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### **The Culdee Connection**

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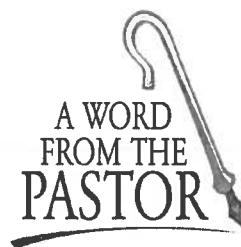
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### **GIFTS FROM THE PANDEMIC**

As people who believe in the sovereignty of God, we hold that God is not absent from our world and our lives. If this is the case while Covid-19 is not caused by God, the pandemic may most certainly be used of God. I invite you to do your own thinking but I am firmly convinced that we need to be asking the questions: what does God want us to learn, what changes, what missions, even what kind of pastor for the future? The pandemic, or for that matter current issues of justice, can offer us gifts of raising our awareness, transforming us, and if we are open, drawing us nearer to Christ. Let's use this transitional time to being conformed more into the likeness of our Savior. As a point of reference, I want to recommend an article in Praxis, "*Strategies for Winter: Redemptive Leadership in Survival Times.*" The questions below are some that we can reflect on as individuals and as a community of faith at Culdee.



Times of great transitions and upheaval begin with losses. For example, Culdee is in a current time of great transition which began when your last installed pastor left, not to mention the pandemic. When Joe left there was a loss of a relationship, and dreams or plans that would be no more or perhaps even positive change. The current pandemic has caused losses as well our ability to safely gather, to have Homecoming in the traditional way, Trunk or Treat, or Harvest Festival. The Youth have had to postpone fundraising, moving forward in starting the basketball court, and because of my lack of technical expertise, the Confirmation Class. We don't control much of

what happens and may, in fact, feel out of control. Real losses. **Q: What plans or ideas had started before the pandemic that need to move forward in a new way or perhaps might not be possible for some time or ever?**

Sometimes with great chaos there emerge new priorities. We've explored using our website and Facebook and discovered that we are reaching out to folks who haven't been to Culdee physically. Some new folks have "found" us and are adding to those we can count as a part of our community.

**Q: How can we nurture new relationships, create more opportunities to involve others in helping in the community? Is there some letting go of older priorities to do?**

We need to examine our values and what we see as essentials before the pandemic. We need to admit and learn from one another that perhaps what we have seen as a "must" cannot be automatically assumed to be important for the future. We need to at least ask the questions. **Q: What do we see as more important and essential now than before the pandemic? What do we see as less important for the future?** We cannot assume! We need to make decisions based on what God is revealing to us-- not go forward without reflection.

What new and glorious thing could God be about in the life of Culdee? God has always called his people to the task of reformation, both internally and externally. If we go "turtle," pulling back and retreating from examining ourselves, our assumptions, our priorities, our losses then we risk losing a new vision led by God into something joyful and wonderful. We need to refuse to believe or behave, make decisions or take actions, that lead us to maintain the status quo, the same old same old. Let's ask ourselves as disciples and those involved in Culdee reflective questions. **Q: What long term changes would we like to be a part of in our community? What unique gifts and talents do we have that would help with recovery to Covid-19? Are there new relationships, partnerships with others that we need to strengthen or make? Can we see that the pandemic if we look at it might actually be a gift from God to push us out of our comfort and ease and call us to be the Body of Christ in new and joyous ways? "Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.**

The Message Isaiah 43:19

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**STATED SESSION MEETING: NOTES AND ACTIONS-**



*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Presented by June Stewart, Clerk of Session

**NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING of July 12, 2020**

The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of Elders in attendance.

