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“Yours is the day, yours also the night; You established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; You made summer and winter.” Psalm 74:16-17

It always makes me a little sad to see the trees begin to turn colors in October. As beautiful as autumn can be, I know that the blaze of glory on our hardwoods ends in naked trees and colder weather. I feel a little melancholy each year over the loss of the sounds and the colors and the warmth of summer. When I see a picture of a summer scene during the dead of winter, it lifts my thoughts toward the coming of spring.

It's true that the ebb and flow of seasons – both in nature, and in life – has value. Winter is a resting time in nature. Just as many plants and creatures lie dormant in the winter, so we humans go through periods of dormancy, when it seems that not much is happening or changing. While we can get “stuck” because of problems or attitudes in our lives, many times we are simply in a season of rest, as our hearts and minds and spirits are being prepared for the next period of growth.

I think about the people who have gone before us in this congregation. I wonder about the ebb and flow of their lives, and of the life of this church. There were times of uncertainty or worry or fear; times of joy and anticipation; and surely times of waiting and rest, as God was preparing them for the next thing God would do among them. During all those times, they had to place their hope and their future in the hands of Jesus.

Our faith in Jesus Christ is nothing if it is not about hope. Hope is the essence of the Christian faith. It is the sum of the testimony of God's people through the ages, and the promise made evident by Christ's empty tomb. Godly hope is the picture of summer in the midst of winter, that lifts our hearts toward the coming of spring.

Connie Weaver, Pastor

NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8

June Stewart, Clerk

The meeting was held in Room A/Session Room in the Fellowship Hall building with a quorum of Elders in attendance. Pastor Connie moderated the meeting.

Active Membership: 160 as of September 8

Actions of Session:

- Approved donating 100% (after expenses, if any) of the money earned by the **Hot Dog Sale** at the Harvest Festival to “Haiti, Help, and Hope”.
- Approved donating (after expenses) funds earned at the **New Year’s Day Meal** as follows: 50% to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and 50% to the Carthage Food Pantry
- Approved as presented the minutes of the Stated Session meeting of August 11, 2024.
- Ratified Darrell Cole’s resignation from the session.
- Approved the scheduling of a Congregational meeting for Sunday, September 29 to elect two members of the congregation to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee and to approve the committee as a whole.
- Approved Audrey Chacon as the second elder to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.
- Approved the collection of **Food Bags for the Sandhills Coalition** in conjunction with our Homecoming and Revival.
- Approved the use of the church van to transport youth and adults to the September 29 **Sunday Fun Day** events.
- The Financial Report for August 2024 was received as information.
- Approved the following document as presented: **Process for Addressing a Pastor’s Terms of Call**. It will be added to the Culdee Manual of Operation.



Food Bags for the Sandhills Coalition

Thank you so much for contributing 32 food bags to the Sandhills Coalition. They will be a blessing to so many individuals and families in Moore County. May Culdee always be known for sharing the Word of GOD that feeds our spirits and for sharing basic necessities, like our food bags, that feed the

body!



Outreach Ministry

Hello, Parents!

As children, we hear a lot about “grown-ups” in the Bible. But does God ever use children? Can kids do important things for God? YES!!! Coming up in October, we will be continuing to study children in the Bible. We will talk about the story and how God uses children in big ways! We hope your children 5 and up will join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the downstairs classroom.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

After a brief summer hiatus, The PW's Circle Meetings and activities are underway for the 2024/2025 year. All ladies in the congregation are invited to join one of our three Circles. **Circle One** meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. (Contact June Stewart with questions); **Circle Two** meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (Contact Mary Ruth Whitaker or Connie Marion with questions); **Circle Three** meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (Contact Jewell Vest or Nancy Howle with questions).

Stephanie Barber will represent PW on this year's **Elder Nomination Committee**.

Thank you to all the PW and PM who helped out with set up and clean up for our recent **Homecoming Covered Dish Lunch**; we had a wonderful time of fellowship and of course, delicious food!!



The Christmas season is not too far away! Before long the PW will put up the **ANGEL TREE!** This project gives our congregation the opportunity to supply requested gift items for the children who are helped through **Children's Hope Alliance**. More importantly, don't forget to pray regularly for the children and their families and the staff and volunteers of this worthy ministry.

Culdee hosted the **West Community Discipleship Development Day** on Saturday, September 21. Participants (around 50) were able to attend a variety of classes on topics like Ministry Opportunities in Puerto Rico, Inspiration for Choirs and Musicians, Topics for Adult Small Groups, Enhancing or Re-starting Men's Ministry, Personal Devotion, Ideas for Children's and Youth Leaders and more...Delicious refreshments were served during the registration period and at the brief morning break. It was an opportunity for Culdee to share our wonderful fellowship hall, kitchen, and sanctuary with fellow Presbyterians from a variety of churches in the West Community.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY



The Fishin' and Stitchin' event was cancelled. It was a rainy week with the threat of a Tropical depression so the decision was made early to cancel. The ground was saturated so mowing and preparing for the bonfire became impossible. We were disappointed but hope to gather the group at a later date!

