# THE STEPPING-STONE September 14, 2022 Issue

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#### FROM THE PASTOR – SEPTEMBER 2022

Leaves are beginning to change color, the goldenrod is in bloom, mums are at the farm stands and stores, apples are ripe for picking, the geese have begun moving southward, and the farmers are starting to cut corn silage. While not official until another week, Fall has arrived. We give thanks to God for fall, for farmers, for flowers and for foliage in all its varying hues!

Here at church too change is happening. We have enjoyed a summer of outdoor worship under the tent. Folks brought their own folding chairs or blankets, came in casual clothing, even brought their dogs to worship as we enjoyed the sounds, sights, and smells of nature. God has created a wonderful world for us to enjoy and to take care of and outdoor worship helps us remember those gracious gifts and our responsibility as stewards of those gifts. Thank God for the beauty of the earth and for Tully!

This Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> we move back into the building. It is with some sadness that we make the move. And yet change is inevitable in our lives and so in the life of our congregation. People beloved of us leave due to moving or to death. People new to us join with us as members bringing their talents and treasure for the ministry and mission of our congregation here in Tully. Pray for those who lead us in worship, and for one another as we are knit together in the bonds of love and affection.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> our various board members and congregational leadership will gather together for our Fall Huddle during which we will discuss the direction we feel the Holy Spirit is leading us as a congregation and to plan accordingly for the coming months. Pray for clear direction from the Holy Spirit and a willing and ready spirit within us all to follow and to serve.

So let us give thanks for the change of seasons as we transition into the Fall. Let us give thanks that we have accepted the call to be stewards of God's earth and the resources God has given us. And let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul in his Second Letter to the Church at Corinth:

"The same One who has put seed into the hands of the sower and brought bread to fill our stomachs will provide and multiply the resources you invest and produce an abundant harvest from your righteous actions. You will be made rich in everything so that your generosity *will spill over in every direction. Through us* your generosity is at work inspiring praise and thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 The Voice

Peace,

Pastor Rick +

# **Moderator Message**

I am challenged annually to see September as the start of our church year. It is engrained in me that goals for the year are established January 1<sup>st</sup>. Fortunately, TUCC has the wonderful tradition of bringing church leadership together for Huddle in September and this gently reminds me to focus on our annual goals for church ministry.

This year Huddle is planned for September 24<sup>th</sup>. All Board members and elected church leaders are invited to spend a few hours together reviewing our work for the Kingdom and our community and asking God to direct us in 2022-2023.

Please pray that we are carefully attuned to God's leading and bring our energy and creativity to His plan. Anyone in the congregation who is interested is invited to join us. We also welcome your thoughts and ideas about our worship, our ministries and our community service.

Stay tuned in early October for details of our discussions and planning. The talents and passion of every person in our congregation will be needed for TUCC to meet the challenges of the future and share our love of the Lord.

## **Mission and Out Reach**

From the Board of Missions **World Communion Sunday is October 2** this year and churches around the world will be called on to support young people everywhere with World Communion Scholarship, Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service Programs. Please take time to help these worthy causes with your monetary gift on the first Sunday of October.



#### PEACE, Inc. County South Family Resource Center

#### Free Clothing Drive Friday, September 30, 2022 9:00AM – 4:30PM at

Tully Masonic Lodge, (rear entrance) 13 State Street, Tully, NY

## Good, clean Fall/Winter used clothing will be accepted:

Monday	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	2-4:30PM
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Tuesday	September 27 <sup>th</sup>	2-4:30PM
Wednesday	September 28 <sup>th</sup>	2-4:30PM
Thursday	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	2-4:30PM
Volunteers Needed!	Please call Barb @ (31	5) 696-8203

**Women's Wellness group** on Tuesday nights and **Parents with HOPE** on Thursday nights; each starting at 6 PM. For more information call Barbara Kohberger at 315-696-8203.

Also, a special thank you to those who donated for the school supplies. Over 100 kids received school supplies. Much appreciated!

Barbara Kohberger , Coordinator, CPE

# **TUCC Chicken BBQ**

\$8.00 per Half Chicken - (no sides offered) Sat, October 1, 2022 **11:00am until gone** Tully United Community Church Parking Lot on Meetinghouse Road

Pre-Order at: TUCCchicken@gmail.com until 6pm on September 30, 2022



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## **Annual TAG Garage Sale**

Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at Tully United Community Church, 5872 Meetinghouse Road in Tully. This fundraiser benefits Tully Action Group for Community projects.

Donation items will be received Wednesday and Thursday between 9 & 5 pm at the church. (No clothing, electronics, tv's, exercise equipment accepted for donation).

## Ride and Run for the Rescue

TUCC team raised **\$415** for the Rescue Mission in Syracuse. Thanks for participation and donations.

#### **Kings Corner Market**

**THANK YOU** to all who provided bread and manpower to support our Church's booth at King's Corner Market. We sold 161 loaves of bread, along with two cook books and one bell for a total of \$510. It was an opportunity for promoting our Church and reaching out to the community, greeting old and new friends. We gave out church brochures as well as coloring books and small flashlights to children. It was a true TEAM EFFORT.