Moderator: Rev. Jane Love, Interim Pastor

**Session Actions:**

- Elders approved the motion to allow the quilters from Cameron Presbyterian to meet in a Sunday school room in our basement on Thursdays, 11:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- The motion to strike statements: 9a.) and 9c.) under Section V (Spending Policy) from the Finance Investments Committee’s **Policies and Procedures** document was approved. It was followed by a motion to approve the **Policies and Procedures** document, as amended. The second motion was also approved.
- The **Investments Committee**, through the Finance Ministry, brought a motion to move all of the funds, except each funds’ savings account, from the Sarah Ann Fortune Fund, the Parking Lot Fund, and the Doris Moore Scholarship Fund over to Eastman, Davis, Palmer and Vaughan Wealth Management Group- Stifel for investing. The motion as approved after being amended to exclude the Doris Moore Scholarship Fund.
- The motion to accept the **Reopening Safety Protocols for Indoor Worship at Culdee** was approved.
- The motion to start Indoor Worship in the Fellowship Hall on July 26, with safety protocols in place and continuing online worship, was approved. The protocols will be revisited and updated as the COVID-19 situation in our church, county, state, etc. changes and /or new science is presented.
- Session approved moving the date of **Homecoming** to **November 1** due to COVID-19 concerns.
- **Harvest Festival** and **Trunk-n-Treat** have been cancelled for this year. For this year only, due to COVID-19, a 100% of the special **Harvest Festival offering** to be received on **October 18** will go in the Mission Fund.
- Session adopted paperwork (**Project/Event Proposal; Detailed Narrative; Detailed Budget**) to provide a standard operating procedure for church members or committees to use to propose project ideas to the session and then to provide more details, when requested, about any proposed projects that the session approves.

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**Culdee’s PNC News**



**Members:**

Amber Clayton  
Lonnie McKenzie  
Nancy Howle  
Stephanie Barber, Secretary

Diann Fortune, Chair  
Janie Taylor  
Ryan Bailey

Reverend Rick Martindale, liaison between Culdee and the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, has the Mission Information Form (MIF) for review. The PNC asks for prayers that the MIF is appropriately reflective of Culdee and will very soon be approved by Reverend Martindale and then Culdee’s Session. The step after approval is filing the form with PC (USA) so the PNC may begin receiving information about prospective pastors. Please continue to pray!




**Congregational Care: Chair Karen McKenzie & Vice Chair Eve Williamson**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

*Sick & Shut-in*

*Please keep these special members in your thoughts, prayers and communication list, not only during this crisis but also beyond.*




**Pray for Culdee members serving in the Armed Forces:**  
Tony Cox & Jared Rivas

**Please pray for all people keeping life moving & safe during the COVID 19 pandemic.**



**Pray for all leaders as they make decisions that affect all aspects of life for the people they represent.**

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**Changes for 2020 Protocols for Indoor Worship During COVID-19 Pandemic**



At the July Session meeting, Interim Pastor Jane Love dissolved the Church Reopening Committee with thanks for their work.

**Culdee Church Reopening Committee Members:** Karen McKenzie, Chair; Darlene Valitutto; Jewell Vest; Gail Farmer; Beverly Dunlop; Diann Fortune

The Session approved opening the Fellowship Hall for indoor worship to begin on Sunday, July 26, 2020. They approved the protocols presented by the Reopening Committee for indoor worship that were shared in last month's newsletter with a few tweaks. People that choose to join indoor worship will have signs and greeters to show the pathways. Please wear masks if you have them & stay home if you feel unwell. The Reopening Committee thanks everyone for their input. Be safe in all you do!



**Worship: Chair Johnie Marion & Vice Chair Brandon Blue**

Submitted by Johnie Marion

*Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."*

Our above verse tells us to fear not because God is with us always. In our current time and with the unrest and turmoil in this world there may be a lot of reasons to explain us lacking the courage or being fearful of what our future holds. There is, although, this comfort and hope we can cling to, a hope and strength that surpasses all understanding. In the second half of verse 6 it ensures us that God is with us and will never fail us or leave us. That is a promise that we can always count on. No matter what we face in the future we can have peace knowing that God is forever with us. A hope and strength that only our Creator God can give us. There is nobody better that I would rather have with me during a time of crisis than my Almighty Father. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us not to worry over anything but with ALL things turn it over to God in prayer and He will fill us with His peace. We could use a little peace in our lives right now. Why don't we turn our worries over to God in prayer? Why don't we trust God and allow him to lead us down new roads? Maybe it's human nature not to trust what we can't see and what we can't understand. Trusting in our Heavenly Father is the only way we will know peace in our hearts and joy in our lives. I challenge you to turn your worries over to God and experience the hope and comfort that can only be found in trusting in the Lord.

