

# THE STEPPING-STONE June 14, 2023 Issue



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## From The Pastor – June 2023

We recently added three new members to our church family and we thank God for leading them here!

**Jim Kerr-Whitt** is a retired American Baptist pastor and has been my friend since I came to pastor in Deposit in 1981. He has used his musical talent to direct about a decade of Music Camp at our Baptist Camp Pathfinder and I that's how I got to know him – as a counselor for Music Camp. He has always used that same talent in churches he has served and is now happy to use it in our church as well. Jim recruited Marie Kemp, Kathy Wilt from Port Byron Baptist Church, and me in leading the music at our NYS Baptist Biennial in Canandaigua last October. Since then we have been singing many of the songs that we helped lead there – several of them, songs which he composed! Jim has a deep faith and a heart for helping the Church and our church become the best that God wants us to be in ministry and mission for Jesus Christ.

Kay Butkus was the perfect representative of our congregation when she invited **Claire Jones** to attend our church. Claire has related that she tried several churches but didn't feel them a good fit, but when she came to our church, she felt an immediate affinity to the congregation. Claire was raised in the Presbyterian Church and in later life attended Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia to prepare for pastor ministry. Due to some health problems, she was unable to continue on that track, yet God has used her as supply pastor for several churches – including ours already! Claire has an engaging smile, a quick wit, and a warmth that invites people in to her circle. She's already planning to lead a Bible Study so stay tuned!

Speaking of Bible study, **Beth McCuish**, I think, joined the Bible study the first time she came to our church and she has been attending and participating ever since! Her New England (Massachusetts) accent, along with her winning smile and easy-going presence, have all endeared her to us. Beth was at one time a tour guide in Salem, Mass. So if you are looking for some good ghost stories, just ask her! Beth also has a deep faith and trust in the Lord and prayer and spiritual growth are important to her. Beth lives with her canine children in the yellow house with the blue shutters across from the Post Office and is a bank teller at Tully NBT bank.

Get to know our new members and let them know about you. Find areas of common interest and faith. Like Kay, be ready for those moments that the Holy Spirit provides to invite a friend or acquaintance to church. And pray. This is how we grow.

***“He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.”*** - Ephesians 4:10-14

Peace,

Pastor Rick +

## **Moderator Message**

### **Getting Ready for the Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting is planned for **August 6, 2023 at 10:45 AM**. At this meeting, the Church Council presents a slate of candidates for the Church Officers and for each Church Board.

This year, candidates are needed for both Church Moderator and Church Clerk. The Moderator works closely with the pastor to guide the work of the Boards and Church Council and serves as the Chair for the annual meeting. The Clerk ensures accurate minutes are kept of church meetings, documents are organized and archived, and the annual report is accurate and published.

In addition, new Board members are needed for each Church Board. There is a poster display in the fellowship hall that highlights each Board's contribution. Each is critical to the functioning of TUCC. Please consider investing your energy in the work of one of the following Boards.

The Board of Deacons work closely with the Pastor to create beautiful and meaningful worship experiences for the congregation. Planning for music, fellowship hour, and changing sanctuary design are just a few of the things that this wonderful team supports.

The Board of Mission and Outreach coordinates our support for the local community and every corner of the world needing emergency assistance. This team plans blood drives, school supply collection, food pantry support, community dinners, and multiple special offerings to relieve suffering.

The Board of Christian Education guides and supports learning activities for the babies, children and adults who attend TUCC. The team provides regular outreach to parents raising the babies we baptize, stories and crafts for children attending Sunday Worship, and interesting studies for the curious adult eager to learn more about serving God.

The Board of Trustees ensures that our church building, parsonage, and parking lots are kept in good repair. The team coordinates the regular maintenance needed as well as guiding our long-term planning and investment. Their work enables TUCC to meet the growing community need for meeting rooms and an event site.

The Board of Stewards guides TUCC attendees in using their time, talents, and resources to serve God and our community. The team keeps a watchful eye on Church finances and prayerfully motivates us to be generous throughout the year.

The Personnel Relations Board is responsible for the well-being of our staff members. The teams ensure that TUCC has the appropriate policies and procedures to guide and protect staff, an evaluation process that supports job satisfaction and growth, and communication mechanisms that promote open and honest dialogue.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Rick, Ann Sedore, or the Chair of any of the Boards.

