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FROM THE PASTOR

I ran across this article that I wrote in 2019. And as our Lenten Book Study is on the Lord's Prayer, and a major part of that prayer is "Forgive us our sins (debts/trespases), as we forgive those who sin against us", I felt it was worthy of running it again.

During this season of Lent, I have pondered if there is a single act of Jesus that makes us who we are and tells us how to behave? I have decided that it really is forgiveness. Jesus poured out his life to show a different way to understand God and God's grace and love. Jesus challenged the traditional values of religion and called people to a renewed sense of belonging to God and to God's universe. And in the end, the religious and civil leaders rejected his ministry and he was condemned to die a cruel death on a cross, hung between two criminals. And yet, as he hung there, slowly dying, he called out to God, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We who call ourselves by the name of Christ are to do no less.

People make mistakes. Christians, like everyone else, treat one another badly at times and fail to live up to what we believe is the ideal. We fail to be Christ-like in our behavior. But it is the act of forgiveness that sets us apart. We are not a people who say, "Well, you did me wrong once, but you won't do it again!" or "You just wait – I'll get even!" We are a people who, with Christ, say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Now forgiveness is not an easy road. I dare say it is one of the hardest to walk. And forgiveness is not forgetting. When another has offended us, it is something that lasts in the memory a long time. And while it may fade in intensity with time, it likely will never completely go away. Nor do we need for the other person change – forgiveness involves an attitude of change of the self. To hold a grudge, to not let go of the hurt and anger, will only eat away at *you* and destroy *you*. It isn't going to do a bit of good to the one you believe offended you.

I believe that we practice forgiveness before our heart believes it. I shared in a recent sermon about a former supervisor who I felt had wronged me. For months I didn't talk to her or even acknowledge her when our paths crossed. And I finally realized that this was only eating at me. Yes, trust was broken, but now I was adding another layer on top of it that created bitterness inside of me. So I began making myself give her a half-smile when we passed in the hallway. Then a quick "Morning". Then a "How are you today." Finally we got to a place where we were talking again and later, we were able to process what happened and to reach a mutual place of understanding and acceptance.

We who call ourselves Christians are about to celebrate that event that is the central part of our faith – the resurrection of Jesus from death to life. And resurrection isn't only about what happens after we die. It is also about new life in the here and now. It is a rehearsal of what is to come. Forgiveness is that attitude that prepares us for new life, new relationships, new understanding. So, let's practice what we preach!

Have a Blessed Easter.

Pastor Rick +

Mission & Outreach

One Great Hour Of Sharing

This Sunday, **March 17th** the Board of Mission & Outreach will be collecting money for **“One Great Hour of Sharing.”** The money will go to help people both in the United States and abroad who have been harmed or displaced by disasters. In the US alone, last year 2.5 million people were displaced by natural disasters. Please give so we can help Church Wide Services aid those in need.



Fauré's REQUIEM *March 24, 3:00pm @TUCC*

Premiered in 1888 in Paris at La Madeleine (Church of St. Mary Madeleine), Gabriel Fauré's (1845–1924) Requiem in D minor, Op. 48 (35 min; including the “Pie Jesu”) is often performed at Easter time, known especially for its ending, “In Paradisum” of glorious harmonies. The Requiem will be performed this year at TUCC on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 PM and conducted by Stephen B. Wilson. Free will offering will be collected during the performance on Sunday March 24th. Reception to follow.



Soup Suppers during Lent TUCC Fellowship Hall, 6 pm

Menu consists of homemade soups, breads, and desserts. Short informational talk to follow meal, topics below. All are welcome!

Soup Supper Thursdays – 3 more left

2/14 – Soup Supper and Ash Wednesday Service

2/22 – Report on COP28 UN Climate Change.

2/29 – Home Safety

3/7 – Ranked Choice Voting.

3/14 – What the Gospel has to teach us.

3/21 – Peace, Inc and TUCC collaboration.

