

STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

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JULY 2024 – NEWSLETTER

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

At some point in our lives, most of us will need someone to speak on our behalf. Be it as a defenseless child, an unwell adult, an accident victim, or being accused of something, we need an advocate. In those times of vulnerability, being unable to say or do what's needed to assist or release us, an advocate who intercedes on our behalf becomes our savior.

Advocates can be drawn from family, friends, work colleagues, or legal representatives. Regardless of who it is, there is one thing they all have in common; they speak and act in our defense. They set about achieving a beneficial result we cannot accomplish for ourselves. Consequently, they often become our heroes.

Dealing with grief doesn't have a playbook that works for every person and especially not every profession. Pastors, by trade, deal with grief more than most because of their congregations. Because pastors deal with grief, and may have even studied it, they do know some of the answers.

Loss is never easy, but learning about the normal, necessary process of grief and mourning can help. Here at the Stull Community of Faith, it's our mission to support grieving people and grief caregivers.

Beginning in early September, I will be starting a Death Grief /Bereavement Support Group as the facilitator. I am proud to have earned a Death & Grief Studies Certification from The Center for Loss and Life Transition in Ft. Collins, Colorado. The course included five separate seminars that discussed death, mourning and how to help families transition through these stages. I recently completed Dr. Wolfelt's Companioning in Special Circumstances: Exploring the Hope & Healing Series.

The courses were taught by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D., an author, educator, and grief counselor. The Center was founded in 1983 as a private organization dedicated to furthering the understanding of grief.

Grief, often the most profound form of sorrow, demands the support and compassion of our fellow human beings. Since the beginning of time, people have come together in times of grief to help one another. Grief support groups provide an opportunity for this kind of care and support. This support group will be a more soulful, holistic model of what it means to help someone in grief. It will be a "companioning" model of bereavement care. Of course, we will explore the Art of Companioning much more in depth during our time together.

The support group will meet for twelve consecutive weeks in the Faith and Friendship Center at the Stull Community of Faith Church.

Please watch for further postings and information on the Stull Community of Faith website at StullCoFF.com.

So, welcome. This is a safe place for you to learn and feel supported.

July Blessings,
Pastor Kyle

You can watch our 11am Sunday worship services on YouTube on Sunday evenings of each week. Visit 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 weeks service, click on the service date you'd like to watch.

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 folks at any time as needed; just give him a call.

Our Church believes that offerings are not linked to what we earn. Christians give them to express thanks, give praise &/or to show our love for God.

There are several options available for making those offerings to the Church, including using a QR code for electronic giving. Monthly reports are generated by our financial treasurer Jane Edmonds and financial secretary Mary Shultz and are available upon request. They include all bank account balances and the budget report. Don't hesitate to talk with Jane or Mary if you have questions or would like additional information.

The Community Cupboard and the Closet will **NOT** be open on Thursday, July 4th due to the Independence Day holiday!!!

Please mark your calendar for two musical concerts we have coming up. One will be Saturday, September 21st with Becky Lercher and the other will be Sunday, December 1st with Vanessa Thomas. You can check their respective websites out at www.beckylерcher.com and www.vanessathomassings.com.

The newsletter **will not** be published on the 28th of July or the 25th of August. We will have a combination newsletter published on the 11th of August. You can always check out website www.stullcoff.com for a calendar of events.

Congratulations to the Drew and Haley Sumner family who welcomed Rhett Owen into the world on June 3rd! Paxton and Allison are the proud older brother and sister. Everyone is doing well.

We extend **thanks** to the Central United Methodist Church for their donation of fabric, thread, a sewing machine, ironing board, and iron. These items will all be utilized at our Blanket of Blessing sewing ministry days.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Jun 26th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Jun 27th, 12-1pm Harvesters Rural Mobile in the church parking lot to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Jul 3rd, 9:30am Wednesday morning ‘Muggers’ meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.

Jul 4th **COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AND CLOSET
WILL NOT BE OPEN DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.**

- Jul 10th, 9:30am Wednesday morning ‘Muggers’ meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Jul 15th, NO Administrative Team Meeting this month.
- Jul 17th, 9:30 am Wednesday morning ‘Muggers’ meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Jul 18th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.
- Jul 24th, 9:30am Wednesday morning ‘Muggers’ meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Jul 25th, 12-1pm Harvesters Rural Mobile in the church parking lot to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Jul 28th, NO JULY NEWSLETTER.
- Jul 31st, 9:30am Wednesday morning ‘Muggers’ meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Aug 1st, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.
- Aug 7th, 9:30am Wednesday morning ‘Muggers’ meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Aug 11th **JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED**
- Aug 15th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.
- Aug 19th, 7pm Administrative Team Meeting.

- Sep 4th, 7-9pm Grief Support Group starts for 12 weeks on Wednesday evenings in the Faith & Friendship Center. (see pastor Kyle article)
- Sep 21st, 6pm Fall Family Festival held on the church campus with musical entertainment. provided by Becky Lercher. Please bring a covered dish or two to share and your lawn chairs.
- Oct 15th, 5-7pm Ham and Beans Community Meal served dine-in or carry-out. (Brats will also be served).
- Oct 27th, 4-5pm Trunk or Treat on the church campus. All ghosts and goblins in the community are encouraged to attend.
- Dec 1st, 4pm Celebrating the Christmas season with a musical concert by Vanessa Thomas in the church sanctuary.

An Independence Day Prayer

Lord on July 4th we celebrate
Independence Day in our nation
You gave us the truth to set us free.
You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

I thank you for the brave soldiers,
Who gave their lives to keep us free
They gave their ultimate sacrifice
For freedom for Americans like me.

We thank you for the precious freedom
That we have in our nation today,;
We know this country's not perfect
But we honor our nation, the USA

As we shoot fireworks and celebrate
With patriotic concerts and parades,
We thank you for all your blessings
And you great love that never fades.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers,
Who for freedom took a brave stand,
Many placed their very lives in peril
To start a free country in a new land.

As we gather with our loved ones
For picnics and barbecues and fun,
We want to thank you for everything,
Especially for sending your only son!
By Margaret Cagel



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May the blessings of freedom shower upon you and your loved ones.