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APRIL WORSHIP INFORMATION

APRIL 5, 2015 (Sunrise Service)

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: "Pass It On!"

APRIL 5, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "From Empty to Full"

APRIL 12, 2015

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Overcoming Fear"

APRIL 19, 2015

Scripture Lesson: John 21:15-19

Sermon: "Redeemed and Restored"

APRIL 26, 2015

Guest Preacher: Julie Hughes

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office
or by calling/e-mailing the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

Dear, Brothers and Sisters,

Congregational care would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to all the brothers and sisters that supplied food after the REACH Service thus far. And we would like to encourage everyone to stop by and taste the great food between Reach and Sunday School and say hello to the brothers and sisters that you may not have seen in a while.

We would like to send out a big "THANKS" to the brothers and sisters for supplying the wonderful refreshments for the March 29th afternoon event. Also to the South Ridge Bluegrass Band for the great music they played for us. Everyone had a great time enjoying the music and fellowship.

Please remember that on April 5th we will have Easter Sun Rise Service at 7 a.m. with a hot breakfast following the service in the fellowship hall. There will be no REACH Service due to the breakfast.

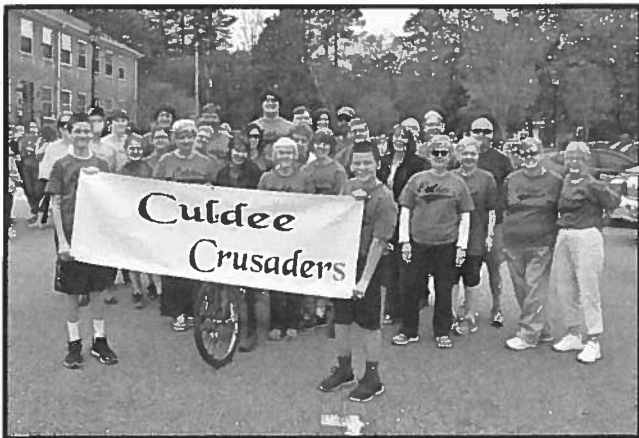
Congregational Care would like to remind you that all the Doris Moore Scholarship applications are due April 30, 2015. Also we are asking that you please submit the names of upcoming graduates of 2015 high school and college students by May 1st.. Culdee will recognize our fine students on May 31st in the 11 A.M. service along with the students that will receiving the Doris Moore scholarship.

Sincerely, Your Sister in Christ,
Chair, Karen F. McKenzie

CROPWALK 2015

On Sunday, March 22, our energetic group of 31 walkers enjoyed the clearing skies and breezes as we took part in this year's walk to fight hunger in our county, our country, and the world.

Thanks to the generous support of our congregation and others, we turned in \$1550.00 and donated bags of food to the Food Bank truck that was on site!!!! **What a blessing!!**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The Presbyterian Spring Gathering will be held on April 18 at Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church, near Wilmington, N.C. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know.

The Women's Joint Meeting, Birthday Objective/Ice Cream Social & DVD will be held on April 19 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship, the cake, homemade ice cream and snacks at The Birthday Social!

Reminders: Circle 1 is in charge of the Nursery and the flowers during the month of April.
Senior Citizen Recognition is on May 3, 2015.

Love to all,

Robin McKenzie
PW Moderator



Newsletter deadline: April 24!

From the Pastor's Desk...

As you may recall, last summer the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in Detroit. While they considered roughly 800 items of business, there were 8 proposed changes to our constitution...1 to the Book of Confessions and 7 to the Book of Order...that were sent to each of the 171 Presbyteries for their review and vote. Of these 8 recommended changes to our constitution, there was one that has not only caught the attention of the national media, but has also been a source of much prayer, debate, and emotional responses... this is the proposed amendment to redefine our Book of Order's definition of marriage to make same gender marriage permissible within PC (USA) churches.

While the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina voted the amendment down on Saturday, March 7, on Tuesday, March 17 enough presbyteries had cast an affirmative vote to insure its passage. This news has brought the expected reactions throughout the Presbyterian Church... with some rejoicing while others grieve.

So, what does this news mean for us at Culdee Presbyterian Church?

If you remember, we...the Session of Culdee Presbyterian...have gone on record as being in opposition to redefining marriage in our constitution and even affirming our adherence to the Biblical definition of marriage that has historically been a part of our constitution. At the same time we have reaffirmed our commitment to this denomination...even though we have some deep differences of theological opinions, we are committed to working for change within the denomination. I would ask that you continue to pray, not only for the PC (USA) but for Culdee Presbyterian in particular.

One thing that we should be clear about...while same gender marriage is legal within the state of North Carolina and our denomination now permits such services to be performed by its clergy and within its churches...this amendment is worded in such a way as to make it clear that it DOES NOT make such services mandatory. Besides its wording, the Session has also affirmed our policy of not allowing same gender weddings within the church and I have also stated that I will not officiate at such services.

This is a time that will test all churches within our denomination. There are many things that we may disagree on here at Culdee, but this is a time that we need to unite under the Lordship of Jesus Christ; we must be united in our commitment to serving Him...and Him alone. We must be united in our gracious welcoming to all people, even as we fight for the maintaining of Biblical standards in our policies. We must be united in praying for our denomination, this particular congregation, our members, and all people throughout the world. Let us know, and be united under the truth, that while our constitution can be changed and the world around us drift further and further away from Biblical truth...the presence and love of God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Pastor Joe

P.S. On the bulletin board outside my office I have posted several letters for your review if you are interested. First is the letter that we, the members of Session, sent to the churches within our Presbytery following last summer's General Assembly meeting. There are also responses pastoral letters from the General Assembly Moderator & Vice-Moderator; the PC (USA) Stated Clerk; our Presbytery Exec Bill Reinhold; and Paul Detterman & the Presbyterian Fellowship (formerly Presbyterians for Renewal).



