

STULL COMMUNITY of FAITH

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MAY 2024 – NEWSLETTER

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

What is it like being a mother? I don't think anything else in life can adequately describe the joy, the beauty, and the depth and fierceness of love; nor the fears, the doubts, the tears, and the heartaches that often accompany this incredible calling. I've experienced a mother's love and support and sacrifice as a son.

I've watched it up close as the husband of an amazing and deeply devoted mother. I mean the fact that you can have it all scheduled and programmed, but things seldom turn out as planned. Kids don't turn out as planned. You don't turn out as planned. It's messy. And yet, in the midst of the mess, there is indescribable beauty, joy, and love. There is something miraculous. That's motherhood. That's life. In fact, it's how both motherhood and life get their start. Remember childbirth. It's quite messy...literally. And it is terrifying, and painful, and hard, and ... beautiful and ... yes, miraculous.

As we honor moms this coming month, let's remember that Mother's Day can also be complicated and messy. For some, it is one of the most difficult days of the year. There are women who wanted to be mothers, and who live in pain of unfulfilled longings and dreams. There are women who are at peace with not being a mother, but who often are treated as less than because of it, especially on Mother's Day.

I am also the father of a daughter who is not a mother but who is incredible and smart and strong and creative and compassionate and fierce in so many beautiful ways. There are also mothers who have been treated as less than—by the culture around them, by extended family, or even by their own husband or children.

Most every mother has been unappreciated at times—or at least under-appreciated—despite her strength, her perseverance, her self-sacrifice, and so much more. There are mothers who will not hear from their children this Mother's Day. There are mothers who have buried children. There are mothers who have experienced excruciating pain in other forms. And for these, Mother's Day is hard.

Then there are children—young and old—whose mother is no longer with them, and they miss her terribly, and Mother's Day is hard. There are children whose experience of having a mother was less than what their heart longed for—some a little less, others unbelievably less—and Mother's Day is hard.

In the midst of all that is messy this year, may there be an abundance of beauty and joy. May there be sensitivity and grace. And may miracles and grace flow through each of us.

Those are my thoughts today, I welcome yours! Pastor Kyle

You can catch Pastor Kyle's sermons each week by visiting Stull Community of Faith podcast on Facebook. They are usually posted by 7am the Monday following the sermon.

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.

Remember, the 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. We have several options available for making those offerings to the Church.

Reports are generated each month by our financial treasurer Jane Edmonds and financial secretary Mary Shultz and are available to anyone who would like to review them. They include all bank account balances and the budget report. Talk with Jane or Mary if you'd like details on how to send in your offerings or would like to have a copy of the monthly reports.

Many thanks to the Sunflower Fiddlers and Friends for providing the musical entertainment for our April Community Meal Night.

Congratulations to Vanessa and Drew on their recent engagement!

We wish Irene and Camron much happiness and joy as they get married at the end of May. May God also bless them as they prepare to move to California. We have genuinely enjoyed having Irene play the piano as part of our church worship team.

Congratulations to the graduates of our church family members! May they embark on new adventures and find their passion in life.

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 of Joy: Kylie Jackson for joy in continued healing of her foot, Calvin Hartman's birthday, Norma Lynch's birthday, Abbey Scheideman's graduation from KU, Will Shultz's graduation from KU,

Prayers: Arlee Donaldson family in the loss of their 24-year-old son, the families utilizing our Rural Mobile Ministry, anyone traveling for Memorial Day,

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 1st, 9:30am Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.

May 2nd, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.

May 8th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.

May 12th

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

May 15th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.

May 16th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.

May 20th, 7pm Administrative Team Meeting held in the F&FC.

May 22nd, 9:30am Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.

May 23rd, 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.

May 27th

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

May 29th 9:30am Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.

Jun 5th, 9:30am Wednesday Morning 'Muggers' meets for coffee/tea and conversation; anyone in the community is welcome to join in whenever they can.

Jun 6th, 6:30-7:30pm Community Cupboard and the Closet open in the church basement for anyone in need of these services.

Jun 18th, 5-7pm Tacos on Tuesday Community Meal served dine-in or carry-out.

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.

Sep 21st Fall Family Festival held on church campus with musical entertainment. provided by Becky Lercher. More details will be coming soon.

Oct 15th, 5-7pm Ham and Beans Community Meal served dine-in or carry-out. (Beef hotdogs will also be served).



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