



### FROM THE PASTOR – APRIL 2024

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Easter came early this year. Not quite the earliest that it could come, but almost. The date moves because of the formula used to set the date. Easter is the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the Vernal Equinox (Spring). We might ask, “Wasn’t there a particular day that Jesus was resurrected? Why don’t we celebrate on that one day?” Well, we don’t know when it was. And, of course if we assigned it to a particular month and day, that day moves around and isn’t always on a Sunday, and Resurrection Day is always on a Sunday. Besides, do you know that Christmas Day, December 25, isn’t when Jesus was born? It was likely in our month of April. But we celebrate in the darkest time of the year to proclaim that our Light has come to dispel the darkness.

For the past few weeks, along with believers across the globe, we have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus! Every day around us there are signs of new life and new beginnings! As you look to the hills you can begin to see a slight hint of rust-red – a sure sign that the trees are budding. And in just a few weeks’ time neon green leaves will be bursting open from those tight red buds! The bright yellow daffodils punctuate the emerald green grass! And bright yellow forsythia is out in Syracuse. More of the spring birds are arriving, bunnies are hopping around and soon there will be baby birds and baby bunnies! Farmers are turning the soil and preparing to plant seed. Everything outside says “NEW LIFE!”

Jesus the Christ came to give Life and to give it more abundantly. Abundant life is all around us in the Spring and it bears witness to the newness of life in Christ. Our Centering Song in worship is another gem from Jim Kerr-Whitt – You Are Risen.

**You are risen, and in you I am changed.  
You are risen, and you promise to remain!  
You are life to me, Lord!**

Dig deep into your Spirit-filled faith. Carry the hope of new life and the message of peace, justice and equity into the world around you. Be witnesses to the New and Abundant Life in Christ by the way you think and talk and act that reflects the power of the risen Christ and has a profound effect on yourself and those in your sphere of influence.

**“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so**

**that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.” I John 1:1-4**

Peace!

Pastor Rick +

### **KEEPING TRACK OF ATTENDANCE**

One of the lessons that the COVID pandemic taught us is the importance of keeping a record of who is in attendance. Then it was essential in case there was a COVID exposure so that we could notify folks who were in attendance. But even after, we have kept the attendance sheets so that we can know who was here and who wasn't, and can track the numbers.

Lately we have not had accurate numbers/attendance records. Folks forget to stop and put a check next to their names. And unless the Greeters for the day point out the sheet and ask for them to sign it, visitors don't know to record their names there. So for instance, the Easter Sunrise Service recorded 14 in attendance and there were about 35, and the 9:30 service recorded 40 and there were about 70!

Our Sexton/Head Usher Jim Pulaski is now doing a head count on Sundays to try to get a more accurate idea of the numbers in attendance. But unless you put a check by your name or someone does it for you, we don't have an accurate picture of who was here. So please stop at the attendance sheets each Sunday and put a mark next to your name!

### **Moderator Message**

The Annual Meeting is planned for **Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 10:45 AM**. At this meeting, the Church Council will present a slate of candidates for the Church Officers and for each Church Board.

This year, candidates are needed for both Church Moderator and Church Clerk. The Moderator works closely with the pastor to guide the work of the Boards and Church Council and serves as the Chair for the annual meeting. The Clerk ensures accurate minutes are kept of church meetings, documents are organized and archived, and the annual report is accurate and published.

In addition, a membership list is proposed for each Church Board. Each Board is critical to the functioning of TUCC. Please consider investing your energy in the work of one of the following.

The Board of Deacons work closely with the Pastor to create beautiful and meaningful worship experiences for the congregation. Planning for music, fellowship hour, and changing sanctuary design are just a few of the things that this wonderful team supports.

The Board of Mission and Outreach coordinates our support for the local community and every corner of the world needing emergency assistance. This team plans blood drives, school supply collection, food pantry support, community dinners, and multiple special offerings to relieve suffering.