3/28 – **Soup Supper and Maundy Thursday Service**

Holy Week @ TUCC – March 24-31

Palm/Passion Sunday Service – March 24, Service at 9:30am. Palms will be available.

Maundy Thursday – March 28, Soup Supper at 6pm, Service at 6:45pm

Good Friday – March 29, Service at Noon

Prayer Vigil - 24 hours following Good Friday service to Saturday at Noon.





Easter Sunrise Service – March 31, Service at 6:30am
Continental Breakfast - Breakfast between services.
Easter Service –March 31, Service at 9:30am

DID YOU KNOW...

Senior Luncheon Tuesdays at 12:00

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

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



Laura Currie Chancel Choir, Hand Bell Choir and Praise Band

Wednesday Practices 6:30pm and 7:30pm

Do you “Feel like Singing,” the Chancel Choir is looking for new members. The hand bell choir is looking for new members who can ring a hand bell. The practices on Wednesday are 6:30pm for hand bell choir and 7:30pm for chancel choir. The Praise Band is looking for someone with a love of singing or a talent for playing an instrument to join the group. You can join all three choirs. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Senior Indoor Walking Program- Tuesday and Thursdays 10am to Noon Indoor at TUCC

TUCC has opened all their doors and created a flat, safe 242-meter walking loop inside. 6 1/2 loops equal 1 mile. Please bring sneakers. Questions contact Janet Hillenbrand, 315-427-9681

Host Community Groups at TUCC.

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 Community. Please contact Cindy at the church office to apply, 315-696-8066 or TullyUnitedCC@gmail.com

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

TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON MENU

Mar 2024

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

Mar 19

Shepherd’s Pie
Crusty Bread
Fruit Cup
Dessert

Mar 26 -Easter Dinner

Honey Glazed Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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:

Mar 11th – Janet Hillenbrand, Nancy Foster, Mar 16th – Carina Scalza, Mar 19th – Betsy Moore. Mar 20th – Greg Ketchum, Erica Masler, Jason Borek, Mar 24th – Peter Cameron, Mar 25th – David Frasier, Daniel Kublick, Kimberly Thomson, Mar 26th – Zach Guttendorf, Donald Bickelhaupt

Apr 3rd – Laurie Snow, Apr 4th - Bernice Potter-Masler, Jolene Cook LaFrance, Mar 5th – TK Krom, Mar 6th – Jim Pulaski, Apr 9th Cynthia Fraser, Loren “Smiley” Prince



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, 2/18	42
Sunday, 2/25	49
Sunday, 3/3	49
Sunday, 3/10	44

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

Total

Sunday, 2/18	\$2,731
Sunday, 2/25	\$5,263
Sunday, 3/3	\$2,605
Sunday, 3/10	\$1,115

Prayers and Praise



Jaci Colombo's mother, **Marguerite Hemple** passed away March, 7, 2024.

Peter Huntington has been moved. He is now in the Iroquois Rehab Center, 4600 Southwood Heights Dr., Jamesville, NY 13078. Room 221 B, Phone 315-299-2048

Sharon Elsenbeck's son, Stephen.

Prayers for the passing of:

Prayers for the families of: **Dan Doody**, passed away on 2/20/24. **David Cottrell**, passed away 2/23/24. **Richard Caverly**, passed away 2/23/24. **George Saltsman**, passed away 2/27/24. **Patricia A. Bloodgood**, passed away on 2/29/24. **Dean Wadsworth Jr.** passed away 2/24/24

Continue prayers for:

Valerie Aris, Jud Barker, Linda Barker, Danielle Barnes, Kelly Beck, Ben- nephew of Marie Kemp, Sue Bickelhaupt, Sara Bowling- David Franke's sister, Arthur Brown, Janet Brown, Brenda Burns, John Butkus, 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, Claire Jones, Friends of Claire Jones (Andre, Marta, Sisfried, Genevieve, Rose, & Mandela). Jessie Kerr-Whitt, Jim & Jess Kerr- Whitt's sister, Paul Kinny, Nancy Lajoie, Beth Lattimer, Evie Lehea, Devin McCuish, Kathleen McFarlane, Rey Manson, Noah- the Millis' grandson, Kris Morris, Heather Nodine, Dick Oliver, Katherine Beeck Orberg, Luke & Natalie Perkins, Misty Perry, Hugh Reed, Linda Reed, Jeffrey Reeves, Tom 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, Briana Thomas, Mary Thompson, Tom Toleno, Brittany Valvo, Joyce West, Chris Wright, Yilmaz (Kurd) & Jamie (Millis) York.

