to the congregation during the 2022 annual meeting. Let the Pastor or Moderator know if you are willing to help with this work.

Updated COVID 19 Precautions

Given changes to NY state masking requirements, TUCC will no longer require masks for participation in church services and activities. Those who are not immunized or are vulnerable to infections may wish to continue mask protection. Zoom will continue to be available to the congregation for those wanting additional protection or who are feeling ill

Request from Ladies Circle

The Ladies Circle needs sweat pants to be included inside the Brother Keepers Quilts they are assembling for the Rescue Mission. We currently have sweatshirts, socks, hats, and gloves that we also put inside. Sweatpants can be used (in good condition) - mens or womens size medium, large, or extra larges. These can be dropped off at the office anytime, just label for Ladies Circle. Thank You.

2022 Easter Flowers Order Forms



Order forms for Easter Flowers are available at the end of this new letter. Other forms will be included with Sunday bulletins and in the Narthex. The **Deadline** for orders is **Monday, March 21st**. Make checks payable to the **Tully United Community Church** with **Easter flowers** written **on the memo line**.

Wishcycling

Those that "push" paper in the church office, please do not put small bits of paper in the recycling bins. All the recycling is sorted by hand at OCCRA and they are only able to keep out the cardboard and larger pieces of paper. 8" X 11" and good envelopes are ok, along with catalogues and ads that are not glossy. Thanks. And make sure plastics are recyclable.

Lenten Booklets

Lenten Booklets have been mailed. If you wish to have a booklet and have not received it. Please email tullyunitedcc@gamil.com or call at 315-696-8066. Be sure we have your mailing address.

The Lenten Season at TUCC

Tully United Community Church, **Lenten Soup Supper Dates**, Sponsors and Topics 2022
Focused on Spiritual, Emotional and Physical Health

Theme Verse: "I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns. The one who chose you can be trusted, and he will do this." I Thessalonians 5:23-24

Date	Sponsor	Topic
March 10, 2022	PRB	Physical Health – Focus on Exercise
March 17, 2022	Board of Mission and Outreach	Holistic Medicine
March 24, 2022	Trustees	TBD
March 31, 2022	Board of Christian Ed	Positivity
April 7, 2022	Stewards	Local Action on Climate Change
April 14, 2022	Deacons	Maundy Thursday Service

Submitted by Ann Sedore

**TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH
TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCH MENU
March 2022**

March 15, 2022 – St. Patrick’s Day

Irish Guinness Stew
Irish Soda Bread
Salad
Pistachio Pudding & Chocolate Chip Cookie

March 22, 2022

Baked Ziti
Italian Bread
Salad
Dessert

March 29, 2022

Sloppy Joes
Cabbage Salad
Potato Chips
Dessert

Menu subject to change

**CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE – 12:00-12:40
Or call the church 315-696-8066 to arrange delivery**

Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 9th – John Currie, Jr., Mar. 10th – Karen Currie, Mar. 11th – Nancy Forster, Janet Hillenbrand
Mar. 16th – Pat Bloodgood, Carina Scalza, Mar. 19th – Betsy Moore, Mar. 20th – Greg Ketcham, Erica Masler,
Jason Borek, Mar. 24th Peter Cameron, Mar. 25th Daniel Kublick, Kimberly Thompson, Mar. 26th Zach Guttendorf,
Donald Bickelhaupt

Apr. – 3rd Laurie Snow, Apr. 4th – Bernice Potter-Masler, Jolene Cook LaFrance, Apr. 5th TK Krom,
Apr. 9th – Loren “Smiley” Prince, Apr. 10th – Brian Bartholomew, Apr. 11th – Marcia Martin, Apr. 12th – Mary
Burgett, Amber Kruth, Greg Moore

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar. 24th – Robert & Marie Kemp, Mar. 25th Rusty & Lorrie Spaulding, Mar. 30th – Chris & Dedrea Scalza, Apr. 7th
– Steve & Chris Kruth

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Total

Sunday, February 13	49
Sunday, February 20	51
Sunday, February 27	54
Ash Wednesday, March 2	36
Sunday, March 6	53

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

	Total
Sunday, February 13	\$ 1,851.00
Sunday, February 20	\$ 3,596.00
Sunday, February 27	\$ 1,395.00
Sunday, March 6	\$ 2,930.00

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

For Ukraine and the people of Ukraine

Prayers for Stacie MacCrea and family upon the death of her mother, Ola Mae Haskins, who passed Friday, Mar 4, 2022. Betty Ketchum, she fell on Friday, 3/4/22. Jacqueline Franke's father who is suffering from multiple afflictions.



