



FROM THE PASTOR - April 2023

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

What a wonderful Lent/Holy Week/Easter experience we have had in our congregation. So many have told me how meaningful this season has been to them. I think in part because we are not as restricted by the Covid pandemic as we have been the past three years.

I share with you a passage of scripture and a poem that have to do with the ongoing work of Easter. In the First Letter of John, the author speaks to us of the love of God in Jesus Christ and our call to love in the same manner.

“Dear friends, let’s love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn’t love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

“Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God’s Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

*“God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.”
First John 4:7-16 (Common English Bible)*

‘Easter’ by Edmund Spenser (c. 1552-99), is a joyous celebration of the Easter festival and the meaning behind it.

*Most glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;*

*And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin;
And grant that we, for whom thou diddest dye,
Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin,
May live for ever in felicity!*

*And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love Thee for the same againe;
And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst buy,
With love may one another entertayne!
So let us love, deare Love, lyke as we ought,
—Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Pastor Rick +

Lenten Soup Suppers "Dessert Fine".

During Lenten Soup Suppers we imposed a "Dessert Fine". Those who wished to eat dessert during this time of denial were encouraged to put money in the offering plate as a fine for indulging themselves. We are happy to report that **\$181.50** was gathered from that fine to go to our Lenten Special Offering recipient - our local PEACE, Inc. office - to support the work they do in our community. That amount will be added to the money gathered in the Lenten coin boxes and they will be dedicated on Sunday, April 16 during the service.

Moderator Message

It's April and the Church Council has started planning for August which is the last month of the Church's fiscal year. That means planning for the annual report and meeting, identifying a slate of officers and Board members and finalizing the budgeting for the 2023-2024 year. The Annual Meeting is planned for August 6, 2023 at 10:45 AM. Please put this meeting on your calendar now.

As we prepare, we ask that you provide feedback to us about any changes in goals or activities you would like to see. In particular, we are interested in your thoughts on how the church spends its time and resources and how effectively we are keeping you informed about church work and needs. Should you be interested in serving as an elected officer or on any of the Church Boards, let the Pastor know.

Spring Basket Raffle

Church Council and the Boards of the Church are sponsoring a spring basket raffle to raise funds for capital improvement needs. Starting **April 16**, baskets will be displayed in the Riehlman Room with bidding sheets. The winners will be notified on Mother's Day. You do not have to be present to be a winner. Be sure to bid on your favorite basket including Wine and Chocolate, Indulgence, Breakfast, Made in New York, Home Improvement, Family Film Night and Gardening.

TUCC Praise Team

The TUCC Praise Team has been working over the last few months to add a contemporary flair to some of the Sunday worship services. We have been experimenting with a range of instruments, voices, and song choices. Congregational feedback has helped us as we learn how to support worship.

If you want to join us with an instrument or your voice, just let us know. If you have a favorite chorus or praise song, email Cindy and we will add it to our planning. Finally, ALWAYS feel free to join us as we raise our voices in praise.

Zoom Broadcasts Will Continue

The Church will continue to provide Zoom broadcasts of services through 2023. We thank Kim Guttendorf for her unfailing commitment to providing this option. Recently, she uncovered the reason why, on occasion, sound disruption frustrated viewers. The problem has been addressed and for the last few weeks, those tuning in have been pleasantly surprised with the improvement. Please try again if you have given up in frustration.

Also, we continue to look for individuals willing to learn how to set up and manage the weekly Zoom meetings. A bigger group of knowledgeable supporters would allow us more flexibility.

Tully Rotary Citizen of the Year

Tully Rotary Citizen of the Year has selected Larrian Johnston as this year's recipient. Please join Rotary, Tully Action Group and Central NY Land Trust in honoring her many to years of service to the Tully area. Tickets must be purchased by April 20. Celebration will be **Thursday, 5:00 pm, April 27** at Logan's at Orchard Valley. Tickets available at Tully Rotary.com or at the Tully Historical Society

TUCC Chicken BBQ



\$8.00 per Half Chicken - (no sides offered)

Sat, April 22, 2023

11:00am until gone

Tully United Community Church Parking Lot
Meetinghouse Road

Pre-Order at: TUCCchicken@gmail.com
until 6pm on April 21, 2023



Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Ann Sedore

Moderator

Jeff Phelps

Consecration Sunday Chairperson,
Board of Stewards

Spring Clean-up day

Trustees announce the spring clean- up day for TUCC. Workers needed for various small projects on Sunday, May 7 or anytime this spring!

Mother's Day is May, 14th



The Deacons would like to share pictures of Moms. If you have any Pictures (paper or digital) of your Mom or individuals you felt were like your Mom and would like to have them **displayed during Church on Sunday May 14th** please bring them to the office before 12:30 or to worship on Sunday - or you can send digital copies to the church through email: tullyunitedcc@gmail.com and we will display them on the wall during worship.

