

The Stansberry family is grateful to have found such a warm and supportive church home at The Presbyterian Church of Floyd. Finding a church family that welcomes, loves, and serves their children is an answer to many prayers over the course of several years. A fun little fact about Matthew and Emily is that they actually met in the fourth grade (when the Kuhlbars family moved to the Stansberry's hometown on military orders) and attended the sixth grade dance, two years later, as a cute little "couple." Emily and Matthew were math partners and devoted members of the school safety patrol too. Emily



remembers the snazzy, purple, button-up shirt that Matthew wore to school every week (his favorite) and the "butterflies" that she felt when he smiled at her. Matthew often remarks on how much Emily hasn't changed from the sweet, beautiful, unique little girl that he was smitten with all those years ago. "I will never forget you," he wrote in her yearbook, the year her family moved away. 16 years later, the two reconnected and almost instantly recognized a special sort of love between them that had grown and matured with time. Emily's father, Ric, married them on June 9, 2013, with Frances, Emily's mom, and Matthew's parents also by their side.

Matthew currently works as an air traffic control supervisor at the Roanoke Aviation Tower and TRACCON in Roanoke, while Emily holds down the homestead and homeschools the growing children. Both seek to build and grow a local, classical homeschool community that serves and blesses Floyd homeschooling families. Five-year-old Francis, the oldest Stansberry child, is a delightful, inquisitive, banjo-loving big boy who spends a large quantity of his time engineering with legos and approaching the world with a remarkable attention to sound. Three-year-old Josephine, the second Stansberry child, is a sweet, care-taking, courageous little love bug who adores climbing and scaling playground equipment and household furniture alike, reading Daniel Tiger stories in someone's lap, and imaginatively acting out "pup rescues" with her big brother. Nine-month-old Mathilde, the littlest Stansberry, is a smiley, friendly, joyful little lady who has an affectionate affinity for shadowing her big siblings and wiggling during family dance parties. Emily's parents, Ric and Frances Kuhlbars, live closeby, also attend this church, and serve an unparalleled and utterly delightful role in the lives of the Stansberrys and their children.