Continue prayers for:

the family of Joan & Marty Grosser, Roxann Exposito, Pam Falge, Beth Ann Smith, Paul Kanar, Jolie Spaulding, Paul & Joan Zarent, Nancy Lajoie, Beth Lattimer, Mary Thompson, Linda Cottrell, Ed Hillenbrand, Leslie (Cornue) Sanderson, Betty Brady, Jacqueline Franke's mom.

Joys Shared:

Beth Greenwood retiring from the Navy.

Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Pat Ehlers, Lura Rouse, Linda Cottrell, Betty Fairchild

LOOKING AHEAD→

CHURCH CALENDAR

We are currently experimenting with developing a monthly calendar to include in the Stepping Stone outlining the services and programs of the congregation along with some of the regular meetings of outside organizations in our building. Please make sure the church office knows of your upcoming meeting so that it can be on the official office calendar and so we can put it on the monthly calendars in the newsletter.

Click on the attachment for the calendars for March and April. **(has been updated)**

Church Activities

Bell Sales – On going. There are still a few anniversary bells that have the carillon printed on them for \$10.00. Holiday bells are on sale for \$15.00. If you are interested in purchasing a bell, please contact Pamela Poulin (607- 749-3474).

March - 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

Sunday, March 13th -immediately following morning service **at 10:45 am A Lenten book study,** “Witness At The Cross” by Amy-Jill “AJ” Levine and will continue **through Palm Sunday, April 10.**



Sunday, March 13th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tuesday, March 15th 12:00– Senior Luncheon Dining

This week’s menu for Tuesday – Irish Guinness Stew, Irish Soda Bread, Salad, Pistachio Pudding & Chocolate Chip cookie

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Bell Choir. No experience is necessary.

Wednesdays at 7:30p.m. Choir meets.

Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 PM, LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS, at TUCC

All are welcome, if you are able please bring a soup **OR** bread **OR** dessert to share.

Thursday, March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day



Sunday, March 20th – First Day of Spring

Friday, March 25th Freeze Out 5K to End Homelessness

Freeze Out Homelessness in 2022, Onondaga Community College: Registration starts at 6:00 pm, inside **SRC Arena Run/walk starts at 7:00 pm** Register today at Freezeout5K.com For more information contact **Laura Rankin**

HOLY WEEK – APRIL 10-16

April 10 – Palm/Passion Sunday

April 15th – Good Friday

April 17th - Easter Sunday

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. Masks are available for you to wear and take for added protection during COVID19.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556610214?pwd=WE9kMnhaK2lSS3dFSk51WTI4MUVVQz09>

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.**

2022 EASTER FLOWERS for Easter Worship Service



Please complete the order form and include it with payment. Checks should be made out to TUCC with *Easter flowers* written on the memo line.

Easter Flower Order

I wish to order:

_____ Easter Lilies - \$9 each (5-7 bulbs)
Lily Total \$ _____

_____ Tulips - \$8 each (6-inch pot)
Yellow _____ Pink _____ White _____ Red _____
Tulip Total \$ _____

_____ Daffodils - \$8 (6-inch pot)
Daffodil total \$ _____

_____ Azaleas - \$20 (Extra Fancy) Red _____ Pink _____
Azalea Total \$ _____

_____ Hydrangea - \$21 (4-5 blooms) Pink _____ Blue _____
Hydrangea Total _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

Make checks payable to the Tully United Community Church.

Deadline for orders: Monday March 21st, 2022