

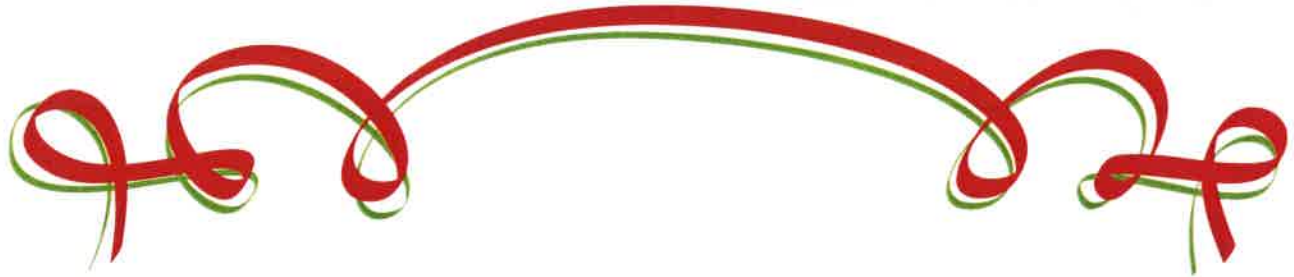
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FROM THE PASTOR,

BUSY CHURCH, BUSY COMMUNITY!

In this Stepping Stone you will find a copy of a flyer that went out to all mailboxes in the 13059 zip code area. It outlines the many opportunities for worship, entertainment, shopping, and community participation beginning with next week's Symphoria and TUCC Bell Choir concert through to the New Year! Here are a few of the offerings in store...

TAG/Partners In Motion bring the **Symphoria String and Flute Ensemble** to our sanctuary for a concert on Friday, **November 18 beginning at 7pm**. And our **Kay Crosley Bell Choir**, under the direction of Laura Rankin, will be the opening act! Refreshments to follow this free concert.

On Sunday, **December 4 from 1-4pm** our Reihlman Fellowship Hall will be turned into the little town of Jesus' birth as we celebrate "**A Night In Bethlehem**"! Booths will simulate the center of the village where kids and adults alike will find crafts, food, desserts, and even a picture-taker from the future! And planned from **2-4** is a **live nativity** outdoors complete with Holy Family, Shepherds, Wise Men and **LIVE ANIMALS**! Tell your friends and plan to attend this free intergenerational interactive celebration of Jesus' Birth!

Not in that flyer (because we hadn't finalized plans when it went to print) is the **Finger Lakes Saxophone Quartet** concert on **Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 pm** in our church sanctuary. Rick Huyge from our congregation brings the other three members of his group, all playing various sizes of saxophone to bring a delightful concert of **Holiday music**! And like last year, interspersed will be audience **Christmas Carol singing**! Finish it off with some cookies and holiday beverages and you'll have a Holly, Jolly afternoon!

The Community Messiah Sing, Part the First, returns on **Sunday, December 18 at 6pm** and this year it will be held in our sanctuary. Under the direction of Victor Vallo, members of the greater Tully Community will join together as chorus and orchestra for this performance sponsored by the Tully Arts Council.

That's just a few highlights of what is coming in December! These are all ways for us to give to our community, to work together on experiences that bring the Spirit of the Christ to our congregation and to deepen and broaden our personal faith.

May God bless and increase our efforts as we minister together in Christ's name! And may God bless you as we prepare to celebrate again the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us, in the person of Jesus!

Pastor Rick +

Moderator Message

It is a rare Sunday when the Tucc congregation isn't asked to donate time or money (sometimes blood) for a church outreach. Our mission of serving people and serving God requires the hands and feet of each of us. Church efforts also blossom when each member brings their God-given talents and passion to our work.

What are your unique God-given talents and passions, you ask. Rick Warren in his book *The Purpose Driven Life* identifies five different dimensions that create the unique you.

Your Spiritual gifts - God-empowered abilities for serving him that are given only to believers. For instance, some gifts motivate you for ministry—like serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, giving, showing mercy, or offering biblical insight.

Your Heart – The bundle of desires, hopes, interests, ambitions, dreams, and affections you have. It's what you love to do and what you care about most.

Your Abilities - The natural talents you were born with. God wants you to do what you're able to do.

Your Personality – Your preferences which shape *how* and *where* you use your spiritual gifts and abilities. You'll use your gifts in different ways from anybody else.

Your Experiences– Events and people that teach you lessons and help you mature. They also help you minister to others going through similar experiences.

