



FROM THE PASTOR – October 2021

What a surprise! I didn't even know there was such a thing as Pastor Appreciation Day (or month)!

Folks wondered if I was truly surprised. I'm not usually genuinely surprised – I usually have a second sense about such things. But, yes, this time I was!

Thank you!! for the cards and the cake and the kudos! The recognition just in itself was wonderfully supportive and lifting. And then after I got home I opened the cards, a few at a time, and read what you all wrote. And your thoughts were full of loving support, but also words of encouragement that I as your pastor and we as a congregation are on the right track.

And what is that track? We have it as a motto – Loving People, Loving God. We are a loving type of people, who love people. We show that in the ways we care for our members, and welcome folks, and feed and support and sustain our community of Tully. And we are that loving people because we love a loving God. It is God, who first loved us, who calls us to the unconditional love shown in the gift of Jesus Christ and the ongoing care and guidance of the Holy Spirit. And because of that love, we become more loving and caring of each other, and our creation!

One of the most profound and effective ways that we demonstrate our love is in our All Saints Service of Remembrance. We invite not only members of our congregation but members of the community as well to light a candle of remembrance for loved ones who have died over the past year. And this year we will remember and honor the previous year's loved ones again so that folks themselves have a chance to come forward, light their own candle, and feel God's peace and comfort in the faith community at TUCC.

A list of names will be posted on the office window soon. Please review the list and make sure your loved one is there and that the dates are correct. We also want to send out letters of invitation to primary relatives/friends so they know to come to the service. So, if appropriate, please provide us a name and address for the recipient.

Once again, thank you for your spirit of generosity and care for me, for one another and for our community and the environment. This is our mission and God is truly blessing us here at TUCC!

In Peace and Gratitude! Pastor Rick +

Church Officers and Boards

Should TUCC attendees have questions, concerns, or suggestions about worship services, church events or business activities of the church, please feel free to contact any of the church officers or board members listed below.

Church Officers

Moderator: Ann Sedore
Church Clerk: Lorraine Balmer
Church Treasurer: Robert Kemp
Financial Secretary: Mel Moore

Board of Christian Education

Laura Zobel
Ruth Cooper
Del Wayne (Youth Group Leader)
Pam Downey (SS Coordinator)

Board of Personnel Relations

Marley Barduhn
Ed Hillenbrand
Laura Rankin
David Franke

Board of Deacons

Kim Guttendorf
Hollis Rotella
Jaci Columbo
Win Steele
Carol Rutherford
Tammi Huyge

Board of Stewards

Beth Ann Smith
Liz Spaulding
Jeff Phelps
Nancy Chawgo

Board of Mission and Outreach

Sue Wright
John Burgett
Beth Lattimer
Sally Greene
Teri Krom

Board of Trustees

Janet Hillenbrand
Mel Moore
Ray Greene
Terry Krom
Bob Cooper

Church Secretary: Cindy Travers

Photos of Church Events

One important goal for the 2021-2022 church year is to capture church events with photographs or videos. If you take a picture or video during services or church activities, please text them to Ann Sedore at 315.409.9304 or email to ann@sedore.com.

Zoom in Baby Haven

We are now able to offer, Zoom connection in Baby Haven. Mothers may use the room for nursing little ones. Parents can take babies and toddlers there for a bit of a break and some exercise.

Trunk or Treat Entry

Bloomin' Cup Café is sponsoring Tully's 1st Annual Trunk or Treat Event for Halloween. From 5:30 to 8 PM on October 31st, they will have decorated cars in their parking lot to distribute candy to costumed kids. Car trunk decorations will be judged and prizes awarded for the most creative entry. TUCC will be joining in this community event. We will be entering at car and distributing goody bags to the kids. If you want to help in any way, let Reverend Reed or Ann Sedore know.

Trustee Work Day, Sunday, October 17th

Fall Work Day at TUCC will be held Sunday, October 17 after church. Here are some projects that the Trustees need help with: light bulb changes, ceiling light fixture cleaning, washing out trash cans, clean out gutters, window washing. We appreciate it if you bring your own supplies. Thank you in advance!

