

## THE STEPPING-STONE June 15, 2022 Issue



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### FROM THE PASTOR – JUNE 2022

We are truly living in unsettling and disturbing times. That is not likely the sentence you wanted to read as we try to ease ourselves into lazy, hazy, crazy? days of summer. Yet they describe the situation which we find ourselves in, both as a nation and as a world. I frequently feel myself drawn to the words of the first part of the first verse of “There Is A Balm In Gilead” which so accurately speak my/our feelings: *Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain...*

But then comes the second part of that verse: *But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again!* We have entered into the season of Pentecost, a season of growth and maturity in the faith. A season of planting and watering. A season of prayer and hope. A season that is to produce the fruit of the Spirit in due season: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control.

We live in a community of farmers and gardeners. I don’t have to tell you how foolish it would be to plant a garden, then just leave it be without digging around it, weeding it, fertilizing it, watering it, and tending to it, and then expect that there would be a great and bounteous harvest. So it is in the Church. We are called to plant and water and weed and tend. We are called to shed Light, to spread Salt, to share Good News.

There is work involved in being the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many blessings fall upon us from our Gracious God. They fall on the just and the unjust alike. But if we hope to produce something of value to God’s reign on earth, we have to do more than just pray a few words and wait for blessings.

You can find the Fruit of the Spirit listed in the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Galatians 5:22. Later, in Galatians 6:9-10 Paul continues: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

I want to share with you a prayer that I recently came across. It is called the “Reverse St. Francis Prayer.” I think it helps put into perspective what the Church needs to be about in such a time as this. It is the opposite side of the contemplation prayer of St. Francis and explains how spiritual serenity should never be an opiate to people of faith. God brings us inner peace and tranquility while we are focusing our energies on the work before us, bringing justice, peace, sanity, and love to the world.

Peace,

Pastor Rick +

## **THE REVERSE ST. FRANCIS PRAYER**

***Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.***

***Where there is apathy, let me provoke;***

***Where there is compliance, let me bring questioning;***

***Where there is silence, may I be a voice.***

***Where there is too much comfort and too little action, grant disruption;***

***Where there are doors closed and hearts locked,***

***Grant the willingness to listen.***

***When laws dictate and pain is overlooked...***

***When tradition speaks louder than need...***

***Grant that I may seek rather to do justice than to talk about it;***

***Disturb us, O Lord.***

***To be with, as well as for, the alienated;***

***To love the unlovable as well as the lovely;***

***Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.***

### **Moderator Message**

Church Council has begun planning for the start of the new Church year in September. Part of the process is identifying new members for Church Boards. Each Board has a critical role in keeping TUCC healthy and viable. Please review each Board's function and consider bringing your passion and talent to one of the teams. Each Board is aware of how busy the lives of our members are and so planning and timing take this into consideration.

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 team ensures 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, please contact Pastor Rick, Ann Sedore, or the Chair of any of the Boards.

### **Women's Luncheon on July 9, 2022**

TUCC is planning a Women's Luncheon for **July 9, 2022 from 11 AM to 1 PM**. Girls and women are invited to join us for Laughs, Love and Lunch. The men of the church will be preparing and serving a light lunch of salads and dessert. Childcare will be provided.

Luncheon activities will include a time of singing, fun conversation, and a presentation entitled *Faithfulness in Difficult Times* by Reverend Emily Hugye.

Pre-registration is requested to ensure adequate food and childcare providers, but last-minute deciders will definitely be welcome! Registration forms can be accessed from the church website (<https://www.tullychurch.org>) or obtained at the church.

Please join us for a wonderful time of Christian fellowship!

### **From the Board of Mission and Outreach**

We continue to ask you to bring in non-perishable food items and paper products on the **First Sunday** of each month for the **food pantry at St. Leo's Hall** and the **emergency food pantry** here at our church.

In addition, **starting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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.

### **Fundraiser - Letter from PEACE**

Dear Community Member:

Last year we had a heartwarming response to this fundraiser, so we thought we would do it again! Proceeds from this effort are used for programs at PEACE, Inc.'s County South Family Resource Center such as the afterschool youth program that started up again, the parenting class, "Parents with Hope" and the Women's

Support Group that meet at the center once a week during the year. Proceeds are also used for outreach needs such as emergency heating situations and family crisis. As always, your donation is gratefully appreciated.