So first, spend some time examining these parts of you. Talk to a few friends and loved ones too, as you may not always appreciate your gifts and attributes.

Then, find ways to bless our church and community with your unique gifts and passion.

Mission and Outreach

Mission and Outreach would like to thank everyone who donated money and materials for the annual back-to-school supplies program. Our efforts make it easier for families with limited resources to provide the needed school supplies each student is required to have. This year we were able to deliver the following to PEACE, who disburses the backpacks and supplies to the students: 24 backpacks, 12 insert dividers for binders, 9 index card packs, 15 clipboards, 12 boxes colored pencils, 15 boxes colored markers, 15 boxes crayons, 40 dry erasers, 12 pencil binder pouches, 6 2" binders, 5 1 1/2 " binders, 6 1" binders, 18 plastic file folders, 14 wide-ruled composition books, 14 college-ruled composition books, 6 wide-ruled filler paper, 7 college-ruled filler paper, 10 wide-ruled subject notebooks, 9 college-ruled subject notebooks, 12 glue sticks.

Please Join the Community in Activities for November and December



SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MONDAY MULTI-AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES

November 14, 3:00-4:00 pm Tully Library

KIDS! - Come sing songs, play a game, do a craft, eat a snack and hear a Bible story. Tully United Church (Methodist and Baptist) brings the Sunday School experience to the library Activity Room right after school. No prior sign-up needed. (next time January)



Symphor!a String and Flute Ensemble – Friday, November 18, 7:00pm TUCC Sanctuary

Join us for 'A Magical Evening' with Symphor!a String and Flute Ensemble and the TUCC Kay Crosley Bell Choir. Sponsored by CNYArts, TAG TUCC and many Community Angels. This is a great opportunity to hear beautiful orchestral music - **FOR FREE!**



Christmas at the Station – Nov 25, 26 & 27 Tully Train Station

The Tully Area Historical Society invites you to participate in our annual "Christmas at the Station" event. Yes, we are back at the Train Station and there is plenty of space for displaying merchandise and a wonderful eating area. Craft items and/or hand-made items are marked by the vendor with an assigned number and selling price. (No flea market items accepted.) For more information, go to <https://www.tullyhistoricalsociety.org/tahs/index.php>

Night in Bethlehem Interactive Activity –



December 4, 1:30-4:00pm

Visit "Bethlehem" on the evening Jesus Christ was born.

DECREE

By order of Emperor Caesar Augustus, it is decreed that all the world is to be counted and taxed.

Therefore, let each person and family come for "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM" to be counted according to law.

Donkeys must be tied on the east side of the building and enter through the proper gate. Everyone must be dressed in Biblical attire to enter the city. (Available at the City Gate or come dressed in proper Biblical attire, not required)

Each family will be assessed taxes (Bring a can of food for the Tully Food Pantry, if possible). Snack foods and sweets will be available in the open market. (free)

Booths in the "village" will contain activities for crafting, cookie decorating, and storytelling. You may even get to see the baby Jesus!

All counting will take place on Sunday, December 4, from 1:30-4 pm at the Tully United Church. Those disobeying this law to appear, will be sentenced to a holiday season without the true spirit of Christmas.

So let it be written. So let it be done.

You will find "Bethlehem" at TUCC on December 4 from 1:30-4:00pm. Please join us to walk in the historical Bethlehem. **Free to all**



**COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 18, 6:30pm**

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.

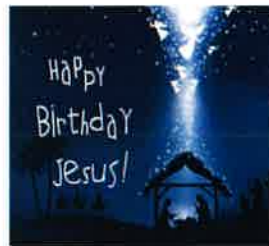
Tully United Community Church



HANGING OF THE GREENS December 4, 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 EVE SERVICES
December 24**
7pm – Contemporary Service
11pm – Traditional
Candlelight Service



**CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE – JOY TO THE
WORLD!
December 25**
9:30am Service
Singing Christmas Carols

**TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON MENU
November 2022**

60+ - \$3.50

Under 60 - \$4.00

November 15, 2022

Oven Roasted Italian Sausage and Potatoes
Italian Bread
Gingerbread with Lemon Curd

November 22, Thanksgiving Meal

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

November 29, 2022

Sloppy Joes on a bun
Chips
Cabbage Salad
Brownies

December 6, 2022

Lasagna
Parmesan Toasts
Salad
Dessert

Menu subject to change

CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE – 12:15-12:30, Or call the church to arrange delivery 315-696-8066

*******Beginning January 3, 2023 – Delivery price – add \$.50*******

Board of Christian Ed

Christian Ed is looking for material to use in our Christmas program on **December 4th** and people to volunteer for the live Nativity.