During the July meeting Session approved moving worship services indoors to the Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity for those individuals and families that are comfortable with social-distancing indoor-worship to attend. There will be a limited number of seating inside and everyone attending inside will be asked to wear a face covering and follow the guidance of the Safety Procedures Committee. We will be continuing to offer a "drive-in" service that will either be offered via a "tune-in" basis (where you can tune in on your car's FM radio) or the placement of speakers in the parking lot (much like our current setup). Don't worry if you can't make it to the church or can't leave home, just tune in online on Facebook or the church's website ([www.culdeechurch.net](http://www.culdeechurch.net))

Indoor/Drive-in services will begin on Sunday July 26th at 9:00am. Those wishing to attend indoors are asked to park along the first row closest to Highway 73 or in the spots closest to the entrance across from the fire department. Parking closest to the Fellowship Hall will be reserved for those wishing to attend "drive-in" worship. Ushers will be available to assist in guiding us through this new and exciting opportunity to worship together. We may have entered a new age of "normalcy" but this just means new and exciting, but possibly scary, opportunities to honor and serve our Creator. We tend to hold on to old ways, old customs, because they are "familiar and comfortable" to us. However, we should be willing to grow as a body and build upon the "old ways" while advancing the love of Christ throughout the generations of Culdee and of the community. Together as a family of Christ, a community of faith, and with our God always and forever present we will have nothing to fear and a family of God's children to grow with.

The Worship Ministry welcomes all who are willing to help with being ushers or would like to help in another way to contact the Worship Ministry or the church office. We would also like to thank all those involved in making worship together in different forms possible over the past several weeks.

In addition to the decision to have indoor and "drive-in" services starting on the 26th, it was decided that Homecoming and Revival will be moved to November 1st. More details will be given out on a later date. May Christ Jesus be with each of you and may we find comfort in this season.

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**Christian Education Ministry: Chairman Wade Garner & Vice Chair Patti Burke**  
Submitted by Patti Burke

**Roman 8:14** *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

During our Covid-19 journey, the Christian Education Ministry continues searching for ways to connect us. After researching, we would like to suggest a study which addresses the feelings we have and offers us insight into ways God calls us to him in times of need.

OVERCOMING ANXIETY COVID-19 by Jonathan Pokluda

Session 1: Anxiety about the Uncontrollable

Session 2: Anxiety about the Economy

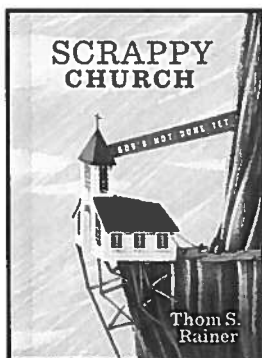
Session 3: Anxiety about Isolation

Session 4: Anxiety about when the Church Can't Meet

Total Time: 31 minutes

We hope this will touch some of you and generate deeper insight into ways God can use us in troubled times. To the parents of younger children, please explore the kids section. There are over 2000 episodes just for kids.

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The book, *Scrappy Church* written by Thomas S. Rainer, was given to several members of the session by **Pearl Frye** in hopes of our reading and passing this on to others. After getting started, I felt this should be shared with the entire church in a speedier manner so each newsletter will contain a summary of the book in installments. I think this is something we can all think about and hopefully will be a catalyst for change!