Sunday School & Children's Moment

The Sunday school and youth class will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month after being dismissed from Children's Moment during church. A Children's Moment is part of every Sunday Service including a scripture portion, Kid's Chat, Sunday School Song, and an activity page.

Time Capsule

TUCC is planning to bury a time capsule to commemorate the first 50 years of our history. The discussion began at Huddle and the Boards and Church Council need suggestions for what symbolic items to include in the capsule, where we should bury it, and how to mark the site. Please spend some time thinking about the congregation 50 years from now and how mementos from the present could inform and bless them.

Drivers needed

Church council is working on the first draft of the church's strategic plan. One action included in this plan follows the suggestion of the transition team: offer transportation for church services and events. Church Council is looking for drivers for this plan. Those able to volunteer, please give Cindy (tullyunitedcc@gmail.com or 315-696-8066) your name and contact information.

Board of Mission and Outreach

The Board of Mission and Outreach would like to thank the congregation for all the donations that were made for the hygiene kits we assembled. The kits contained health and hygiene products for victims of flood damage, tornadoes, hurricanes and other national disasters. We originally planned to assemble around 30 kits, but we're able to add 10 more due to generous donations. All 40 kits were delivered to the UMCOR warehouse in Syracuse earlier this month.

Stepping Stone

Stepping Stone will be published **once monthly** starting in **October**. Each monthly edition will come out the second week of the month to allow Boards and Council to share information from meetings

scheduled the first Monday of the month. **The deadline for the next Stepping Stone will be November 9th the next issue to be published will be November 10th**

Congregation members may have the monthly Stepping Stone **mailed** to their homes rather than receive the copy by email. Please let Cindy know if you choose this option. Also, some of you have winter and summer addresses be sure to include which address you would like it mailed to. The Stepping Stone is also on the TUCC Website (www.TullyChurch.org) click on **Stepping Stone Newsletter**.

Ushers/Greeters

The Deacons are looking for folks to serve as Ushers/Greeters on Sunday Mornings. We need 2 ushers each Sunday, either individuals or families, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could sign up for a month at a time. Please add your name to the schedule on Sunday morning or contact the church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Free Community Clothing Drive-PEACE County South Family Resource Center

Volunteers are Needed! Please call Barb @ 315-696-8203

Good, clean Fall/Winter used clothing will be accepted. Monday – Thursday, October 18 – 21, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Community Clothing Drive-PEACE -Tully Masonic Lodge (rear entrance) 13 State Street, Tully, NY

Friday, October 22nd, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Free Community Clothing Drive-PEACE -Tully Masonic Lodge (rear entrance) 13 State Street, Tully, NY



TUCC Chicken BBQ \$7 per Half Chicken-(no sides offered), Sat, October 23, 2021 **11:00am until gone** Tully United Community Church Parking Lot Meetinghouse Road Pre-Order at: TUCCchicken@gmail.com until 8pm on October 22, 2021

All Saints Day

All Saints Service will be November 7th. Because last year was unusual we would like to recognize the individuals who had passed in Nov 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020 and the individuals that had passed in Nov 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021. Emails will be sent out with the names we have on file and 2 lists will be posted in the Narthex. **If you do not see a loved one's name on the list it means the office does not have the information.** Please contact the office with the name of the individual who has passed, when did they pass (month, day, year) if known and their relationship to you or the church (friend, family etc.). We will need this information by October 24th.

Rotary Breakfast to Resume

We will resume serving a light breakfast to Rotary beginning October 21st. The volunteer schedule is below. Donations of breakfast casseroles, muffins, or fruit are welcome. Please contact Nancy Chawgo via phone (315-696-4681) or e-mail nchawgo@aol.com. This event provides a steady income to our general fund.

Rotary Breakfast Schedule

Set up 6:30 a.m.

