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**THE CULDEE CONNECTION**

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Joe and I had the pleasure of spending a couple of recent days at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores for a presbytery-sponsored pastors' retreat. Our speaker was a theology professor from Union Presbyterian Seminary who focused her talks on our understanding of Jesus – who we believe Jesus to be, and how we respond to our belief in Jesus in the way we live.

Aside from the beautiful setting and the good fellowship with other pastors, these talks by professor Rachel Beard were a refreshing reminder that as Christians, we need to have our primary focus on the person of Jesus Christ, and on what it means to declare the biblical and historic Christian confession, "Jesus is Lord."

What does it mean to you that Jesus is Lord of your life? There are so many "loyalties" in our lives that demand our attention – our politics, our social lives, our financial well-being, our families, and even our work for our church. But how often do you start your day with the declaration, "Jesus is Lord!" and let your loyalty to the person and the words of your Savior direct the actions of your day?

To truly know Jesus, you must read what he said, in the Scriptures. You must offer yourself and your life to him in prayer each day, and you must let the power of God's Spirit make a relationship with Jesus real in your heart and in your soul. When you and I can do these things, we will live in ways that show the light of Jesus to one another, and to the world.

Connie Weaver

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A West Community  
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Everyone is invited to a day of Christian Growth  
on Saturday, September 21,  
at Culdee Presbyterian Church  
916 NC-73, West End, Moore County

Discipleship Development Day has topics for everyone:

- Personal Devotion & Small Group Resources
- Ideas for Children's and Youth Leaders & Confirmation
- Touch Points: Church Growth Innovation
- Topics for Adult Small Groups & Sunday Classes
- Help Enhancing or Re-starting Men's Ministry
- Clerk of Session Training
- Inspiration for Choirs and Musicians
- Understanding Puerto Rico & Local Spanish Language (ESL) Ministry Opportunities

This event is free.

(It will not be live-streamed)

Please register by Monday, 9/16 online  
at [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org)  
Click on "Upcoming" to find the details

## NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2024

June Stewart, Clerk of Session

The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in Room A/Session Room of the Fellowship Hall with a quorum of Elders in attendance and Rev. Connie Weaver serving as Moderator.

- Active Membership Roll at 160
- The minutes from the Stated Session Meeting of July 14, 2024; the Called Session Meeting of July 28, 2024 the Executive Meeting of July 14, 2024 were approved as read. The minutes of the Executive Meeting of July 28 were approved as amended.
- The resignation letter for Clayton Svalina was ratified by session.
- Approved the motion to hold this year's Revival on Sunday and Monday, September 15 and 16.
- Approved the motion to request the Personnel Committee to post the Youth Director's position.
- The June 2024 Financial Report was accepted as presented.
- The Culdee 2023 Annual Financial Review (completed by Derek James from Sandhills Accounting) was accepted as presented.



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY...SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

Thanks to generous folks in the congregation who took the time to donate a box or items for a box, we were able to deliver **34** shoeboxes to their distribution center in Charlotte. It is a good feeling to know we are part of a mission that brings joy to needy children in the United States and around the world!! Blessings!!

Cheryl from the distribution center joined June and Ann for a picture of the boxes being dropped off at the center.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Christian Ed has been involved with the kitchen renovation and we're now beginning to turn our attention to our fall gathering of the Sunday Funday. Our next gathering is September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30. We have planned an



old-fashioned youth gathering with Fishin' and Stitchin'! The youth will gather for the afternoon with part of the group fishing and the other part stitching. There will be much time spent threading needles and baiting hooks, but it should be fun. This will be followed by a bonfire where we



roast wieners and marshmallows for s'mores. While we are gathered at the bonfire, we will have our time of worship before returning to Culdee. We appreciate Diann Fortune and Ronald Bowen for allowing us to fish and Vickie Mehta for sharing her stitching skills. Everyone is to complete a sewing project. We hope!! This Sunday Funday will involve transportation so permission slips will be required. If you are interested in attending, we plan to leave Culdee at 4:00 and to return at 6:30. Please call or text Patti Burke at 336-803-3278 if you would like to attend.



