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FROM THE PASTOR – November 2023

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

Next week is Thanksgiving, but already the Christmas season is upon us! Halloween was barely over when I saw the first Christmas ads on television. There is such a rush by businesses to get us primed and ready to spend our way into holly, jolly joy! The day after Thanksgiving, many of us begin decorating our homes for Christmas, and that's fine. I do it too. But in the church, things are and should be a little different.

In Advent we talk about waiting for the coming of Christ. It is a both/and kind of waiting – waiting to celebrate the coming of Jesus at his birth, and waiting for the coming of Jesus at the end of human history. We stand in the middle between Emmanuel – God With Us – in human flesh and the Lamb of God who will wipe away every tear from our eyes. The wait is filled with pain and joy, with disappointment and success, with doubt and assurance. Advent teaches us that the wait is worth it for what we will inherit in the end. But Advent also teaches us that in our (im)patient waiting we are to be patient with one another, to be kind and loving and helpful. Our country – our world – needs a LOT more of that!

It's hard to do, but try to be slow and thoughtful in this rush toward Christmas. Listen for the messages in the scriptures and songs of Advent that encourage us to grow in our faith as we patiently await the coming of the Christ. Be ready for the surprises that the season of Advent has in store for us.

Keep a Holy Advent!

Pastor Rick +

Thank You!

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to you, my congregation, for the outpouring of love, care, and support on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The cards were all so meaningful and the gifts were so very generous! The words of St. Paul to the church at Philippi so often come to my mind:

“I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace.” Phil. 1:3-7a

Pastor Rick+

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.

Church Council Planning

Church Council is planning for a few facilities improvements. First, we hope to upgrade one of our refrigerators and add icemaking capability. Second, a plan is being developed for a “kitchen shower” in early 2024. Our kitchen provides support for many church functions and could use some additional and upgraded resources. Finally, we have begun discussion of investing a significant amount of church resources in upgrading the parking lot. Currently, we are concerned about safety of those using the lot. If you interested in more information, feel free to question Church Council members. You may also donate to any of these endeavors.

Historical Information about TUCC Organ

The Tully United Community Church - Kerner & Merchant Pipe Organ

Tully United Community Church organ was manufactured and installed by Kerner & Merchant Pipe Organ Builder of Syracuse in 1989. The instrument utilizes electric action, controlled by a diode matrix switching system manufactured by Solid State Logic.

The manuals are of beautiful wood. (Take a peek following the concert!) The free-standing case was designed with elements matching the décor of the TUCC sanctuary. Most of the pipes were manufactured to Kerner & Merchant specification-some were made domestically, but most were imported from the **Netherlands**.

The twelve large wooden pipes that flank to sides came from an organ at Morrisville. The organ consists of nine ranks (sets) of pipes, the largest over 8 feet in height; the smallest the size of a small pencil. The organ console, containing the keyboards, pedals and other controlling items, is set upon a moveable dolly, allowing its location to change as necessitated by need.



Tully United Community Church

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 19, at 9:30am

Celebrating the blessings of the year with praise and song.

Christmas at the Station - Nov 24, 25 & 26 Tully Train Station

The Tully Area Historical Society invites you to participate in their annual “Christmas at the Station” event. Handmade art and craft items are marked by the vendor with an assigned number and selling price. Soup and sandwiches are available for purchase. Holiday cookies trays are available to order. For more information, go to

<http://www.tullyhistoricalsociety.org>



Tully Craft Show



Saturday, December 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
20 State Street, Tully, High School Lobby and Old Gym
Crafters, food, and entertainment.
Free Admission

Holiday Family Craft Workshop Sunday, December 3 from 1-3 pm at TUCC

Fun for all! There will be crafts and activities for all ages. All are welcome!

Cookie Decorating – Decorate your favorite cookie shape with frosting, sprinkles or fun candies.



Holiday Card – Craft your own card to take home.

Ornament – Decorate your design to make it your own to take home.

