



Serving Together, Utilizing the Lord's Love, Creating Faithful Followers of Christ

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WELCOME to the new format of our monthly newsletter! We will be using a new email system to send out the newsletter each month. We welcome your input.

THE PASTOR'S PEN

My friends at Stull Coff,

Last month, on the fifth Sunday, Sherri and I were part of the 5th Sunday potluck where our community of faith brought dishes to share. Looking along the line of food, the variety was impressive and indicative of the variety of the people: different careers, different stages of life, etc. It reminded me of the many church potlucks and fellowship meals I've been at throughout my life.

As we move into autumn and prepare for World Communion Sunday on October 4th, we celebrate an "open table." We believe Holy Communion is not a reward for those who have everything figured out, but a vital means of grace for everyone who seeks Christ. The Lord's Supper is both a converting and sustaining ordinance—a place where God's grace meets us in our hunger and fills us with divine love.

When we approach the altar or our own kitchen tables with open hands, we step into a sacred story. Jesus spent a remarkable amount of his ministry around tables: breaking bread with tax collectors, sharing meals with Pharisees, feeding thousands on grassy hillsides, and washing his disciples' feet in an upper room. His table was never restrictive; it was expansive.

In many ways, sitting face-to-face across a table restores something essential in us. Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke once noted how advanced technology could connect the far corners of the world yet still leave individuals feeling utterly isolated. Passing a dish to someone sitting across from you forces us to slow down, look one another in the eye, and experience authentic community.

As we enter this season of harvest and gathering, here are three simple ways we can practice "table grace" with open hands:

Pulling up a chair with you,
Pastor Kyle

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We are looking yet for a worship leader to join our praise team for our Sunday services. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please have them email us at info@stullcoff.com for additional details.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our offerings to the church is a powerful act of faith that goes beyond supporting our church buildings and ministries. Returning our income to God is a physical expression of trust, acknowledging that everything we have belongs to Him.

There are several options available for giving, including the collection plates at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays, using our QR code, or sending by mail. If you have any questions, just talk with Jane or Mary. Monthly financial reports are available upon request to Jane or Mary.

NEWS ITEMS

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Make sure you have our ham 'n' bean supper on your calendar for October 24th from 5-7pm. Menu includes: ham 'n' beans, vegetable beef soup, cornbread, and brownies. Heartland Community Health Care will be on-site Saturday, October 24th from 5-7pm to offer vaccinations and check blood pressure. They will file all needed paperwork for your insurance. If you have questions or certain needs, please email us at info@stullcoff.com.

Want to have a trunk at TRUNK or TREAT on October 25th? Email us at info@stullcoff.com and we will add you to our list with set-up beginning at 3:30pm.

Many thanks are given to those who have helped with the mowing of the churchyard this year!

Do you have gently used extra coats or jackets taking up space in your closets? Please consider donating them to the church's Clothing Closet. We accept coats in sizes from youth to adult. Email us at info@stullcoff.com or contact Brenna 785-887-6605 or Mary 785-331-7326 to arrange a drop off time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim and Kylie Jackson, Wayne Conger, Sharon Dwyer healing after shoulder surgery, Jenny (Michele Best's friend) battling liver issues, Kathy Stammer (Jennifer Monroe's mom) battling cancer again, and the Dickerson family in the loss of their son.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1st, 6:30-7:30pm---Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.

October 7th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.

October 14th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.

October 15th, 6:30-7:30pm---Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.

October 18th, noon---All church annual meeting with potluck followed by business meeting and elections of financial secretary and ministry chair.

October 19th, 7pm---Administrative team meeting held in the FFC

October 21st, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.

October 22nd, 10-11am---Harvesters Rural Mobile food distribution will be held in the church parking lot distributing perishable items to anyone in need.

October 24th, 5-7pm---Ham It Up with Pastor Kyle; ham 'n' beans, cornbread, brownies will be served dine-in or carry-out. Donations accepted for local church ministry projects. Heartland Community Health Care will also be on-site giving vaccinations and doing blood pressure checks.

October 25th, 4-5pm---Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot for any youth in the community.

October 28th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.

November 1st, noon---Blankets of Blessing will be made immediately following worship service and a shared lunch. EVERYONE is welcome!

We will provide pizza for lunch but bring a snack to share. You do not need to know how to sew as there are many steps that go into the making and completion of a blanket. These blankets are blessed and prayed over and shared with folks in our local community, LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center in Topeka, and Baby Jays Legacy of Hope.

November 4th, 9:30am---Muggers meets in the FFC for conversation, warm drinks, and sometimes a snack. EVERYONE is welcome to stop in.

November 5th, 6:30-7:30pm---Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.

November 8th, 4pm---Becky Lercher will share her musical gifts in our sanctuary. Light snacks will be available and a love offering will be collected for Becky.