

STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

1596 E 250 Rd, Lecompton, Ks 66050

November 2024 – NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

As we continue through November, a month known for Thanksgiving Day, I'm reminded that one day simply isn't enough to express the fullness of our gratitude. While Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with loved ones, enjoy a feast, and reflect on our blessings, God calls us to live a life of continual thanks.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul encourages us: "*Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*" These three short verses offer a powerful roadmap for how we can shape our lives—not just on the fourth Thursday of November, but every day.

Gratitude isn't just a one-day event; it's a posture of the heart. Giving thanks daily allows us to recognize God's presence in every part of our lives, even in the mundane or challenging moments. By rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks continually, we are reminded of the ways God has blessed us—far more than we could ever capture in a single day.

Each day let's set aside intentional time to reflect on the blessings God has given us. They might be big—like health, family, or the beauty of creation—or small, like the joy of a quiet morning or a kind word from a friend. Whether life feels full of abundance or marked by difficulty, there is always something to thank God for.

Here's how you can join the journey:

- **Daily Reflection:** Set aside a moment each day—during your morning coffee or evening prayers—to name one specific thing you're thankful for.
- **Gratitude Journal:** Keep a journal this month, writing down your daily thanks. It's amazing how God's blessings add up when we pay attention!
- **Share Your Thanks:** Consider sharing your gratitude with someone else. Send a note, make a phone call, or offer a prayer of thanks for those who have impacted your life.

On Thanksgiving Day, many of us will gather around tables overflowing with food, laughter, and love. But let's remember that the spirit of thanksgiving doesn't end when the leftovers are packed away. As Paul reminds us, we are called to give thanks *in every situation*, all year long. Whether life is easy or hard, God is always at work, and gratitude opens our eyes to His grace.

I challenge you to take part in this journey of Thanks. Let this season be a time of deepened joy, increased awareness of God's goodness, and strengthened faith as we count our blessings and thank the Giver of all good gifts.

In Christ's peace and with a thankful heart,

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, 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.

God has blessed us with congregants who care deeply about the financial stability of our church operation. While we strive to always be prudent with our spending, we are still short on deposits to cover the monthly expenses. On the bright side, our bills are paid and there is a positive balance in our accounts. We do not want anyone to think their contributions are not needed or appreciated. We will continue to pray for these blessings. 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.

YEAR TO DATE 3rd QUARTER FINANCE REPORT (through September 2024)

TOTAL OFFERINGS:	\$41,118.95
OTHER DONATIONS:	\$ 5,970.11
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$52,673.64
TOTAL NONBUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$10,560.26
TOTAL REMAINING ON BUDGET:	\$41,700.99

There will be NO HARVESTER RURAL MOBILE in NOVEMBER, as our normal delivery date hits Thanksgiving and Harvesters cannot get us an alternate date.

Starting in 2025, our Harvesters Rural Mobile delivery will remain on the 4th Thursdays, however the TIME of DISTRIBUTION is CHANGING to 10-11 am!!

Hanging of the Greens will be Friday, November 29th at 10am in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand as we decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Have heard there will be SWEET TREATS shared, and many hands make light work!

We invite everyone to join us on December 8th at 4pm for our 'Songs of the Season' concert by our worship leader, Vanessa Thomas. (see attached flyer).

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:

Our annual pancake fundraiser has been set for January 25, 2025, from 7:30-10AM. We are getting things organized and will have signup sheets for helpers in the kitchen. We are also looking for donations for the craft and bazaar table so think about what you'd like to donate! We plan to do the set-up on Friday evening, January 24 starting at 5PM.

If you are cleaning out your closet and have gently used coats/jackets looking for a home, The Closet would welcome these donations. Reach out to Brenna or Mary or email us @ info@stullcoff.com to arrange a drop off time.

If you would like to join us in the Advent Study – On the Way to Bethlehem, starting November 26th. Please let Carolyn (785-925-0190) know.

We have received many **thanks** for our fall care packages shared with community shut ins. **Thanks** to everyone who had a hand in getting those delivered.

We are thankful for those in the church family that assisted with keeping our church yard mowed and maintained this year. If you would be interested in assisting with snow removal on the church campus, please contact Mark @ 785-887-6605.

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.

PRAYERS: Pete Maxon for healing from recent back surgery, Kylie Jackson for a medication change, Misty for medical procedures.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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| Nov 26 th , 7pm | Advent Bible Study – On the Way to Bethlehem – Rome A Place of Longing. |
| Nov 27 th , 9:30am | Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can. |
| Nov 28 th , | HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! |
| | NO HARVESTERS RURAL MOBILE |
| Nov 29 th , 10am | Hanging of the Greens with everyone welcome to assist as we prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent season. There will be sweet treats!! |
| Dec 2 nd , 7pm | Administrative Team Meeting held in the F&FC. |
| Dec 3 rd , 7 pm | Advent Bible Study – On the Way to Bethlehem -Jerusalem, A Place of Waiting. |
| Dec 4 th , 9:30am | Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can. |
| Dec 5 th , 6:30-7:30pm | Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church Basement for anyone in need of this ministry. |
| Dec 6 th , 6:50pm | For King and Country Christmas Concert in theater in Lawrence, |
| Dec 8 th , 4pm | ‘Celebrating Music of the Season’ is a musical concert by Vanessa Thomas, our worship leader. Light refreshments will be served. You can check out Vanessa voice on her website: vanessathomassings.com . (see flyer). |
| Dec 10 th , 7pm | Advent Bible Study – On the Way to Bethlehem – Nazareth, A Place of Simplicity. |
| Dec 15, 4pm | “Blue Christmas’ program hosted by Pastor Kyle with lighting of candles to remember loved ones who have passed onward to their Heavenly home. |
| Dec 17 th . 7pm | Advent Bible Study – On the Way to Bethlehem – Bethlehem A Place of Humility. |
| Dec 24 th , 6pm | Christmas Eve Service is held in the sanctuary with music, a message, and Candlelight. |
| Dec 25 th , | HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!! |

- Dec 26th, 12-1pm Harvesters Rural Mobile food distribution is in the church parking lot to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need of these services.
- Dec 31, NO MUGGERS
- Jan 2nd, 6:40-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
- Jan 8th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning “Muggers” meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever possible.
- Jan 23rd, 10-11am Harvesters Rural Mobile Food Distribution in the church parking lot to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need of these services.
NOTE TIME CHANGE!!
- Jan 25th, 7:30-10am Annual Pancake and Sausage Fundraiser will be held, along with bake sale and bazaar.



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The best attitude is gratitude. There's always something to be thankful for.