June Stewart's adult class meets each Sunday in the session room at 9:15. We appreciate June for her willingness to serve in this way and she welcomes you to join her class.



Kaitland McKenzie is busy planning each week for children who wish to attend Sunday School. The classroom is downstairs in the first room on the right and begins at 9:15. She is currently studying Fruits of the Spirit. We applaud her for stepping out in faith to begin this class. Hopefully, more parents will bring their children and eventually a "Coffee and Worship" class could begin.



We would also like to thank Gail Meeks, Kaitland McKenzie, Karon McKenzie and Lauren Tierney for working with our children's church program. They do an excellent job teaching and nurturing our children.

We encourage you to join us and welcome any ideas you may have.  
Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke



### Homecoming Sunday Celebrating 138 Years September 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

This is our annual service to celebrate our "Culdee connections" in our community. Please invite all those you know with family or friendship connections to Culdee Church to join us for worship on September 15th. There will be a covered dish lunch in the



OCTOBER 19, 2024

CULDEE HARVEST FESTIVAL

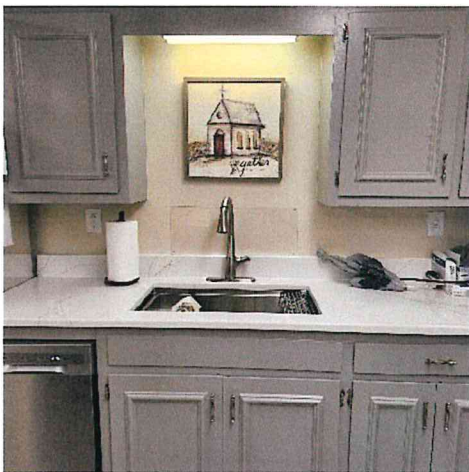


Once again it is time to prepare for Culdee's annual Harvest Festival. The Culdee Family and friends are encouraged to take this opportunity to participate in extending a warm welcome to the community and enjoying a day of fellowship at God's house.

- sign up sheets for work opportunities and needed items for the dumpling dinner are in the sunroom (ex. desserts and items for preparing the dumplings)
- Donation forms for businesses willing to donate to the event are on the table beside the office.
- The Country Store will be filled with biscuits/sausage/ham, coffee, homemade items, canned goods or solicited items for sale. (See Mary Ruth Whitaker for working times and questions on what is needed)
- Begin thinking of ways you can be involved in the day!

Thank you,

Shannon Bullard and Patti Burke



**Culdee would like to thank Marshall Sweat and the kitchen committee chaired by Laine Lea for the kitchen makeover. It's beautiful. If you haven't stopped by to check it out, take a minute and go through it.**

During the kitchen renovation some items were identified as no longer necessary. These items are located on the tables on the highway side of the Fellowship Hall. If you previously made a donation to the kitchen, please consider going through there to retrieve what might have been yours should you so desire. These items will remain available for pickup until September 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.





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WOMEN

## Women of the Church

At the present time, we do not have a moderator. The circle chairs will be sharing this responsibility until a new moderator is named. Please pray about this position and if led, please step up and take on this position

Circle 2 has nursery and flowers for September.

For Homecoming on September 15, 2024, **all** circles will be responsible for preparing and cleaning up. It would be appreciated if circle members and any available men could meet at church on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM to set up and decorate the Fellowship Hall. Also, each circle is requested to bring 2 gallons of sweet tea. Unsweetened tea and lemonade will be provided

Please pray for Homecoming, for good attendance, healing and fellowship.