Evergreen Swag - Make your own fresh and we'll tie it all up.

All supplies are provided. Hope to see you for some crafts and snacks.



COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING -SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 4:00 pm

Tully United Community Church

The Tully Community Messiah Sing, Part the First, will return to the Tully community this year, featuring all Tully area soloists, community orchestra and singers and directed by Victor Vallo. Admission is a can of food for the Tully Food Pantry. Enjoy Holiday Cookies and hot Apple Cider after the performance. Sponsored by Tully Arts Council. The sing will be held at the Tully United Community Church.



Senior Winter Indoor Walking

Tully United Community Church will be opening all their doors to create a 242 meter walking path INSIDE. 6 1/2 loops inside will equal a mile. Tuesday and Thursdays 10:00 - noon. (Please bring sneakers and remove boots) Questions contact Janet Hillenbrand 315-427-9681. Begins December 5th.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

2nd Sunday of Advent December 10, at 9:30am.

The sanctuary of the church will be decorated while we sing Advent and Christmas carols and listen to our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir.

Christmas Handbell Concert, Dec 10, 7pm @ TUCC

The Kay Crosley Memorial Bell Choir welcomes the Whitechapel Ringers from Cortland for a combined concert of Christmas Handbell music. The Fingerlakes Sax Quartet including Rick Huyge will join them. All are welcome!



9:30am – 4th Sunday of Advent The Last Day of Advent



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24

8:00pm - Join us for a Christmas Cookies & Punch Reception.

9:00pm - Candlelight Service



Songs for a Winter Night
 Sunday evenings, Jan 7-Feb 4 @ Tully Train Station
 Please join us starting at 6pm.

DID YOU KNOW

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

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 Tully Community. Please contact Cindy Travers at the church office on Meetinghouse Road to apply. **315-696-8066** or TullyUnitedCC@gmail.com

Counters Schedule Nov – Dec

	Counter	Alternate
11/5/23	Mel Moore	Nancy Chawgo
11/12/23	Brad Smith	
11/19/23	Nancy Chawgo	David Franke
11/26/23	Mel Moore	
12/3/23	Nancy Chawgo	
12/10/23	Kathleen Randall	Brad Smith
12/17/23	Mel Moore	David Franke
12/24/23	Nancy Chawgo	
12/31/23	David Franke	Brad Smith

TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON MENU

Nov 2023

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

Nov 14

Squash Soup
Ham Salad Sandwiches
Apple Dessert

Nov 21, - Friendsgiving Meal

Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Stuffing
Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Bars

Nov 28

Oven Roasted Italian (Poultry) Sausage
potatoes, Peppers, and Onions
Italian Bread
Fruit
Molasses Cookies

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:

Belated Birthdays

Oct 12th – Millie Elgaway, Oct 13th – Joe Conklin, Maya Huyge, Oct 14th – Brittany Bridenbaker, Oct 15th – Larrian Johnston, Cailin Downey, Oct 17th – Ann Sedore, Marie Kemp, Oct 21st -Pat Ehlers, Pam (Butkus) Falge, Oct 22nd – Mel Moore, Oct 25th – Jeff Burgett, Oct 31st – Jacquelyn Dewey

Nov 2nd – Charlene Gale, Nov 3rd – Jason Phelps, Nov 5th – Ray Greene, Nov 6th – Karen Prince , Brad Phelps,

Upcoming Birthdays

Nov 9th – Laura Rankin, Nov 10th – Wells Moore Edinger, Nov 11th - Chris Miller, Nov 14th – Kay Butkus, Nov 17th – Kay Bates, Nov 18th – Sue Wright, Nov 19th - Len Foster, Nov 20th – Julie Burgett, Marissa Scalza, Nov 26th – Linda Cottrell, Dawn Cox, Nov 27th Nancy Chawgo, Sally Greene, Dec 6th – John Butkus

ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct 14th - David & Liz Spaulding, Oct 15th – Len & Nancy Foster, Oct 18th – Hugh & Marcia Reed,

Nov 9th – Michael & Kathleen Randall, Nov 10th – Joe & Judy Conklin

***CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Total

Sunday, 10/1	47
Sunday, 10/8	41
Sunday, 10/15	52
Sunday, 10/22	49
Sunday, 10/29	40
Sunday 11/5	68



CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

	Total
Sunday, 10/1	\$1,817.00
Sunday, 10/8	\$ 890.00
Sunday, 10/15	\$3,765.00
Sunday, 10/22	\$ 900.00
Sunday, 10/29	\$2,842.00
Sunday, 11/5	\$3,791.00

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

Lura Rouse is at Upstate and will be moving to a nursing home. Brittany Valvo will be admitted Nov 13th for treatment in a Philadelphia hospital. She has had an intractable headache for nearly 20 weeks.



Continue prayers for:

Valerie Aris, Jud Barker, Linda Barker, Kelly Beck, Ben- nephew of Marie Kemp, Sue Bickelhaupt, Sara Bowling-David Franke's sister, Arthur Brown, Janet Brown, Brenda Burns, Father Cary, David Choate, Shirley Coffin, Joyce Colaboffo, Linda Cottrell, Gael Daly, Edwin-Sonja Shepherd's brother, 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, Jim & Jess Kerr- Whitt's sister, Paul Kinny, Nancy Lajoie, Beth Lattimer, Devin McCuish, Kathleen McFarlane, Rey Manson, Heather Nodine, Dick Oliver, Hugh Reed, Linda Reed, Tom & Norma Richards, Leslie Sanderson, Jeremy Simon, Sheryl Sonacchio, Liz, David & Jolie Spaulding, Rusty Spaulding, Steve- Sue Wright's son-in-law, Brenda Stoker, Tally- Pamela Poulin's sister, Mary Thompson, Joyce West & Jamie (Millis) York.

The people of Kurdistan & and our Kurdish Brothers in Tully,

Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Betty Fairchild, Joan Banner, Andrea Hall, Joyce West

LOOKING AHEAD→

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.

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

Saturday, Nov 18 – 10 am – Noon Medicare Advantage Seminar- Presented by Paul Zobel @ Tucc

Rotary meets the first Thursday of the month for Breakfast. The next breakfast is Dec 7th. They eat at 7:00; so set up begins at 6:00 a.m.

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. 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 Relaxation

Our sanctuary is open daytimes for prayer or meditation. The Murdoch Lounge is available for relaxation and offers coffee, tea, and snacks.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556610214?pwd=WE9kMnhaK2lSS3dFSk51WTI4MlVlVQZz09>

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.**

November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:30 am Service			01	02 Rotary Breakfast- 7 am	03 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	04
05 9:30 am Service	06 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
12 9:30 am Service	13 AA-Noon Scouts	14 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	15 AA-Noon	16 AA-Noon	17 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	18 Medicare Advantage Seminar 10 am - Noon
19 9:30 am Thanksgiving Service	20 AA-Noon Scouts	21 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	22 AA-Noon	23 Thanksgiving Day AA-Noon	24 Church Office will be closed Christmas@The Station AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	25 Christmas@The Station
26 9:30 am Service Christmas@The Station	27 AA-Noon Scouts	28 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	29 AA-Noon	30 AA Noon		

December 2023

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					01 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	02
03 9:30 am Service 1-3 pm Holiday Family Craft Workshop	04 AA-Noon Scouts	05 AA-Noon Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm	06 AA-Noon Senior Dinner 6:00 pm	07 AA-Noon Rotary Breakfast- 7 am	08 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	09 Christmas Handbell Concert-7 pm
10 9:30 am Service Hanging of the Greens	11 AA-Noon Scouts	12 Sr Luncheon Noon -2 pm AA-Noon	13 AA-Noon	14 AA-Noon	15 AA-Noon AA- 7:30 pm	16
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