The Board of Christian Education guides and supports learning activities for the babies, children and adults who attend TUCC. The team provides regular outreach to parents raising the babies we baptize, stories and crafts for children attending Sunday Worship, and interesting studies for the curious adult eager to learn more about serving God.

The Board of Trustees ensures that our church building, parsonage, and parking lots are kept in good repair. The team coordinates the regular maintenance needed as well as guiding our long-term planning and investment. Their work enables TUCC to meet the growing community need for meeting rooms and an event site.

The Board of Stewards guides TUCC attendees in using their time, talents, and resources to serve God and our community. The team keeps a watchful eye on Church finances and prayerfully motivates us to be generous throughout the year.

The Personnel Relations Board is responsible for the well-being of our staff members. The teams ensure that TUCC has the appropriate policies and procedures to guide and protect staff, an evaluation process that supports job satisfaction and growth, and communication mechanisms that promote open and honest dialogue.

If you have questions or want to serve in a leadership position or on a Board, please contact Pastor Rick, Ann Sedore, or the Chair of any of the Boards.

### **Mission & Outreach**

On Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the Board of Mission and Outreach will sponsor our annual Blanket Sunday offering. The money will go to Church World Service to be used to buy blankets for people who are displaced by acts of natural or man-made disasters. Blankets are needed throughout the world to give comfort to those who have survived tragedy. Please help us by contributing to this worthy cause.

### **The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fisherman's Net**

Fisherman's net was initiated in 1994 through a partnership with Tully United Community Church and P.E.A.C.E. Inc. At the outset, TUCC with the leadership of Rev. Janet Gleason, Rev. Nelson Reppert, and Dennis Taussig offered short term, crisis assistance. P.E.A.C.E. provided 'screening service' for applicants. The partnership has continued to this day offering financial support in crisis for food, medication, gas, and housing. The Board of Mission and Outreach oversees the program for the church.

In 2024, the Board will be reviewing the Mission Statement and operational guidelines for the program. Plans are underway to strengthen the monthly reporting of impact. There continues to be a need for crisis support in Tully and the congregation of TUCC remains committed to supporting the needs of the community.

### **Message from the Praise and Worship Team**

The Praise and Worship Team has been so fortunate over the last few months to add additional members to the team. But we can always use more, so feel free to join us!

We want to work hard over the next few months to have the congregation learn our favorite songs and join us in praising God through song. We will continue to provide the words in the bulletin and will start repeating a few to give you a chance to learn the lyrics and melodies.

If available, we will also provide youtube links so you can listen at home. Two examples are Blessed be Your Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA> and Amazing Grace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KE-1YIMhA2M> .

We would love suggestions for new songs for the church to learn. Try these two channels on internet radio and let us know if there is a song you want us to try: <https://www.moodyradio.org/stations/praise-and-worship/> and <https://worship247.com/>

**Psalm 47:1 – Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with LOUD songs of joy.**



**TUCC Chicken BBQ**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

### **Folding chair replacement**

It's time!! After decades, it is time to replace the old metal folding chairs in the Riehlman Room with new, sturdier, more comfortable ones. The initial goal is to purchase 60 new chairs and have them here in time for our summer worship outside. Purchasing and shipping the chairs will cost about \$50 per chair. We have already been blessed with the promise of a large donation toward the purchase and there are some restricted funds in the TUCC budget that can be reallocated to support chair purchase. We are seeking donations from the congregation to cover the remaining costs. Each \$50 donated will move us closer to the goal of 60 new chairs.

### **Trustee's Spring Work Day**

Trustee's spring work day will be after church on Sunday, May 5. There will be many small jobs, inside and outside, that can be done whenever you have a free moment. Thanks, from the Trustees.