### ***New Consecration Sunday Program***

Our New Consecration Sunday program concluded with Consecration Sunday on June 4. The program 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, Claire Jones provided a moving perspective on this topic. We appreciate all those who participated in the program. We are asking those who were not able to join us to make

their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world by filling out the cards that are mailed to you.

We would like to provide you with a couple of examples of the work of the church and how our church is doing good for God and our community above our worship and teachings.

TUCC provides community space for local community groups like Tully Lake Community, Environmental Groups, Boy/Cub Scouts, Senior Citizens, Weddings, Tully Arts Council, AA, Hear to Learn, English as a second language and many others.

TUCC enhances the community with service programs like Senior Luncheon, Community Dinners, Blood Mobile, Soup Suppers and mission outreach for specific disasters.

The Board of Stewards have decorated the bulletin board going into the fellowship hall with "clouds" of how TUCC celebrates the diversity of gifts and ministers to community needs that we may be a blessing to all who come through our doors. Please check it out. We would like to add to our clouds, so if you have an idea, there are some extra clouds available on the bulletin board or send it to [tullyunitedcc@gmail.com](mailto:tullyunitedcc@gmail.com).

Submitted by Board of Stewards

### Bible/Book Study

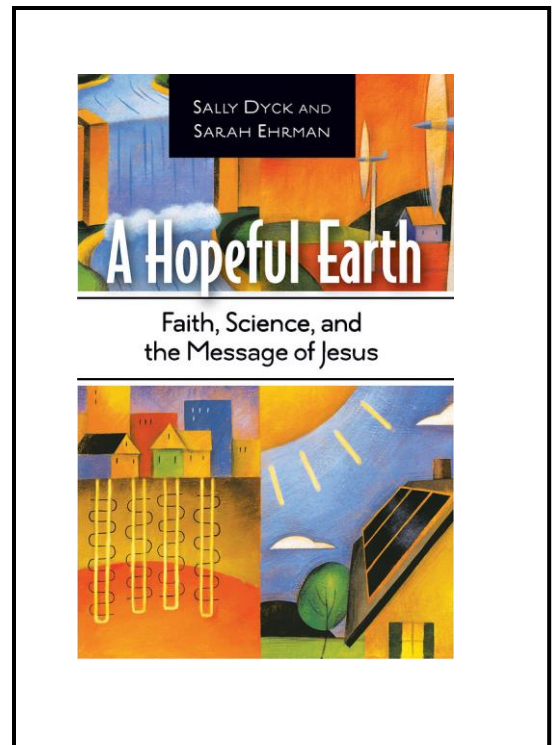
The environment is God's creation and Christians should be at the front of the crowd when it comes to taking care of it. Yet we find ourselves in a creation crisis.

*A Hopeful Earth*, a unique study, draws together the Christian faith of Bishop Sally Dyck and the scientific world of her niece, Sarah Ehrman, to address this crisis. As these two dialogue, readers will find that these sometimes differing worldviews are both crucial to making lasting changes. They'll also discover how the church can reach out to the younger generation by joining them in the race to save the planet.

*A Hopeful Earth* will bridge the gap between Jesus and the environment and guide readers in understanding that living as good stewards of God's creation is a significant component of what it means to follow Jesus.

Our **Bible/Book Study** will begin on **Sunday, July 9** and run for six weeks **until August 13**. The study will take place **after worship** and run until about noon. As we are worshipping outside during the summer, we will have the option of meeting together outside in God's beautiful creation!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Murdock Lounge for those who wish to participate. We suggest \$15 to cover the cost of the book and materials, but you need not pay in order to participate.



# Father's Day is June, 18<sup>th</sup>



If you have any Pictures (paper or digital) of your Dad or individuals you felt were like your Dad and would like to have them **displayed during Church on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>** Please bring/email them to the office by Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> before 12:00.

## Summer Music

The Lafayette Community Concert Band will be at TUCC on **Tuesday, August 15** at 7:30.