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Curlee	01
Blake Lea	02
Ashley Rivas	04
Collin Rivas	04
Faye Ritter	05
Betty Stubbs	07
Hunter Cox	07
Roger Craven	08
Michelle Seawell	09
Larry Sears	09
Susan Jackson	11
Gabriel Heppding	11
Darrell McKenzie	12
Melba Vest	13
Alston Willcox	14
Steve Carrico	16
Tim Lea	18
Christian Heppding	18
Christy A. Tucker	19
Ronald Bowen	20
Isabella Rivas	22
Joshua McKenzie	23
Margaret Holman	23
Emerson Burgess	23
Matt Howle	23
Gussie Marion	24
Matt Williamson	25
Harold Black	26
William Nuzzo	26
Anthony Nuzzo	26
April Eilert	28
Rick Halverstadt	28
Jamie Mathews	28
Ian Stewart	28
Heath Caddell	30
John David Cuff	30

SENIOR LUNCHEON

All seniors, 60+ and their spouses, are invited to a luncheon in their honor following the 11:00 service of worship on **May 3**. Hope to see you there!!

Beverly Furr

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

On Thursday April 23 at 7:00 pm the men will meet for their monthly meal and fellowship. All men are invited to attend.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the pancake supper. It was a great success.

Wade Garner, PM President

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Remember...if you have items you would like to submit for the Newsletter you may drop items off in the office or e-mail it to Culdee@embarqmail.com. The deadline is **April 24!**

CULDEE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

When placing spring arrangements on gravesites, please remember to secure the flowers so they will stay in place.

A special thanks to Nelson Blue for his hard work in the Rose Garden area.

Any questions or concerns, call Wade Garner, 295-6990

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Bobby Beddingfield
455 Roundabout Road
Carthage, NC 28327
692-4702



Ralph & Eileen Spatz
40 Sandpiper Drive
Whisperpines, NC 28327
949-2429

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CULDEE FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

As mentioned in the March Culdee Connection Newsletter, this article summarizes our March 1, 2015 meeting and is presented here to increase communication between the Finance Ministry and the Congregation.

Jim Dalton continues to research Insurances Rates for the Church. Stuart Fields and Jim have met with two Companies with two more meetings scheduled with different Companies. Insurance is not due to be renewed/paid until May. This research of our Insurance is to maintain our current coverage while potentially reducing our Annual Insurance Premiums. A decision by the Finance Ministry for recommendation to the Session should be available in April.

The Ministry reviewed all the different uses of the Church Property with the Moore County Fire Marshal to make sure we have adequate Insurance Coverage. The Finance Ministry and Building and Grounds Ministry will explore cost associated with the Fire Marshals requirements. Recommendations will then be presented to the Session for consideration and potential action.

Modification of the "Monthly Expense Cover Sheet" report has been finalized. The "Monthly Expense Cover Sheet" report will be included in the Church Bulletin at the beginning of each month.

Thanks to Ann Savage, State sales tax refunds are in the works. Ann has submitted one report which should allow approximately \$1,900.00 dollar refund to the Church general fund. A second tax refund report is in process and will be mailed when the first refund is received to insure we are properly filing the information.

The internal audit/review will be done for year 2014 by Sandhills Accounting at no charge to the Church. This should take place during the last two weeks of March as approved by the Session.

The phone/internet system for the Church and the Manse can possibly be linked by using two antennas if a sight signal line can be obtained. Building and Grounds Ministry and Finance Ministry will determine associated equipment cost however these costs would be recouped through the year based on a lower monthly charge.

A safety deposit box for the Church has been arranged for at the main office of BB&T in Pinehurst. Some legal and warranty documents of the Church were being kept in a fire proof file cabinet in the office. BB&T will provide the safety deposit box at no charge to the Church based on daily balances.

Income per Tithes and Offerings for the month of February is \$3,117.37 dollars behind monthly budget funding requirements. Income per Tithes and Offerings Year to Date is \$5,684.05 dollars behind monthly budget funding requirements.

Please contact any of the following Finance Ministry Team for clarification of questions. Tim Lea, Chairman, Danny Aldridge, Vice Chairman, Bob Beddingfield, Jene Bowen, Lionel Bryson, Jim Dalton, Dan Johnson, Art McKenzie, Jim Stewart, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson and Pastor Joe Washburn.

Again, we welcome input from the Congregation at any time. The Finance Ministry remains fully committed to serve our Lord and the needs of Culdee Presbyterian Church.

Bobby Beddingfield, Finance Ministry

EASTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL BBQ DINNER AND AUCTION

Friday, May 1st

BBQ plates \$8
Served from
4:00 until 7:00 pm



Live Auction
7:00 pm-until
Raffle tickets \$2

April 2015

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May 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 29	30	31	Apr 1 7:00pm Choir Practice	2 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Svc.	3 2:00pm Good Friday Service	4 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt
5 7:00am SunRise/B'fast 9:45am Sunday School Worship 11am 6:00pm Finance Ministry	6 9:00am Knitting	7	8 7:00pm Choir Practice	9 9:00am Quilting	10	11
12 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Session Meeting	13 9:00am Knitting	14	15 7:00pm Choir Practice	16 9:00am Quilting	17	18 Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering
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26 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Bring Food, 6:00pm Christian Ed.	27 9:00am Knitting	28	29 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 Doris Moore App. Due 9:00am Quilting	May 1	2