You are invited to **NOT** bake a cake, pie, cookies or brownies. You do **NOT** have to find the recipe. You do **NOT** have to shop for the ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to cut. You do **NOT** have to wrap. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to clean up your kitchen. You do **NOT** have to deliver the baked product. You do **NOT** have to stand in the heat/cold/rain to sell the bake product. **You CAN write a check for \$10.00 (suggested donation amount) to PEACE, Inc. County South Family Resource, and send it to P.O. Box 312, Tully, NY 13159 and stay home and enjoy doing something yourself or with your family!**

Sincerely,

PEACE, Inc. County South  
Neighborhood Advisory Council



### **Congratulations to the following individuals!**

- **Trinity Cottrell** is graduation from Jamesville- Dewitt High School, daughter of Karie Cottrell.
- **Lane Tiderencel** is graduation from Whitney Point High School, grandson of Sharon Hoogs, will be going to Broome County Community College.
- **Karie Cottrell** is Graduating from Cortland State College
- **Olivia Krom**, Keuka College, daughter of Teri & TK Krom
- **Jackson Deal** is graduating from Virginia Military Institute, son of David and Jacqueline Franke. Jackson will be training at Fort Leonard Wood this summer and start full time work in the fall at Fort Drum with the Military Police (MP).

### **The 47th Annual Citizen of the Year- Wednesday, June 22 from 5-8 pm.**

**The 47th Annual Citizen of the Year** sponsored by the Tully Rotary Club will be honoring Paul Thompson, the Scoutmaster of Tully Scout Troop 62 since 2005. TUCC is the sponsoring agency for the Scouts so it would be great for members to join in on the celebration. **Wednesday, June 22 from 5-8 pm.** Dinner tickets are available from Rotary members.

### **Recruiting Volunteers for the FISH Program**

PEACE is recruiting volunteers for the FISH Program. We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to drive 1x a month for the FISH Program. Rides are provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays only to Syracuse, Cortland and local medical appointments. Great way to stay involved after retirement! Gas reimbursement is available. Questions? Please call Barb at PEACE Inc. at 315-696-8203.

## Tully Senior Citizens

Tully Senior Citizens meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Tully United Community Church at 6:00pm. Anyone over the age of 50 yrs. old is welcome to join us. Dues are \$5.00 a year. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Drinks are provided. During the winter months of January, February and March we meet at 12:00pm. We have 3 Catered meals a year in November, December and May at an additional cost.

We do four bus trips a year. We had a trip to Lancaster this month and many people enjoyed the play "David" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Smorgasbord-style dinner and a shopping trip to the Green Dragon Market.

**August 30th we have a trip to the Rev's Merry-Go-Round Playhouse** to see the play "State Fair", a stop at Saunders in Seneca Falls, lunch at the Springside Inn in Auburn, and an ice cream stop on the way home. Price is \$77.00.

**October 11th a trip to the Seneca Alleghany Resort and Casino.** You will get a \$20.00 slot play and \$10.00 Food Voucher. We will see a show called "Sweet Caroline" a tribute to Neil Diamond. Price is \$64.00.

**November 13-21 a trip to Branson, Missouri.** We start it all off with a tram ride to the top of the St. Louis Gateway arch. We will see 7 Christmas shows that include CJ's Classic Country and Comedy, Petersen Family Christmas Show, Showboat Branson Belle, Clay Cooper's Country Express Christmas, The Presleys' Country Jubilee. The #1 Hits of the 60's, and The Daniel O'Donnell Show plus more exciting tours and shopping. Price is \$1,220 per person with Double Occupancy. Price covers all shows, hotel, some meals, bus, gratuity.

All trips require a \$30.00 deposit.

To sign up for any trip or any questions call Esther Hoose at 315-317-1618.

### Counters Schedule for July 3 to September 25

	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
7/3/22	Kathleen Randall	Lorraine Balmer
7/10/22	Lorraine Balmer	Nancy Chawgo
7/17/22	Mel Moore	Smiley Prince
7/24/22	Smiley Prince	Mel Moore
8/7/22	Nancy Chawgo	Lorraine Balmer
8/14/22	Lorraine Balmer	Nancy Chawgo
8/21/22	Brad Smith	Smiley Prince
8/28/22	Mel Moore	Smiley Prince
9/4/22	Smiley Prince	Mel Moore
9/11/22	Nancy Chawgo	Brad Smith
9/18/22	Kathleen Randall	Smiley Prince
9/25/22	Lorraine Balmer	Nancy Chawgo