**Circle Three:** Our Bible study will be "Joshua. A Journey of Faith".



We have appreciated having Gail Meeks as our interim music director at Culdee Church. The Session took action on a recommendation from its Personnel Committee to hire Gail as our church's regular part-time Choir Director and Accompanist, effective September 1st. Gail will be working to develop and enhance various aspects of our music program, as well as continuing to serve as our Sunday

worship accompanist. Gail returns to this position after having served previously as Culdee's Minister of Music for 13 years. She most recently served as Music Director at Pocket Presbyterian Church in Sanford.

Gail is retired from the U.S. Army, having served in various roles while stationed in Germany and at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty) in Fayetteville. She served as an Interrogator in Military Intelligence in the United States Army for 20 years. Gail was deployed to Panama during Operation Just Cause and deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Piedmont Baptist College in Winston-Salem, and her Master's Degree in Church Music from Pensacola Theological Seminary in Florida. She also earned a Master's Degree in Education from American University in Illinois. Gail has a multi-decade background as an educator and school administrator. She is a native of Carthage. Please make Gail feel welcomed as we move forward with music ministry at Culdee Church!



Calling all men! There will be a **Men's Club Meeting** and meal on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All men and boys are invited.

## Finance Ministry Newsletter Article

The 2024 Culdee Harvest Festival will be here very soon. October 19, 2024 will be a day filled with Fellowship, Fun, Food, Love, and Laughter. We are seeking donations for the auction and yard sale. The yard sale was an amazing success last year and we want to continue that this year. Do you have items that you would like to donate? If so, please drop them off in the Session room. If you need help getting items to the church, please don't hesitate to call the office and the message will be relayed to someone that can help facilitate picking up your donated yard sale and auction items. If you have items that you would like to donate towards the auction and the person or business would like a donation form, they are located outside of the office. Maybe your specialty is homemade goods.... We've seen some cakes and pies go for high dollar. Is your cake or pie the next high dollar ticket item? We sure hope so!

Tropical Storm Debby has delayed the start of paving the parking lot. Horner Paving is delayed on other jobs due to the storm which pushes out our start date.

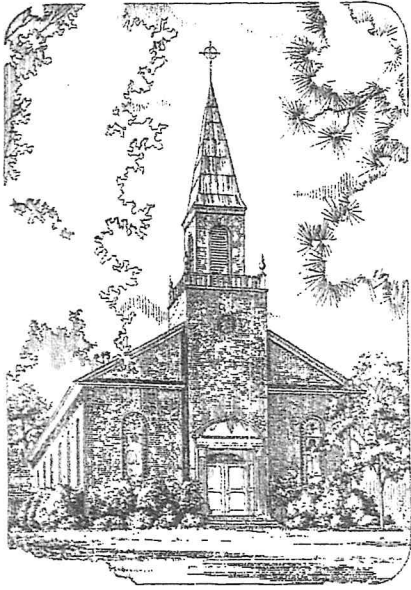
Sandhills Accounting Services has completed our annual financial review. The findings were all great and we are most appreciative of their service and recognition of the great job that Culdee and all of those that have a hand in the finances and financial reporting have done.

Culdees' investments continue to do very well. The Investments Committee is committed to continuous monitoring of the market and keeping direct communication with our investment advisor from Stifel.



Patti Burke	03	Macey Craven	12	Ashley McKenzie	23
Wilma Blue	04	Melissa Bailey	13	Mark Seawell	25
James (Jr) McKenzie	04	Lauren Palmerton	14	Jimmy Lea	26
Crystal Carrico	05	Eli Carrico	14	Lindsey Williamson Black	26
Roy Anderson	07	Ryan Marino	14	Smith Young	26
Joshua Carrico	07	Emily Marion	15	Harold Tolbert	27
Wally Burke	07	Elaina Aponte	15	Larry Furr	28
Adam Kemp	07	Haven McRae	16	Robin McKenzie	28
Floyd Black	08	Lauren Tierney	19	Camden Vest	28
Pearl Frye	09	Lonnie McKenzie	20	Sara Cole	29
Laine Lea	10	Lauren Bobo	23	Teresa Cole	30





*Culdee Presbyterian Church*

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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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