Summer Music: There will be four Music in the Park concerts this summer. **Sunday, June 25, Sunday, July 9, 16 and 23.** Come to Cornerstone Park at 6:30 with your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music. Rain venue is at TUCC

## Kings Corner Market

TUCC will be fundraising and visiting with the community at Kings Corner Market on **Tuesdays in August** from 4:00 - 7:00. Nancy Chawgo will schedule bakers and workers for the small sweet breads that we sell and we hope you'll volunteer to sit at the table and visit with others in the community to tell them about our church work. Helpers will be needed to set up and take down the small tent and card tables each week.

## Peter's Weeders

**Wednesday June 28** at 9:30 am During the rest of the summer please feel free to stop and weed any little patch around the church. Peter would appreciate a ride over to help out.



## Congratulations!! To our Tully High School Graduates

- **Amber Brown**- has a 4.0 gpa and is 3<sup>rd</sup> in her class. She will attend West Texas A&M and will study Animal Science
- **Peggy Fraser** - will be attending Ithaca College to study communications

## Reverend James Carey Retirement Reception

Retirement Reception with Light Fare & Desserts, Sunday, **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** The Church of the Nativity at St. Leo's, 10 Onondaga Street, Tully. *Attire is casual. Father kindly requests no gifts. Donations to our local food pantries in his honor would be greatly appreciated.*

**Also, in the Narthex:** There is a basket in it: **Father Carey's Retirement Memory Book:** Please write a retirement message to Father Carey. If you able to attend the Open House, you can bring it with you. If not, please feel free to mail it to: **Memory Book c/o Downes, 1299 Dutch Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159** Or scan and email to: **dhdesign1@verizon.net.**



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## Ride and Run for the Rescue

Our Church has a team in the 'Ride and Run for the Rescue'. this is a major fundraiser for The Rescue Mission in Syracuse. The event is **on July 29**, this year. Our team is, **TUCC Team**. Contact Jaci Colombo, for more information.

## Rotary Manpower Schedule

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

July 6— John Burgett & Lorraine Balmer  
Aug. 3 – Janet Hillenbrand & Sonja Shepherd  
Sept. 7 - Trudy Krewson & Sue Wright  
Oct. 5 – Dave & Nancy Hatch  
Nov. 2 – Ray & Sally Greene  
Dec. 7 – John Burgett & Lorraine Balmer

## Counters Schedule July – September

7/2/23	David Franke	Brad Smith
7/9/23	Kathleen Randall	Lorraine Balmer
7/16/23	Mel Moore	Nancy Chawgo
7/23/23	Nancy Chawgo	David Franke
7/30/23	Lorraine Balmer	Kathleen Randall
8/6/23	Nancy Chawgo	Lorraine Balmer
8/13/23	Kathleen Randall	Nancy Chawgo
8/20/23	Brad Smith	David Franke
8/27/23	Lorraine Balmer	Mel Moore
9/3/23	Nancy Chawgo	Lorraine Balmer
9/10/23	Kathleen Randall	Brad Smith
9/17/23	Mel Moore	David Franke
9/24/23	Lorraine Balmer	Nancy Chawgo

**TABS TABS TABS**

We continue to collect can tabs to help with equipment, supplies, and transportation needs for patients at the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Boston. Small and large tabs from pet food, vegetables, soups, and beverages can be placed in the large jar located in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall (either on the shelf, cart, or high chair tray). The tabs TUCC collects are taken to the Shriner's Office in Solvay for shipment to Boston. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH TUESDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON MENU  
June 2023**

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

**June 20**

Taco Salad  
Nacho Chips and Salsa  
Lemon Cookies

**June 27**

Mini Turkey Subs  
Potato Salad  
Fresh Strawberry Shortcake

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day- No Luncheon**

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:**

Jun 11- Karrie Cottrell, Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – Lorraine Balmer, Jun 14<sup>th</sup> – Bill Dewey, Jun 16<sup>th</sup> – Sara Kruth Breitzka, Christian Scalza, Ruth Fish Cooper, Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Shore, Robert Cooper, Sr., Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Cameron Allen Downey, Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Janice Wimmersberger, Jun 24<sup>th</sup> – Glenn Cameron, Jun 25<sup>th</sup> – Amy Burgett, Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – Katie Spaulding, Jun 30<sup>th</sup> – Kim Cameron,

