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# The Culdee Connection

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### **2018 SESSION**

#### **Moderator**

Rev. David Hudson

June Stewart. . .Clerk of Session

#### **Class of 2018**

Elaina Aponte...Christian Education

Robin McKenzie...Congregational Care

Mark Seawell...Outreach

Don Williamson...Outreach

#### **Class of 2019**

Ryan Bailey...Building and Grounds

Jim Dalton...Finance

Amber Clayton...Christian Education

Janie Taylor...Worship

#### **Class of 2020**

Mark Cole. . .Finance

Johnie Marion...Worship

Rick Mathews... Building and Grounds

Karon McKenzie...Congregational Care



## Culdee Finance Ministry April News

Happy Spring from the Finance Ministry! Our hopes are that everyone enjoyed a happy, safe Easter.

Currently, our committee is going through a learning curve for our new leadership. Mark Cole is still getting his feet wet but doing a very good job of it. Jim Dalton, our newly elected elder to the Session will be rejoining our ministry. Jim has served on the Finance Committee in the past and has proven to be a valuable asset.

The February expense report continues to reflect that Culdee is in a relatively financially stable position to date. Each ministry has continued to keep its budget within very satisfactory ranges, remaining under budget. We have been and will continue to experience an "over budget" situation in the Worship Ministry with regards to paying guest ministers but this is understandable.

In looking at some of our Vanguard accounts, it was decided that we could do better with CD's; therefore, monies have been transferred from the Vanguard accounts of Liquid Assets, Flower Garden, Doris Moore, and the Sara Ann Fortune accounts and put into twelve month CD's at 2.1% interest. This is being reflected in our legally restricted funds.

The legally restricted funds had a balance of \$170,654 with \$51.58 in interest as of February 28, 2018; The Vanguard investments had a balance of \$71,225.56 with a total gain of \$5,103.39 over the life of the investment. Culdee has about 5.7 months' total reserve monies for emergency situations, still shy of the 6 months' reserve goal agreed upon by the Session.

Culdee remains under budget on our year-to-date operating expenses thus far due only to our current situation of not having to pay a full pastor's salary and not having to pay as many expenses for the manse; however, we are \$7,741 behind in our tithes and offerings to meet budget as of the end of February.

The good news it is Spring, and that always means growth and renewal. We are always blessed.

*"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooling of doves is heard in our land." Song of Songs 2:11-12*

The Finance Ministry thanks you for your continued support and would like to extend an open invitation to any member of the congregation who would like to attend one of our meetings or even join our ministry. We wish you and your families a beautiful Spring.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to direct them to a Finance Ministry member. Finance Ministry members are as follows: Mark Cole, Danny Aldridge, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Jim Dalton, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart and Dannie Jackson. `

The next Finance Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Danny Aldridge, Finance Committee Secretary

All men and young men come join the Presbyterian Men at their next meeting April 26, 7 pm!

# STATED SESSION MEETING NOTES

March 11, 2018

A **Quorum of Elders** was present.

**Moderator:** Rev. David Hudson

**Guests:** 10

**Lighting of the CHRIST Candle:** Mark Cole

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Rev. Hudson

**Consent Agenda** was approved: Stated Session of February 12, 2018

**Clerk's Report:** Active Membership Roll at 279

Session approved the request from Nelson and Georgie Blue to move their membership to Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Johnie Marion gave a report after attending the Presbytery Meeting on March 3.

Mark Cole gave the report from the Elder Nominating Committee.

Janie Taylor gave the report from the Interim Pastor Committee

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motions from the Endowment Fund Committee

MINISTRY REPORTS were received.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Curlee	01	Darrell McKenzie	12	Matt Howle	23
Blake Lea	02	Aemon Patterson	12	Matt Williamson	25
Ashley Rivas	04	Alston Willcox	14	William Nuzzo	26
Collin Rivas	04	Steve Carrico	16	Anthony Nuzzo	26
Faye Ritter	05	Tim Lea	18	Rick Halverstadt	28
Betty Stubbs	07	Ronald Bowen	20	Jamie Martin	28
Hunter Cox	07	Robert Barber	20	Ian Stewart	28
Roger Craven	08	Isabella Rivas	22	Heath Caddell	30
Michelle Seawell	09	Joshua McKenzie	23	John David Cuff	30
Larry Sears	09	Margaret Holman	23		
Susan Jackson	11	Emerson Burgess	23		

**Attention Seniors Adults**.....The luncheon to honor our Senior Adults this year will be on June 3, so mark your calendars and come hungry.

See you then,  
Rick & Martha

## CROPWALK 2018.....APRIL 15

Please sign up to walk in this year's event. Registration begins at 1:00, and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. on **APRIL 15** at Brownson Memorial in Southern Pines. Please see June Stewart to sign your registration forms. Let's have the largest walking group yet!!! We are asked to bring items for Backpack Pals to the walk.... **Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Canned Meat (with pull tab), Ramen Noodles**.....Collection boxes are in the Sunroom....**Thanks so much!**

## **HAITI MISSION TRIP**

Our team spent a blessed week with Pastor Sidor in Montrouis, Haiti the first of March. (Nelson and Sylvia Pusser, Bruce and Karen Sandness, Art and Jan Williams, and Dianne Sutphin) We spent Sunday worshipping at three of Pastor Sidor's churches. Two of the churches had buildings and the third one was under a tent. It was wonderful! The strong presence of the Holy Spirit was evident at each worship service.

