

# STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

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## January 2025 – NEWSLETTER

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes

Dear Stull Community of Faith Family,

With 2024 now behind us, we’re entering a milestone year—2025—a number which tells us we’re a quarter of the way through this century. Will 2025 prove to be notable for other reasons? As always, predictions vary widely, and it always seems easier to project negative trends than it is to predict positive ones. As a new administration took over the West Wing this past Monday, I’ll reflect a bit in this week’s sermon *Release to the Captives*, from Luke 4:14-21, we can surely expect some turbulence, but how much and in what areas of our common life? Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) and quantum computing tools will roll out at an increasingly rapid pace, making life either significantly easier to cope with or exponentially more difficult to manage, depending on one’s point of view. Climate challenges, human-on-human violence, these will all be in the mix.

Most certainly, life in 2025 will bring new highs and lows to our individual journeys and human journeys. So, we pray: *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.* In all of this, what role will faith play for us? The quotation below from James Kay has become a centering one for me in recent years:

*“If the future were not the promise of Jesus Christ but the predictable outcome of present trends, despair would overwhelm us,” writes Kay. But the message we cling to as people of faith is that “we can never take our own projections more seriously than God’s promises.”*

All manner of things—good, bad, and in between—will unfold for us in 2025. To weather it all, we must remind ourselves—and each other—that we are companioned by a Lord who will not leave or forsake us. Yes, we put our trust in the crucified and risen One, who will accompany us come hell or highwater, all the way through the alley!

For everything there is a season. And for us who hold Jesus, crucified and risen, as our Lodestar, each season, whatever its content, is laden with hope. Not a hope based on optimism in human abilities or achievements, but a hope invested in him whom death itself could not hold captive. As this new year begins it is with Jesus Christ that we plant our stake in the ground.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Kyle

Pastor Kyle has established standing office hours in his office in the Faith and Friendship Center on Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30ish. He is also available to meet with people at any time as needed; just give him a call.

You can watch our 11am Sunday worship services on YouTube on Sunday evenings of each week. Visit [www.stullcoff.com](http://www.stullcoff.com), click on multi-media tab in the menu across the top third of the page, click on You Tube on the left side of that page; you will be taken to each week's service.

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Valentine's benefit dinner is coming up on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm; the Shawnee Heights orchestra will be providing entertainment; please read the attached flyer for additional details.

Set out below are the 2024-year end finance figures for the Church. We still are falling short in our offerings to make our monthly expenses. We do take monthly draws from our investment account so all expenses are paid. We know it is God's plan to have us remain vibrant and continue to do all of the good work we do to act as his disciples.

**YEAR TO DATE 4th QUARTER FINANCE REPORT (through December, 2024)**

TOTAL OFFERINGS:	\$ 62,260.40
OTHER DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY CUPBOARD:	\$ 2,456.50
TOTAL OTHER DONATIONS	\$ 7,451.91
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$117,251.45
TOTAL NONBUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 10,560.26
TOTAL REMAINING ON 2024 BUDGET:	\$ 7,498.55

Don't hesitate to talk with Jane Edmonds or Mary Shultz should you have any questions or concerns or want information on the various options for sending in your tithes.

**INTERESTED** in a Lenten Bible Study – Please contact Carolyn 785-925-0190 or email to [cwulfsuhle@lpa-s.com](mailto:cwulfsuhle@lpa-s.com).

Want to receive the newsletter via e-mail and also get special newsletters, please contact Carolyn at 785-925-0190 or [cwulfsuhle@lpa-s.com](mailto:cwulfsuhle@lpa-s.com). Help save a tree and postage.

**'WIPE OUT'**----The Community Cupboard is doing a paper drive, as it is need of paper products! We are one of the few pantries in the county to offer personal hygiene items to our clientele, which is greatly appreciated. We have a **HUGE** need for paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissues especially as we have hit the cold/flu season. Please leave your items on the table in the church basement or at the back of the sanctuary. If you'd prefer to do a drop off, contact Brenna @ 887-6605 or Mary @ 331-7326 to schedule a time.

Our annual Pancake Fundraiser was another **success** this year! There have been great reviews coming in on the Aretha Frankenstein pancake mix and sausages from Lone Pine Farms. To date, we have raised approximately \$3,000 with more to come. The funds will go towards painting the walls in the Faith & Friendship Center. **Thanks** to all who donated their time, efforts & cooking skills to make this event so much fun & a great community event.

Many **thanks** to everyone who helped to clear and shovel snow in the parking lot and walkways already for this year!

**Thanks**, from the Hartman and the Pauli families for the love and support shown to them in the passing of Calvin and Jim, respectively.

**PRAYERS:** Judy Wulfschuhle, Jim Jackson, and those in our hearts needing prayers.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Jan 29th, 9:30 am      Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Feb 5th, 9:30am      Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Feb 6th, 6:30-7:30pm      Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
- Feb 12th, 9:30 am      Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Feb 15th                      **VALENTINE BENEFIT DINNER** for Peter Vincent; RSVP by February 10th to Brenna or Carolyn (see attached flyer for more information).
- Feb 17th – 7pm              Administrative Team meeting held in the F&FC.
- Feb 19th – 9:30 am      Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Feb 20th, 6:30-7:30pm      Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
- Feb 26th, - 9:30 am      Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Feb 27th, 10-11 am      Harvesters Rural Mobile distribution is in the church parking lot to Distribute perishable food items to anyone in need of these services.  
NOTE TIME CHANGE!!
- Mar 5th – 9:30 am      Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Mar 6th, 6:30-7:30pm      Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
- Mar 30th -12pm              5th Sunday potluck with a. Chili Cook Off competition- Bring your pot of chili to enter. Don’t want to enter Cook Off, bring a dish to share. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card from Lone Pine Farms donated by Wayne Conger.
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm              Quarterly Community Meal night with lasagna, bread, green beans, tossed salad and homemade desserts on the menu. Dine-in or carry-out is available. Donations accepted for local church mission and ministry projects.

## FEBRUARY

**Be Present.**

**Let the day flow with grace.**

**Expect joy, Be positive.**

**Serve with compassion.**

**Speak only kindness.**

**Impart only love.**

**Never forget you're not alone.**

**Give thanks for everything.**

**See goodness in others.**



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God's love is the greatest gift we can share with everyone.