We would like to invite the Culdee Family to decorate your car and come to our Trunk or Treat! The Mini Sunday Funday group is planning and preparing for this gathering. They have planned to have games, snacks and treats at the cars. Please support these young mothers and grandmothers as they plan. We appreciate their excitement when planning as well as their willingness to move the younger children's group forward. The date is October 26th from 4:30 -6:30 pm.



As always, we appreciate the Culdee family and welcome any suggestions as we continue in our efforts.

Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke

Finance Ministry Newsletter Article



The change in colors signifies the start of a wonderful season. The Fall season here at Culdee Presbyterian Church means that the Annual Harvest Festival, Auction, Yard Sale, and Chicken and Dumpling Dinner is right around the corner. October 19th, 2024 is the big day and we are all excited for fun, food and fellowship. This truly takes the work of so many and if you feel that you would like to help, you can sign up for various duties that are posted on the rolling bulletin board, donate towards the purchase of flour, green beans, slaw and rolls or you can simply show up and we will make sure that you have a duty that helps contribute to this years success. We are still seeking donations for both the yard sale and auction. Donation forms are located outside of the office. Extend the invitation to everyone. Community is so important, and this is such a wonderful opportunity to invite the community and others to Culdee Presbyterian Church.



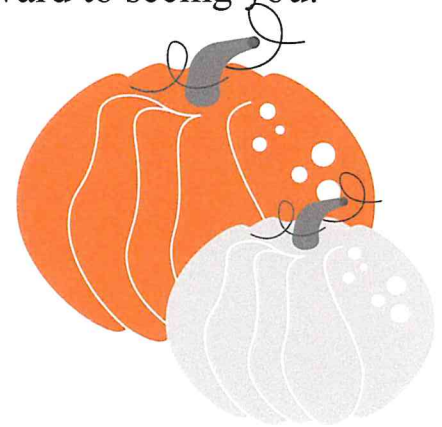
The parking lot paving project has resumed after a couple weather delays. It is the goal of Horner paving to have this completed before our Harvest Festival.

The 2025 budget is a work in progress. The different Ministries are submitting their needs and as soon as all the data can be reviewed and approved, the 2025 budget will be completed and ready for presentation.



Please join us for a FRIGHTfully good time!

This October 26th from 4:30-6:30, Culdee Presbyterian will be hosting a Trunk or Treat celebration. All kids are welcome! There will be snacks provided, games, and plenty of treats! We look forward to seeing you!



Jerry Aponte	01	Kaitland McKenzie	13
Danielle Cox	01	Casey Blue	16
Mitzi McKenzie	02	Johnathan Kemp	16
Bethany Palmerton	02	Kathi Muse	17
Anya Aponte	03	Lisa Rouse	18
Evan Vest	06	James Craven	19
Shannon Bullard	07	Lance Caddell	22
Carson Svalina	07	Matthews Powers	23
Tim Bailey	08	Ryan Bailey	24
Michael Money	08	Claudia Cole	24
Katelynne Svalina	08	Lionel Bryson	27
Keith Black	09	Brandon Blue	27
Faye Riggsbee	09	Stephanie Cole	29
June Stewart	09	Michael Waschsen	30
Celeste Marino	13		

77th Annual

DUMPLIN' DINNER

Drive Thru or Dine In • 4 - 7 PM

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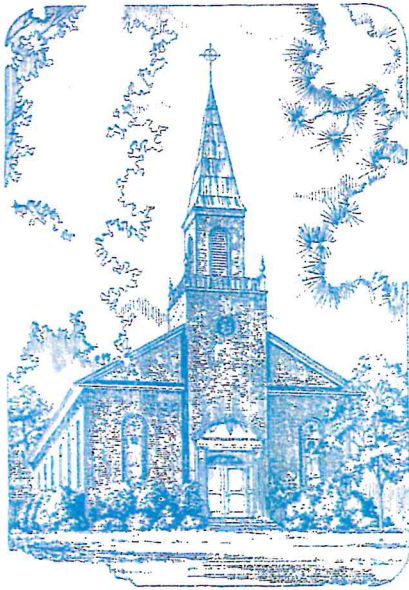
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

————— the details —————

10am - 1pm	Country Store
11am - 2pm	Hotdog Lunch
1pm - 4pm	Live Auction
4pm - 7pm	Dumplin' Dinner
7pm	Quilt Raffle

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Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what He has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8

Culdee Presbyterian Mission

Culdee Presbyterian Church will build caring relationships with our local and global community while proclaiming the Word of God and building up our faith community.

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