

STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

FEBRUARY 2023 – NEWSLETTER



FROM THE COUNTRY PASTOR Kyle Scheideman

THANK YOU!!

Dear Stull Community of Faith Family:

With glad and grateful hearts, we, (Sherri, Abby, and I) want to thank you for your kindness and generosity as we begin and celebrate the New Year!

It is a high calling and privilege to serve our Lord and you, His people, as the pastor of Stull Community of Faith. Your encouragement in this work means the world to me. I rejoice at God's work in and through you. With that in mind, echoing the words of the Apostle Paul concerning one of his beloved churches, we ask, "For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God" ([1 Thessalonians 3:9](#))? It is hard to express all we feel for you as our church family.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve and grow together as a church family. My intent is to be faithful to the calling and to do all I can to please the One who called me into this journey called ministry.

We celebrate New Year's as a new beginning every year. This year New Year's Day and Epiphany was the same day. We celebrate Epiphany as the coming of the wise men or magi. They were people that we know nothing about except they kind of materialized out of nowhere, brought gifts and disappeared. We only know the gifts they brought. We do know that they found Jesus in a house, meaning that He was older, not a newborn, perhaps as much as two years old. Why they came can only be described as a revelation of God. They knew the prophecies enough to follow the star, and when they arrived, they worshiped Jesus. God in His grace opened their eyes to something His own people did not see.

Wise men still seek Him today, so the familiar phrase says. In all the world there are only two kinds of people: those who are fools and those who are wise, those who believe and those who choose not to.

It says, "they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). The amazing part is that they knew He was worthy of worship. They knew He was the newborn King. They offered Him their treasures.

How much do you know about Him? Is He worthy of your worship? Would you surrender your treasures to Him? It is truly wise to do so. He is worthy.

This may be the year for you to come to the realization that He is worthy of your worship and treasures. There is profound wisdom in placing Him first in your life, giving Him your all. He

will change you and change your priorities so that you become truly wise. They were changed. The magi went home another way, physically but also spiritually. They had encountered the Christ.

God bless you.
Your pastor,
Pastor Kyle

Mar-Lan continues towards completion on the restoration of the church. Our new metal roof is being installed, the pews have all been re-varnished, returned, and reinstalled to the sanctuary, all interior painting has been completed, new pew cushions are on order, and new technology is being installed.

There is still no set date for our return to the sanctuary for worship.

We will no longer be streaming our worship services on our church Facebook live beginning January 1st, 2023. We will be sharing the sermons on YouTube as well as on our church podcast. You can find both links to these media sources on our website www.stullcoff.com

We will be hosting an all-church campus open house upon completion of the fire restoration. Please check our Facebook page and website for details to be coming.

Updated facility rental guidelines can be found on our church website. If you are interested in utilizing our church buildings for your personal use and/or an organization you belong to, please reach out to Brenna 785-887-6605 or Linda 785-887-6255 for scheduling.

Lent Study on Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws. Please let Pastor Kyle (785-633-5566) or Carolyn (785-925-0190) know if you want to attend. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 – 6:30 pm F&FC. There is no cost for the book.

From Birth to Resurrection in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

We have established a fire relief fund to help cover any costs we encounter that insurance does not. If you would like to donate to our fire fund, please write check to: Stull Community of Faith, with fire relief in the memo line. C/O Mary Shultz, 462 N 1600 Road, Lawrence, KS 66049; or send to the Stull Community of Faith, 1596 E 250 Road, Lecompton, KS 66050.

OFFERINGS:

We offer a variety of options for the Church to receive your offerings:

1. Use the offering plate that is currently on the table inside the door of the Faith & Friendship Center being used to enter for worship on Sundays.
2. Mail your check to the church (1596 E 250 Road, Lecompton, KS 66050) or to Mary Shultz, Financial Secretary, 462 N 1600 Road, Lawrence, KS 66049.
3. Contact either Jane Edmonds (785-224-3849) or Mary (785-331-7326) to make arrangements for pick-up of your offering.
4. Contact your financial institution and direct them to send a check to the Church (use mailing address of 1596 E 250 Road, Lecompton, KS 66050). This service is usually free to you and the church and can be set up as a recurring payment.

Please make all checks payable to “STULL COMMUNITY OF FAITH.”

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Monthly reports are generated prior to the monthly Administration Team meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month. If anyone would like to receive those reports, please send your request to either Jane Edmonds or Mary Shultz.

JOYS: Robin & Jane Edmonds 50th Anniversary Celebration – Stull Faith & Friendship Center – February 4, 2023 – 2-4pm. Come and Help them Celebrate or send a card to 330 N 1250 Rd, Berryton, Ks 66409. Jim & Mary celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary.

Prayers: Prayers for the Strobel family, Jim and Kylie as Kylie continues to heal after foot surgery, Olive Mitchell (our 2022 Valentine benefit honoree) who is battling chronic GVHD (graft vs host disease) after her blood marrow transplant in March 2022,

Thanks to those volunteers who assisted with our rural mobile distribution this month. The weather was a little chilly and the ground a little slick underfoot. We served over 145 families with many perishable produce items!

Our 20th Annual Valentine’s Benefit Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 6pm in the Faith and Friendship Center. All donations and monies raised will benefit LifeHouse in Topeka. LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center helps child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse & child witnesses to other violent crimes. LifeHouse is a nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center that has been serving child victims of crime since 1999. LifeHouse also provides comfort bags and has an emergency clothing closet onsite. Children often need hygiene items and clothing due to financial difficulties or neglect. A child may also have been rescued directly from a crime scene without needed necessities. We will be serving pork loin, cheesy potato, green bean, dinner roll, tossed salad, white and chocolate cake meal. Cost is \$15 per person – children 4 and under free. RSVP is requested to Carolyn at 785-925-0190 or Brenna at 785-887-6605 by Tuesday, February 7th. Checks may also be mailed to: Stull C of F, 1596 E 250 Rd, Lecompton, KS 66050

Receive the newsletter via e-mail and get news faster, give Carolyn a call at 925-0190 or email cwulfkuhle@lpa-s.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Feb 4th 2-4 pm 50th Anniversary Celebration for Robin and Jane Edmonds in the F&FC.
Feb 6th, 7-8:30pm Community Cupboard and The Closet open in the FFC for anyone in need of these services.
- Feb 11th, 6pm Annual Valentine's benefit dinner (see info) Call Carolyn 785-925-0190 or Brenna 785-887-6605 for reservations.
- Feb 16th, 7-8:30pm Community Cupboard and The Closet open in the FFC for anyone in need of these services.
- Feb 20th, 6:30pm Administrative Team meeting in the F&FC.
Feb 22nd, 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the F&FC.
Feb 23rd, 12-1pm Harvesters rural mobile on the church campus to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need. First come, first serve.
- Mar 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 6:30pm – A small group study on Luke will be held in the F&C (see info).
- Mar 2nd, 7-8:30pm Community Cupboard and The Closet open in the FFC for anyone in need of these services.
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- Apr 2nd, 11am Palm Sunday worship service.
Apr 6th, 6:30pm Maundy Thursday service will be held.
Apr 9th,
11 am - Sunrise service with details forthcoming
Easter worship service
April 8th, July 18th, and October 17th, 5-7pm---Third Tuesday community meal night will be served on these dates. Dine-in or carry-out will be available.



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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8