Letter from Father Carey:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,
In this year of 2023, I will happily celebrate my 83rd Birthday! I also will complete 20 years, of the most meaningful years among you! So, it is time for some other things. In June of 2023 I will seek retirement. Yes, I will still be among you, as I will continue to live in Tully. This is far from an easy venture. Please keep me in your prayers. With deep gratitude and affection.

Fr. Jim Carey

TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON MENU April 2023

60+ - \$3.50 (Delivery - \$4.00)

Under 60 - \$4.00 (Delivery - \$4.50)

April 18

Egg and Olive Salad Sandwich
Salad
Chips
Dessert

April 25

Tomato Basil Soup
Macaroni and Cheese
Dessert

Menu subject to change

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS:

Apr 5th – TK Krom, Apr 9th – Loren “Smiley” Prince, Apr 10th Brian Bartholomew, Apr 11th – Marcia Martin, Apr 12th – Mary Burgett, Amber Kruth, Greg Moore, Apr 16th – Jacquelyn Franke, Apr 19th – Sam Colombo, Apr 23rd -

Bennett Hillenbrand, Sarah Shepherd, Kristen (Thompson) Slater, Apr 24th Tom Kohberger, Apr 28th Barry Lane, Tamara Huyge

May 1st – Pamela Poulin, Brian Cottrell, May 2nd – Tom Currie, May 3rd – David Hatch, Hugh Reed, Robin Miller, May 4th – Michelle Mott Kohberger, May 6th – Abbey Dewey, May 9th – Carrie Burgett

ANNIVERSARIES:

Apr 7th – Steve & Chris Kruth, Apr 14th – Sam & Jaci Colombo, Apr 18th – Michael & Laura Rankin,

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Total

Sunday, 3/19	49
Sunday, 3/26	49
Maundy Thursday, 4/6 (7:00 pm)	35
Good Friday, 4/7 (Noon)	17
Palm Sunday, 4/2	66
Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 am) 4/9	25
Easter Sunday, 4/9 (9:30 am)	79

CONTRIBUTIONS (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday

Total

Sunday, 3/19	\$1,085.00
Sunday, 3/26	\$1,085.00
Palm Sunday, 4/2	\$2,805.00
Easter Sunday, 4/9	\$1,420.00

Prayer and Praise

Prayer Requests:

Shirley & Alan Hungerford – Alan is in hospice after battling cancer for 2 ½ years. Betty Fairchild fell a few weeks ago and was in the hospital but is back in Buckley Senior Residence and doing better. Also, she needs new hearing aids. Rick visited her on 4/6. Pastor Rick visited Linda Cottrell & Joyce West on Good Friday. They send their love to the congregation.



Continue prayers for:

Jud Barker, Linda Barker, Ben- nephew of Marie Kemp, Arthur Brown, Brenda Burns, Betty (Kay Butkus' sister), Joyce Colaboffo, Peter Colombo, Linda Cottrell, Dan Doody, Pam Falge, Carol Fisher, Jake Greiner, Andrea Hall-mother of Anna Frateschi, Tom Homestead Sr, Gerri Jacobus, Michael Jacobs, Rev. Jim Kane, Marie Kemp (Robert's mother), Jim & Jess Kerr- Whitt's sister, Paul Kinny, Teri Krom, Nancy Lajoie, Beth Lattimer, Mandy – Pamela Poulin's niece, Mary- Jim-Kerr Whitt's granddaughter, Rowena & Dick McAdoo, Devin McCuish, Kathleen McFarlane, Heather Nodine, Dick Oliver, Pamela Poulin, Tally Poulin, Linda Reed, Tom & Norma Richards, Leslie Sanderson, Jeremy Simon, Sheryl Sonacchio, Jolie Spaulding, Liz Spaulding, Rusty Spaulding, Mary Thompson & Jamie (Millis) York.

People of Ukraine. The families of the all of the shootings in this country. The earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria. All those affected by the tornadoes in the South.

Joy:

Felix Ross born April 2, 2023 to Bennett Hillenbrand and Cori Fleser and sister Harper.

Ramadan Mubarak -Blessed Ramadan for the Muslim faith – especially for our Kurdish friends in Tully!

Upcoming TLC Recipients are:

Andrea Hall, Joyce West, Patricia Bloodgood, Pat Ehlers

LOOKING AHEAD→

Church Activities

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

April- 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.**

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 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 7:30 p.m. - Choir

Sunday, April 16th – Basket Raffle Kick-off

Saturday, April 22nd – 11:00 am until gone - First 2023 Chicken BBQ



Saturday, April 29th Tully Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 7th – Spring Clean Up Day after Church

Sunday, May 14th – **Mother's Day**

Thursday, May 4th – **Rotary Breakfast 7:00 am**

June 4th – Consecration Sunday

July 9th – First Outdoor Service -Continues through Labor Day

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=WE9kMnhaK2ISS3dFSk51WTI4MUVVQz09>

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.**