Our week was full of different opportunities to serve. Monday and Tuesday we worked at Lahai Roi School in the mountains of Piatre. The men worked alongside the Haitian men to begin construction on a second story to the school. The rest of the group worked in classrooms with teachers and students and organized the 13 suitcases we took that were full of medicines, school supplies, caps, glasses and other miscellaneous items. Thank you for all the things donated by the Culdee Church family. They were greatly needed and appreciated. Monday night we hosted a teacher and staff appreciation dinner to show how much they are loved, valued and not forgotten.

While we were there, Pastor Sidor traveled to Port au Prince and purchased 120 chickens. Thank you Culdee Family. The students are now able to have eggs at breakfast for the first time ever!

The team traveled on Wednesday to Port au Prince to work at The Lord's Barefoot School and tour the Apparent Project. We worked in classrooms and tutored students at this school. At the Apparent Project we watched the Haitian artisans create jewelry and other homemade items. This is where our church family sends the cereal boxes so they can create the colorful jewelry. Many have expressed interest in purchasing an authentic piece of jewelry from Haiti. We brought back beautiful bracelets, earrings and necklaces if you are interested in taking a look at them.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We felt the love and prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ while we were on this mission trip.

*Not to us, oh God, not to us, but to Your name be the glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 115:1*

## **Mission money sent to Haiti at work!**





**Some of the Haitian Children**

**Starting construction on second floor to the school.**



**This team went to do a blessing for others... but got blessed also!**

## Music Notes

### Handbells

We have been rehearsing so hard for the Easter/Lent season. What a joy to bring the handbells into the worship services. Our new and seasoned ringers are making a fun and interesting choir to work with. A big thank you to our newbies. You are doing a wonderful job!

We have a need to buy the fourth octave of handbells for our handbell choir. The refurbisher that we worked with last summer to repair our bells has the case that we need and has offered them to us for a substantial lower cost than full price. If this ministry sounds like something you would like to be a supporting contributor to we would be so blessed by your gift to the handbell fund.

### Music Theory

On April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 there will be an introduction to Music theory class. It would be a wonderful time for anyone who has always wanted to learn how to read music to take advantage of this offer. It would be helpful if you could bring your own laptop, Ipad, or whatever device you prefer to navigate the website. It is a wonderful tool that will take you from beginning music theory to more than you ever thought possible. This class will simply put you on the road to where you need to be to work independently. This class will not meet on a regular basis. I will be glad to help you whenever you might need it, or just need to know how to set up your exercises. It will be a wonderful thing for all choir/ensemble members....you are encouraged to participate. This class will meet in the fellowship hall. There will be no other musical rehearsals on April 24<sup>th</sup> to free up the evening for the class. Be careful! You might learn something!

### Chancel Choir

The Chancel choir has been busy preparing new Spring music for the Easter and Lent season. We have had several new members join to add to our fun and festivities on Wednesday nights. Remember..”what happens in the choir room....stays in the choir room.”

Choir rehearsal will resume on its regular Wed. night 6:30 time on April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a part of our wonderful choir we urge you to come and join right in on the 18<sup>th</sup>. You won't be sorry you did. We have a wonderful group of fun musical peeps who love to sing, and make a” joyful noise.”

### Dulcimer Ensemble

It was an honor for the Dulcimer Ensemble to visit and play for Ellen Black this month. We enjoyed visiting and listening to her beautiful Dulcimer music as she played for and with us. What a treat to play and sing her favorite hymn “In The Garden” with her. Always a beautiful smile on Ellen's face as she listened and played along. It was a blessing that we will not soon forget. Thank you for allowing us to invade your home with all of our “stuff”. You are in our hearts and in our prayers. It was truly a joy of unspeakable measure for our group.

“The Gathering” is a wonderful monthly event hosted by the Furr's. We were privileged to have been asked to play for this group this month. We ate the best food anywhere around! Everything was GREAT! We played for a wonderful group of people. They were so gracious! Thank you for having us, it was such an honor.

If you wish to be a part of this group of musicians we always have room for one more. We will be returning to rehearsal on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the choir room, and Wednesday mornings at 11:00.



*Choir hard at work*



*Strumming at "The Gathering"*

*Some of the Dulcimer ladies having fun visiting with Ellen*



Thank you Ellen, for reminding us how beautiful this hymn is...

### In the Garden

Here is the account of how this beautiful hymn was written—from the hymn-writer C. Austin Miles himself:

One day in April, 1912, I was seated in the dark room, where I kept my photographic equipment and organ. I drew my Bible toward me; it opened at my favorite chapter, John 20--whether by chance or inspiration let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of its power and charm.

As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, Rabboni!

My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away.

John, in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb; then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John.

As they departed, Mary reappeared; leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched and looking into His face cried, Rabboni!

I awakened in sunlight, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music.

### In the Garden

<i>(1) I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.</i>	<i>(2) He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing</i>
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### CHORUS:

<i>And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.</i>	<i>(3) I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.</i>
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# April 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Apr 1</b> 1 Great Hour Offering 7:00am Easter Sunrise Breakfast to follow 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>2</b> 9:00am Knitting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9:00am Quilting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8:20am Reach Service</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Finance Min. 6:00 pm Session Meets 6:00 pm Youth Meet	<b>9</b> 9:00am Knitting	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Dulcimer's 7:00pm Handbells	<b>11</b> 11:00am Dulcimer Practice 6:00pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm PW Joint Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering (Carthage, NC)
<b>15</b> CROWWALK 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	<b>16</b> 9:00am Knitting	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Dulcimer's 7:00pm Handbells	<b>18</b> 11:00am Dulcimer Practice 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 9:00am Quilting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b> 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Bring Food, 6:00pm Youth meet	<b>30</b> Doris Moore SS Deadline 9:00am Knitting	<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>