

STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

1596 E 250 Rd, Lecompton, KS 66050

SEPTEMBER 2024 – NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

As we wind down our summer, we look toward Fall, the splendor of color, and new beginnings in our lives and for our church. The first thing to highlight is yesterday's Fall Festival with our guest singer Becky Lercher! Of course, many events are coming; our next community meal, Bible studies, a Christmas concert with Vanessa Thomas, just to name a few events to take us through the next part of fall. Today's message from the pulpit was "The Legacy." The definition of heritage from The United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) tells us that "Heritage (or Legacy) is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are irreplaceable life and inspiration sources."

What does this mean for us in church? Well, here is the time to relive the past! Here is the time to remember the faithful who built our church, sustained it for many years, and give it hope for the future. I'm sure each person in this congregation has their brightest heritage memories of the church. Our heritage is important because our very identities are shaped by it, and our heritage connects the past, present, and future and provides clues for people and cultures to see what worked, what didn't, and how to continue without making the same mistakes.

Learning about our history and heritage helps us understand who we are, how we fit into the larger picture, and keep things afloat. It helps us understand who we are. Our spiritual heritage does the same. It also connects us in many ways. It gives us the courage to stand up for what we believe in, not only in our families but also in our church family. Our spiritual heritage does not come from DNA, but from the ancient texts and teachings handed down over centuries. This is evident in the Psalms. Psalm 16:6, the writer declares that he has a goodly heritage. The writer in Psalm 78 urges people not to hide their spiritual heritage but to show it to the coming generations. We should emphasize the praises of the Lord, the strength we have received, and the blessings in our lives.

This, my friends, is where we need to be as a church to share the Good News, love all people, and continue building community within and outside of our walls as the Stull Community of Faith!

May it be so!

God bless you all,

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 folks 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.

We encourage folks to checkout our website www.stullcoff.com and like us on Facebook @StullCommunityofFaith as you can find many of our event dates and times.

We understand that offerings are not linked to what people earn but are given by Christians to express thanks, give praise &/or to show love for God. We have several options available for making those offerings to the Church, including a QR code that offers direct giving to the church's operating account. If you have questions, please talk to Jane Edmonds or Mary Shultz.

September 29th immediately following worship we will have a "Tailgate" themed potluck and then we will dive into making Blankets of Blessing. We invite you to join us, as you do not need to know how to sew to assist us in making these blankets that are shared with many in our community.

Heartland Community Health Center will have a vaccination clinic at our meal night on October 15th. They will have pneumonia, covid, and flu vaccinations and will also do blood pressure checks. They will file any needed insurance paperwork. If you have a special vaccine request, email us at info@stullcoff.com and we will let them know.

We invite the community to join us on Sunday, November 3rd at our 11am worship service as we dedicate the placement of our logo in the FFC and the new upgrades and additions to our playground. We used the memorial funds of several in our church family and fundraiser funds to help bring these projects to completion. We will have a potluck meal immediately following the service.

Judy Wulfkuhle has moved to Cedarhurst. Her new address is: 4450 Baurer Farm Dr Apt 46, Lawrence, KS 66049.

Join us for Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 27th from 4-5pm. We are inviting all the ghosts and the goblins in the community to come join in the fun! If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please email us at info@stullcoff.com and we will contact you.

Please mark your calendar for a musical concert we have coming up, Sunday, December 8th with Vanessa Thomas. You can check her website www.vanessathomassings.com.

We invite you to stop in and check out the church playground as changes and updates have been made. We thank everyone who contributed to our annual pancake fundraiser proceeds and some memorials that are being utilized on the playground.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Fall Family Festival! Good food was enjoyed by all, and we may have had to cut our music by Becky Lercher short, but we were blessed with some much-needed rain. Becky will be returning at a later date as well.

Thanks to Douglas County Farm Bureau board of directors for their donation of beef and pork protein for the Community Cupboard! Meat proteins are a hard food for our Cupboard to source and fund.

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

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.

We are looking for additional volunteers to assist us on the 4th Thursdays of each month with our Rural Mobile Distribution from 12-1pm. If you are interested in assisted each month or just occasionally, contact Brenna @ 785-887-6605.

JOY: Pastor Kyle and Sherri celebrating their 34th Wedding Anniversary today the 22nd of September.

PRAYERS: Kylie Jackson for continued health improvement, The Sumner family in the loss of Haley's grandma this past week, Barbara Goddard family as Barbara passed away this month, and others in our hearts.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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| Sep 24 th , 7:00 pm | Book Study "Wrestling with Doubt". |
| Sep 25 th , 9:30 am | Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can. |
| Sep 26 th , 11:30 am | Harvesters Rural Mobile Food Pantry is in the churchyard to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need. First come, first serve. We will have more than enough for everyone. |
| Sep 29 th , 12:00 pm | 5 th Sunday themed potluck "TAILGATE", followed with making of "Blankets of Blessings". |
| Oct 2 nd , 9:30 am | Morning Muggers meets in the F&FC. |
| Oct 3 rd , 6:30-7:30 pm | Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry. |
| Oct 8 th , 7-8:30 pm | Book Study "Wrestling with Doubt". |
| Oct 15 th , 5-7pm | Ham and Beans Community Meal served dine-in or carry-out. (Brats will also be served.) Pastor Kyle will be cooking up ham 'n' beans in an open kettle. We will also have cornbread, salad, and homemade desserts. Donations accepted for local church mission and ministry projects. |
| Oct 15 th , 5-7pm | Heartland Community Health Center will be at meal night for a vaccination clinic. |
| Oct 16 th , 9:30am | Wednesday morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can. |
| Oct 17 th , 6:30-7:30pm | Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry. |
| Oct 20 th , 12pm | All church annual meeting with potluck meal following service. We will approve the budget, elect administrative team positions, and have an overview of our church year. |

- Oct 21st, 7pm Administrative Team meeting held in the FFC.
- Oct 23rd, 9:30am Wednesday morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Oct 24th, 12-1pm Harvesters Rural Mobile Food Pantry is in the churchyard to distribute perishable food items to anyone in need. First come, first serve. We will have more than enough for everyone.
- Oct 27th, 4-5pm Trunk or Treat will be held on the church campus. All ghosts and goblins in the community are encouraged to attend.
- Oct 30th, 9:30am Wednesday morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Nov 3rd, 11am Dedication of logo and playground during worship service followed by a potluck meal.
- Nov 6th, 9:30am Wednesday morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.
- Nov 7th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of this ministry.
- Nov 10th, 4pm 'Get thru the Holidays' program hosted by Pastor Kyle.
- Dec 8th, 4pm 'Celebrating Music of the Season' 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.
- 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 Father.



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