Jul 1<sup>st</sup> – Jolie Pfeffer, Jul 2<sup>nd</sup> – Donna George, Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tom Berg, Andrew Cook, Jr., Aiden Brown, Jul 6<sup>th</sup>- Jan Kublick, Andrea Mariani, Horan Burgett, Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – Paula Thompson, Steve Kruth, Jul 9<sup>th</sup> – Ann Carlsen, , Jul 10<sup>th</sup> – Lydia Aris-Brown, Jul 11<sup>th</sup> – Pam Downey

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Phelps & Sharon Trerise, Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Dan & Larrian Johnston, Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – John & Cathy Burgett, David & Nancy Hatch, Jun 27<sup>th</sup> – Robert & Ruth Fish Cooper,

Jul 6<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Kay Butkus, Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – Mel & Betsy Moore

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE****Total**

Sunday, 5/14 (Mother's Day)	66
Sunday, 5/21 (Laurie Currie Memorial)	97
Sunday, 5/28 (Memorial Day Weekend)	61
Sunday, 6/4 (Consecration Sunday)	69
Sunday, 6/11 (Graduation)	75

**CONTRIBUTIONS** (Sunday Offering and Loose Offering) for Sunday**Total**

Sunday, 5/14	\$1,503.00
Sunday, 5/21	\$3,505.00
Sunday, 5/28	\$ 670.00
Sunday, 6/4	\$4,595.00
Sunday, 6/11	\$2,375.00

**Prayer and Praise****Prayer Requests:**

Pastor Jim Austin's wife, Michelle, died unexpectedly in her sleep last weekend. Sandy Burgett had surgery. Bradley Perry (Lorraine Balmer's grandson) and the rest of the Wells college baseball team. Jared Strait-the pitching coach died in a car accident. Dick McAdoo moved to Colorado. Ricky Hillenbrand, nephew of Janet Hillenbrand, has a new diagnosis of lymphoma. The United Methodist Church is undergoing the stress of so many churches disaffiliating and/or closing-including 4 closures and 35 churches disaffiliating in the Upper NY Conference announced and voted on at Annual Conference.



Marie Kemp (Rob's mother) died Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 91 years of age. Calling hours: Wed, Jun 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00 pm Buranich Funeral Home. Funeral: Thurs, Jun 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am Holy Trinity Lutheran, Skaneateles.

**Continue prayers for:**

Valerie Aris, Jud Barker, Linda Barker, Ben- nephew of Marie Kemp, Sue Bickelhaupt, Sara Bowling- David Franke's sister, Arthur Brown, Janet Brown, Brenda Burns, Jim Butkus, David Choate, Shirley Coffin, Joyce Colaboffo, Peter Colombo, Linda Cottrell, Dan Doody, Betty Fairchild, Pam Falge, Carol Fisher, Anna Friedberg, Jake Greiner, Andrea Hall-mother of Anna Frateschi, Tom Homestead Sr, Gerri Jacobus, Michael Jacobs, Rev. Jim Kane, 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, Devin McCuish, Kathleen McFarlane, Heather Nodine, Dick Oliver, Pamela Poulin, Tally Poulin, Hugh Reed, Linda Reed, Tom & Norma Richards, Leslie Sanderson, Jeremy Simon, Sheryl Sonacchio, Jolie Spaulding, Liz Spaulding, Rusty Spaulding, Steve- Sue Wright's son-in-law, Brenda Stoker, Mary Thompson, Joyce West & Jamie (Millis) York.

People of Ukraine. The families of the all of the shootings in this country.

**Upcoming TLC Recipients are:**

**Joyce West, Patricia Bloodgood, Pat Ehlers, Lura Rouse**

## 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



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**Wednesday, Jun 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** Peter's Weeders

**Saturday, Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>** A **concert is being planned** with Lana Stafford (flute) and her partner, Nick (organ and trombone) Keep watch for time and concert particulars!

**Sunday, starting Jun 25 – Jul 23** – Music in the Park concerts at 6:30 pm

**Sunday, Jul 9<sup>th</sup>** – First Outdoor Service -Continues through Labor Day

**Sunday, Jul 9<sup>th</sup> – Aug 13<sup>th</sup>** – after worship Bible/Book Study begins

**Saturday, Jul 29<sup>th</sup>** – Ride and Run for the Rescue

**Tuesdays in August at 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm** Kings Corner Market

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** Lafayette Community Concert Band at TUCC

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am** Annual Meeting

### 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=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](http://tullychurch.org).**

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