## PLAYGROUND WORK DAY

PLAYGROUND WORK DAY, Tuesday, June 28 10 - noon. Please bring sanders, hammers, Weeders, etc. Thank you from Christian Education and Trustees

**Rotary Schedule Manpower Schedule**  
Set up time is 4:30 p.m. Start 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13 – Dave & Nancy Hatch

## TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH

### TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCH MENU June 2022

- **June 21 -** Chicken N Cheese Quesadillas, Salsa, Mexican Streetcorn Salad, Pineapple Slices
- **June 28-** Tuna Salad Sandwiches – (Tuna Boats), Garden Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

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:**

Jun 11<sup>th</sup> -Karrie Cottrell, Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – Lorraine Balmer, Jun 14<sup>th</sup> – Bill Dewey, Jun 16<sup>th</sup> – Sara Kruth Breitzka, Christian Scalza, Ruth Fish Cooper, Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Shore, Robert Cooper, Sr. , Jun 20<sup>th</sup> Cameron Allen Downey, Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Janice Wimmersberger, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Emily Pebbles, Jun 24<sup>th</sup> – Glenny Cameron, Jun 25<sup>th</sup> Amy Burgett, Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – Katie Spaulding, Jun 30<sup>th</sup> – Kim Cameron

Jul 1<sup>st</sup> – Jolie Pfeffer, Jul 2<sup>nd</sup> – Donna George, Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sharryl (Lane) Tinderencel, Tom Berg, Andrew Cook, Jr., Aiden Brown, Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – Joe Elgaway, Jul 6<sup>th</sup> – Jan Kublick, Andrea Mariani, Horan Burgett, Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – Paula Thompson, Steve Kruth, Jul 9<sup>th</sup> – Ann Carlsen, Jul 10<sup>th</sup> – Lydia Aris-Brown, Jul 11<sup>th</sup> – Pamela Downey

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jun 8<sup>th</sup> – Ed & Janet Hillenbrand, Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Dan & Larrian Johnston, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> - Joe & Millie Elgaway, Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – John & Cathy, David & Nancy Hatch, Jun 27<sup>th</sup> – Robert & Ruth Fish Cooper

Jul 6<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Kay Butkus, Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – Mel & Betsy Moore

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

**Total**

<b>Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Sunday, Jun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Sunday, Jun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>46</b>

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

**Total**

<b>Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 922.00</b>
<b>Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$2,519.00</b>
<b>Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$3,312.00</b>
<b>Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$1,053.00</b>
<b>Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$7,916.00</b>

**Prayer and Praise**

**Prayer Requests:**

Jeremy Simon found in Canada. He's ok but still needs prayers. Ed Hillenbrand asks for prayers for his friend Patty recovering in Upstate from spinal injury.



**Continue prayers for:**

Dr. Ed & Barbara Mehrhof, Jake Greiner, Rowena McAdoo, Brenda Burns, Pam Falge, Jolie Spaulding, Beth Lattimer, Mary Thompson, Linda Cottrell, Ed Hillenbrand, Leslie (Cornue) Sanderson, Betty Ketcham, Nancy Lajoie, the people of Ukraine and all of the families affected by shootings across the country.

**Joys Shared:**

Sean Snow wedding in Florida.

**Welcome to:**

**Kimberly Grace** born on 5/8/22 new granddaughter to Jennifer Silfee.  
**Delainey Nadine**, born 5/28/22 to Liam & Emma Currie Wilfong.

## Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Patricia Bloodgood, Pat Ehlers, Lura Rouse, Linda Cottrell

## 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.

### Church Activities

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

**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).

**June - 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

**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.

**Tuesdays at 12:00– Senior Luncheon Dinning** (Curbside Pickup is also available from 12:00 -12:40) or call the church 315-696-8066 to arrange delivery)

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

**Wednesdays at 7:30p.m.** Choir meets. (No practices until further notice)

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** – Father's Day and Baccalaureate Service

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth**

**Wednesday, June 22 5:00 to 8:00 pm,** 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizen of the Year

**Tuesday, Jun 28 – 10:00 am – Noon** Playground Work Day

**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm** Women's Luncheon

**Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – at 4:30** Rotary

**Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** – Senior Dinner



## 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=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](http://tullychurch.org).

**\*Remember: Wash your hands. If you are not fully vaccinated, wear your mask in public.  
Stay home if you are ill.**