October 21 – Janet Hillenbrand & Sonja Shepherd

November 4 – Dave & Nancy Hatch

November 18 - John Burgett & Lorraine Balmer

December 2 – Sally & Ray Greene

December 16 – Karen Prince & Trudy Krewson

January 6 – Janet Hillenbrand & Sonja Shepherd

January 20 – Dave & Nancy Hatch

February 3 – John Burgett & Lorraine Balmer

February 17 – Salky & Ray Greene

March 3 – Karen Prince & Trudy Krewson

March 17 -Janet Hillenbrand & Sonja Shepherd

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

Oct. 13th – Joe Conklin, Maya Huyge, Oct. 14th – Brittany Bridenbaker, Betty Ketcham, Oct. 15 - Larrian Johnston, Cailian Downey, Oct. 17th – Ann Sedore, Marie Kemp, Oct. 21st – Pat Ehlers, Pam (Butkus) Falge, Oct. 22nd – Mel Moore, Oct. 25th – Jeff Bergett, Oct. 31st – Jacquelyn Dewey

Nov 1st-Sue Thomas, Nov. 2nd – Charlene Gale, Nov. 3rd -Jason Phelps, Nov. 4th Cheryl Wayne, Nov. 5th – Ray Greene, Nov. 6th – Karen Prince, Brad Phelps, Nov. 6th – Laura Rankin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct. 14th – David & Liz Spaulding, Oct. 15th – Len & Nancy Foster

Nov. 9th – Michael & Kathleen Randall

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Total
Sunday, September 19	69
Sunday, September 26	45
Sunday, October 3	58
Sunday, October 10	59



CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

	Total
Sunday, September 19th	\$ 1,774.00
Sunday, September 26thth	\$ 2,120.00
Sunday, October 3rd	\$ 1,752.00
Sunday, October 10th	\$ 1,021.00

Prayer and Praise



Prayer Requests:

Prayers for Kim Guttendorf and her family, Kim’s father Edwin Morley, passed away. For Linda Cottrell as she continues to struggle with pain. Prayers for the family of George Cook who passed away Oct 1. Nancy LaJorie and Beth Lattimer who both have health concerns. Pam (Kay & Jim’s daughter) feeling well but has more cancer lesions and changing meds.

Continue prayers for:

the following individuals who we hope are all getting better and staying healthy: Barb and Art Berg, Betty Fairchild, Nancy Chawgo, Mannie Slate, Marley Barduhn’s brother-in-law, Beth Lattimer, Fred-Dawn Cox’s significant other, Bill Wright, Peggy Cutis, Joe Puccia, Bruce Conklin, Morty Smith, Brad Smith’s brother and Shris Kruth’s niece Jennifer Rich.and Brenda Millis.

Joys Shared:

We rejoice at the birth of Astrid Diann Bressette, born to Katie Spaulding and Spencer Bressette. Dave and Liz Spaulding are proud grandparents!!

Tully United Community Church Tuesday Senior Lunch Menus

Every Tuesday at Noon our church sponsored **Senior Luncheon**. This is meant to keep the place of the PEACE Nutrition Program senior lunch until they are able to return. All are welcome – price is \$3.50 for 60+, \$4.00 for under 60 and no one is denied if unable to pay.

<u>October 19, 2021</u>	<u>October 26, 2021</u>
Tuscan Bean Soup Parmesan Toasts Blondies	Chicken N Biscuits Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Ice Cream
<u>November 2, 2021</u>	<u>November 9, 2021</u>
Chili Con Carne Corn Bread Ginger Snaps	Squash Soup Ham Salad Sandwiches Apple Crisp

*Menu is subject to change.

Church Activities

Bell Sales – On going. There are still a few anniversary bells that have the carillon printed on them and there is a plan to sell unprinted bells later in the year. If you are interested in purchasing a bell, \$10.00, please contact Pamela Poulin (607- 749-3474).

October - 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

Tuesdays, at Noon – Senior Luncheon

Sunday, October 17th – Trustee Work Day

Monday -Thursday, October 18-21 2:00 pm – 4:30 Community Clothing Drive Collection
(sponsored by PEACE)

Thursday, October 21st -7:00 am – 8:00 am Rotary Breakfast

Friday, October 22nd – 9:00 am – 4:30 pm - Free Community Clothing Drive
(sponsored by PEACE)

Saturday, October 23rd - 11:00 am until gone - TUCC Chicken BBQ

Sunday, October 31st – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Trunk or Treat in Tully

Thursday, November 4th -7:00 am – 8:00 am Rotary Breakfast.

Tuesday, November 9th – Deadline for the next Stepping Stone issue.

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.

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