Please pray to stop the antisemitism in our country. The people of Kurdistan & and 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:



Announcing the Birth of **Judah Jeremiah Evans born 3/9/24 9# 4 oz 22"** Parents Aubrey and Capt Sam Evans, Great-grandson of Carol Rutherford & Win Steel



Carol Rutherford's New Granddaughter, **Arlynn Rae Rutherford (2/16/24)**, parents are Sean & Julie Rutherford

Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Peter Huntington, Sho Kawakita, Joyce West, Pat Elhers

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.

Ladies Circle - The Ladies Circle meets the **second Monday of each 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.

Tuesdays at 12:00– Senior Luncheon Dining (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

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 am to Noon -Senior Indoor Walking Program-

Rotary meets the **first Thursday** of the month for Breakfast. They eat at 7:00; so set up begins at 6:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Summer Worship Services

Summer worship services will be held outside under the tent starting July 9 and continues through Labor Day weekend (weather permitting).

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. Donate to TUCC – help keep our building in shape for church and community use, provide support for our music program, allow ongoing support for our ministry, community outreach and missions work. Contributions can be mailed or dropped off at church; donated through the PayPal link on the church website or set up through the electronic bill payment process of your bank.
2. Donate food for those in need. Give to St. Leo's Food Pantry and Outreach, POB 574, Tully, 13159. Attn: Cheryl Paccia. Give monetary donations for purchase of fresh produce, meat, and dairy. Food staples and paper goods can be dropped off the St. Leo's hall during the week. The first Sunday of each month, donations can be brought to TUCC.

3. Keep the 24/7 food box in TUCC parking lot supplied. Pick up extra items when you shop and drop them off.
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.

Remember beyond our in-person worship services and community support, TUCC offers

A place for 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.

A place for regular exercise

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 N – TUCC has opened all their doors and created a flat, safe 242-meter walking loop inside. 6 1/2 loops equal 1 mile.

A place for nutrition and socialization – Tuesday at 12N – Senior Luncheon

Daily encouragement and inspiration through Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064588306773>

Online worship

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.

<https://www.tullychurch.org/> - Our website

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Pine Wood Derby Setup 6-8 pm	02 Boy Scouts Pine Wood Derby 8-Noon
03 9:30 am Service Book Study after service	04 AA-Noon Scouts	05 AA-Noon Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm	06 AA-Noon	07 Rotary Breakfast– 7 am AA-Noon Soup Supper 6 pm	08 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	09
10 9:30 am Service Book Study after service	11 Ladies Circle 10-Noon AA-Noon Scouts	12 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	13 AA-Noon Senior Dinner Noon	14 AA-Noon Soup Supper 6 pm	15 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	16 Spring Huddle- 8:30- Noon
17 9:30 am Service Book Study after service St. Patrick's Day	18 AA-Noon Scouts Laura Card Crafting 4-6 pm Prayer Shawl 7pm– 8 pm	19 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	20 AA-Noon	21 AA-Noon Soup Supper 6 pm	22 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Service Book Study after service Faure's Requiem 3 pm	25 AA – Noon Scouts	26 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	27 AA-Noon	28 AA-Noon Soup Supper 6 pm Maundy Thursday 6:45 pm Service	29 Good Friday Noon Service Prayer Vigil 24 hrs following service AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	30 Prayer Vigil 24 hrs following service ends @ Noon
31 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise 9:30 am Service						

April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 AA-Noon Scouts	02 AA Noon	03 AA-Noon	04 AA-Noon	05 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	06
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