### ***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**

**April 2024**

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

**Apr 16**

Egg & Olive Salad Sandwich  
Cabbage Salad  
Chips  
Dessert

**Apr 23**

Hot Dogs  
Macaroni Salad  
Dessert

**Apr 30**

Tomato Soup  
Chicken 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:**

Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – Brian Bartholomew, Apr 11- Marcia Martin, Apr 12<sup>th</sup> -Mary Burgett, Amber Kruth, Greg Moore, Apr 16<sup>th</sup> – Jacquelyn Franke, Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - Sam Colombo, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bennett Hillenbrand, Sarah Shepherd, Kristen (Thompson) Slater, Apr 24<sup>th</sup> - Tom Kohberger, Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – Tamara Huyge

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Pamela Poulin, Brian Cottrell, May 3<sup>rd</sup> -David Hatch, Hugh Reed, Robin Miller, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Mott Kohberger, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Abbey Dewey

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Apr 14<sup>th</sup> – Sam & Jaci Colombo, Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – Michael & Laura Rankin



**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

**Total**

Sunday, 3/17	41
Sunday, 3/24	43
Maundy Thursday	34
Good Friday	10
Easter Sunrise Service	35
Easter Sunday, 3/31	70
Sunday, 4/7	40

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

**Total**

Sunday, 3/17	\$2,942
Sunday, 3/24	\$1,871
Sunday, 3/31	\$3,013
Sunday, 4/7	\$2,021

**Prayers and Praise**

**Prayers:**

Prayers for Wade & Cheryl-health issues, Barb Hamlin, Family of Melissa Conger who passed away. Barb Conger’s granddaughter. Judy Riese fell, she has stitches, COVID and Pneumonia. Continued prayers for our Pam (Falge), cancer is now in her liver. Prayers for Jolie they found another bacterial Cyst.



**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). 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, 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:**

Claire Jones is home. Brandon was able to spend 2 weeks with Rick (Reed) he left on Monday

### Thanks to all who helped in the service of Holy Week:

Karen Prince, Laura Rankin, Marie Kemp, Rick Huyge, Jim Kerr-Whitt, Jill Northrup & the Deacons. The Continental Breakfast - Sybil Burlingham-Knapp for the table scape

### Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Lura Rouse, Linda Cottrell, Betty Fairchild, Joan Banner

### 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=WE9kMnhaK2ISS3dFSk51WTI4MmVvQz09>

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



**April 2024**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
	<b>01</b> AA-Noon Scouts	<b>02</b> AA Noon	<b>03</b> AA-Noon	<b>04</b> Rotary Breakfast– 7 am AA-Noon	<b>05</b> AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	<b>06</b>
<b>07</b> 9:30 am Service	<b>08</b> Ladies Circle 10-Noon AA-Noon Scouts	<b>09</b> AA-Noon Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm	<b>10</b> AA-Noon Senior Dinner 6:00 pm	<b>11</b> AA-Noon	<b>12</b> AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 am Service	<b>15</b> AA-Noon Scouts Card Crafting 4-6 pm Prayer Shawl 7pm– 8 pm	<b>16</b> Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	<b>17</b> AA-Noon	<b>18</b> AA-Noon	<b>19</b> AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 am Service	<b>22</b> AA-Noon Scouts Earth Day	<b>23</b> Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	<b>24</b> AA-Noon	<b>25</b> AA-Noon	<b>26</b> AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 am Service	<b>29</b> AA – Noon Scouts	<b>30</b> Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon				

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 AA-Noon	02 Rotary Breakfast- 7 am AA-Noon	03 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	04 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
05 9:30 am Service- Fisherman's Net Trustees Spring Clean up-day	06 Ladies Circle 10-Noon AA-Noon Scouts	07 AA-Noon Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm	08 AA-Noon Senior Dinner 6:00 pm	09 AA-Noon	10 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	11 TUCC Chicken BBQ
12 9:30 am Mother's Day & Blanket Sunday Service	13 AA-Noon Scouts Card Crafting 4-6 pm Prayer Shawl 7pm- 8 pm	14 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	15 AA-Noon	16 AA-Noon	17 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	18
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