#### Schedule for Peter's Weeders 2022

Work days are on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. Please call Peter at 315-263-2537 for any questions.

September 21, October 5, October 19

#### What is the F.I.S.H. Program?

For the last several years, PEACE, Inc. has provided a transportation program called F.I.S.H. which stands for Friends in Service Here. People in the communities of Tully, Fabius and LaFayette who need a ride to a medical appointment can call the "FISH" line and either speak with a volunteer dispatcher or leave a message for them to call back regarding their appointment date and time. Rides are provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays by volunteer drivers who drive either once a month or randomly as needed. The service is free and donations are accepted. Donations are used to reimburse volunteer drivers for mileage if needed.

At this time, volunteer drivers and riders are needed! If interested, please call PEACE, Inc. and speak to Barb about this great community service. It is a terrific way for new retirees to stay busy. The average time involved is 2 hours and appointments are either in Syracuse, Cortland, Dewitt, Camillus or Tully.

If interested, please call 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.

# TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCH MENU September 2022

- <u>September 20<sup>th</sup></u> Tuscan Bean Soup with Italian Sausage (turkey or chicken), Italian Bread, Tomato and Cucumber Salad, Dessert
- <u>September 27<sup>th</sup></u> Hearty Hamburger Soup (made with ground turkey), Applesauce Cups, Broccoli Salad, 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 (Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct 5<sup>th</sup>)



## **BIRTHDAYS**:

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Amberle Brown, Aug. 7- Jim Butkus, Aug. 9 – Tom Richards, Aug. 11 – Elijah James Chave, Aug. 13 – Trudy Krewson, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – Beth Ann Smith, Aug. 16 – Beth Lattimer, Aug. 22 – Rick Reed, Aug. 25 – Joyce West, Robert Cooper, Jr., Aug. 26 – Cleave Snow, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Olivia Krom, Aug. 29 – Morgan Foster, Gabrielle Dewey, Matthew Thompson

Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brad Smith, Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> – Tate Northrup, Ryan Moore, Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> - Sean Snow, Mary Huntington, Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Haskins, Ben Smith, Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> – Marley Barduhn, Sep. 12<sup>th</sup> – Nika Marie Kemp, Richard Huyge, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> - Ian Foster, Sep. 15- Lura Rouse, Sep. 18<sup>th</sup> – Peter Huntington, Sep. 28<sup>th</sup> – Nick Mariani, Sep. 30 – Dewey Northrup

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Cynthia Stephenson, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andreyah May Cook, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Taylor Currie, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Cooper

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Norma Richards, David & Jacquelyn Franke, **Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Paula & Dick Mickelson (8/17/57-8/17/22) 65<sup>th</sup>**, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – Bob & Paula Thompson, Ray & Sally Greene,

Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> – Jason Borek & Pam Downing, Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> -Dewey & Jill Northrup

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Peter & Sharon Mariani, Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> - Tom & Nancy Corey

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	Total
Sunday, Ju1 17 <sup>th</sup>	40
Sunday, Jul 24 <sup>th</sup>	54
Sunday, Jul 31 <sup>st</sup>	54
Sunday, Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	43
Sunday, Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	41
Sunday, Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	42
Sunday, Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	48
Sunday, Sep. 4 <sup>th</sup>	52
Sunday, Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	46

**<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>** (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

	Total
Sunday, Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,155.00
Sunday, Jul 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 777.00
Sunday, Jul 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$1,722.00
Sunday, Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 795.00
Sunday, Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,808.00
Sunday, Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$1,157.00
Sunday, Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,000.00
Sunday, Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,953.00
Sunday, Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 720.00

## **Prayer and Praise**

## Prayer Requests:

For the family of Marty Smith (Brad Smith's brother) Marty passed away. Rowena & Dick McAdoo-parents of Cheryl Haskin. Carol Fisher- daughter-in-law of Claudine Fisher.

#### **Continue prayers for:**

Tom Homestead, Sr., Jaci & Sam's sons Peter and James, George Lee, David & Jackie Brown's daughter-in-law, Amber & her children, Amy & Jesse Kerr-Whitt's sister, Sharon Trerise's mother – Barbara, Paul Kinny, Tally Poulin, Tammy Huyge, Laura Zobel, Betty Ketcham, Marie Kemp (senior), The family of Thurman Hackenbracht, Kathleen McFarlane, Jeremy Simon, Jake Greiner, 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:



#### **Upcoming TLC Recipients are:**

Betty Fairchild, Joan Banner, Betty Ketcham

# LOOKING AHEAD $\rightarrow$

#### **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).

**September** - 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: October 2 - 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 call the church 315-696-8066 to arrange delivery)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - Bell Choir (as announced)

Wednesdays at 7:30p.m. - Choir (rehearsals will resume in the fall)

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> -TAG Sale 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at TUCC

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Community Day -9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Elementary School Lawn

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – The Huddle

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Chicken BBQ 11:00 am until gone-

Sunday, Oct 2 – World Communion Sunday

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Rotary Breakfast- 7:00 am

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Family Bonfire and Camp Songs -4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at TUCC (Hot Dogs and Smores)

# Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Community Service of Remembrance for All Saints, 9:30 am

# 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 <u>and take</u> 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.

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