Thank you Card from St. Leo's/St. Pat's Food Pantry

Thank you for your support and donation to the food pantry. Your caring makes it possible for us to help many families in our area. Together we are making a difference in their lives.

Sincerely, Cheryl Paccia



TUCC CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE
Order deadline – November 21st

Forms are available in the back of this bulletin. Additional forms can be located in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to Tully United Community Church.

Christmas at the Station Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

There is a sign-up sheet for Christmas at the Station on the window next to the office. Volunteers are needed on Friday, Nov 25th and Sat Nov 26th. For more information contact Sally Greene.

P.E.A.C.E., Inc.

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 Craft Show

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 20 State Street Tully, NY
Junior/Senior High School Lobby and both Gyms

Various breakfast, snack, and lunch items available, SHOP LOCAL! Sponsored by Junior High Student Council

Birthdays and Anniversaries (Nov 9th – Dec 6th)



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, Ed Hillenbrand, Marissa Scalza, Sharon French, Nov 26th – Linda Cottrell, Dawn Cox, Nov 27th – Nancy Chawgo, Sally Greene

Dec. 6th – John Butkus

ANNIVERSARIES:

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, Oct 9th
Sunday, Oct. 16th

Total

48
57

Sunday, Oct. 23 nd	53
Sunday, Oct 30 th	59
Sunday, Nov. 6 th	75

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

	Total
Sunday, Oct. 9 th	\$1,775.00
Sunday, Oct 16 th	\$1,130.00
Sunday, Oct. 23 rd	\$1,525.00
Sunday, Oct. 30 th	\$2,280.00
Sunday, Nov. 6 th	\$3,491.00

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

Pat & Everett Nelson- parents of Nancy Corey, Betty Ketcham is back at Brookdale. Juol & Linda Barker, Linda Reed- heart problems.



Continue prayers for:

Sam & Jaci Colombo asked for continued prayers for their son, Peter. Carol Fisher- daughter-in-law of Vaudine Fisher. Sheryl Sonacchio, Austin Krom, Judy Baker, Peggy Curtis, Jake Greiner, Linda Cottrell, Gerri Jacobus, Jolie Spaulding, Lori Spaulding, Don Bickelhaupt, Joan Banner's daughter- Terri Jo, Andrea Hall, Rowena & Dick McAdoo-parents of Cheryl Haskin. Tom Homestead, Sr., Amy & Jesse Kerr-Whitt's sister, Sharon Trerise's mother – Barbara, Paul Kinny, Tally Poulin, Betty Ketcham, Kathleen McFarlane, Brenda Burns, Pam Falge, Beth Lattimer, Mary Thompson, Ed Hillenbrand, Jeremy Simon, Leslie (Cornue) Sanderson, Nancy Lajoie.

Joys Shared:

Oct 17th Fox Bridger Moore was born!

Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Linda Cottrell, Betty Fairchild, Joan Banner, Betty Ketcham

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).

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

First Sunday of each month: December 4 - 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) Beginning January 3, 2023 – Delivery price – add \$.50

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - Bell Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30p.m. - Choir

Thurs., Dec. 1st – Rotary Breakfast – 7:30 am

Mon., Nov. 14th – Sunday School on Monday Multi- Age Group Activities 3:00 – 4:00 pm Tully Library

Fri. Nov. 18th – Symphor!a String & Flute Ensemble- 7:00 pm TUCC Sanctuary

Nov 25, 26, & 27 - Christmas at the Station – Tully Train Station

Sun, Dec 4th – 9:30 am Hanging of the Greens

Sun., Dec 4th , 1:30 - 4:00 pm Night in Bethlehem Interactive Activity

Sat. Dec 24th – 7:00 pm Contemporary Service
11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Sun. Dec 25th – 9:30 Service Singing Christmas Carols

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.**



TUCC CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE



Please indicate the number and color of each plant - *Order deadline-November 21, 2022*

6 1/2" pot (x-tra fancy) \$8.00 # _____ color _____ = \$ _____
 8" pot (12 bloom & up) \$20.00 # _____ color _____ = \$ _____
 10" pot (15 bloom & up) \$30.00 # _____ color _____ = \$ _____
 (All plants come with a foil pot cover)

TOTAL \$ _____

Color choices - RED, WHITE, PINK

Name: _____

Phone / email: _____

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