Submitted by Patti Burke

## ***SCRAPPY CHURCH: God's not done yet!***

Thomas S. Rainer

### Installment 2:

Churches are wondering if they will survive. They are discouraged. Migration from smaller churches to larger is clear and evident. In order to survive, the church must become a “*Scrappy Church*”. But how? The following steps are those taken by churches losing membership and feeling discouraged on their path. They found a way not only to survive but thrive!

The following are the steps they began with. First, although not blind to difficulties, a *Scrappy Church* remains certain God has a plan for them. The fact God has placed the church and the congregation at this address, at this time for a purpose gives the church body a dogged determination.

Secondly, the next most common characteristics of the *Scrappy Church* was a great dependence on prayers of their church. Prayer were not an afterthought. It became invasive and powerful sometimes with 24-hour vigils or week long intensive prayer and continues with constant intentional prayers for the church.

Next, the *Scrappy Church* has to celebrate the presence of other churches rather than look to them as competition. Once they realized almost 80% of the community surrounding most churches are not in church, they began to acknowledge there are not too many churches reaching people but not enough. The community churches must become allies in God’s mission.

Another huge discovery about *Scrappy Churches* was most of the time and budget went to care for their own needs. Outreach became limited to a couple of causes each year. Yearly festivals, VBS, Seasonal Programs (Christmas and Easter) reached into the community, but the rest of the year they served the inner church. Outreach was a seasonal event! The decline in membership was a wakeup call. The answer begins in these churches with more outreach to save the church and God uses it to do his work within the community. The church begins to use time and money to serve others, and in doing so the result becomes a renewed congregation multiplying their resources to reach others.

In order to make these changes, the church must have an attitudinal adjustment. The church must stop the game of blaming others for the circumstances and must start to view the entire congregation through the lens of Christ. Then the fruit of the church can begin to bear. The *Scrappy Churches* issued a cease and desist order for playing the blame game! It certainly does NO GOOD.

Next, the *Scrappy Churches* stopped comparing their church to others. As long as they compared their church to another church, they could not see what God was doing for them. Comparisons generate a sense of inadequacy, jealousy, dependence, or anger. None of these are healthy.

How does a *Scrappy Church* deal with criticism of their church? First, pray for the critics. Do not allow the church to dwell on the criticisms or allow yourself to focus on the critics and barbs. Stay focused and move on in the direction led by God. Remain focused on others, reaching out into the community and do not allow critics to force your church to have a constant inward focus.

Leaders of healthy, turnaround churches are seeking to learn every day. They are seeking potential areas of community involvement and ways the church can become more involved in the daily lives of those around them. The goal is to return to the community church. This is done with the desire to be God's touch to those around the church with the only agenda being to serve God!

Now for the big question. How can a church begin moving into the community with declining membership, limited time to devote, only a few willing hands, a ton of naysayers, the resounding "this has been tried before", etc. The list goes on! But as we said earlier...NO EXCUSES! God is not done with your church yet. You have been called to be at this church, at this time for a purpose. God has called us to build his house. He will complete it.

(Next Installment...Ways to begin!)

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**Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune**

Submitted by Diann Fortune

*Matthew 25:29 For the man who uses well what he is given shall be given more, and he shall have abundance. But from the man who is unfaithful, even what little responsibility he has shall be taken from him.*

To offer the opportunity for Culdee's Session to ask financial and investing questions concerning Culdee's funds, Bill Eastman, CFP, Senior Vice President/Investments of Eastman, Davis, Palmer and Vaughan Wealth Management Group- Stifel, accepted an invitation to attend the July Session meeting. Eastman, Davis, Palmer and Vaughan Wealth Management Group- Stifel was engaged for their expertise with churches and non-profits to manage the investment of some of Culdee's designated funds. They must follow Session-approved Investments Policy and Procedures also under which both the Finance Ministry and Investments Committee must operate. Eastman, Davis, Palmer and Vaughan Wealth Management Group- Stifel will work with the Investments Committee, using Culdee's Investments Policy and Procedures, which dictates investment for growth with appropriate minimal risk.

In future financial reports, there will be months where investments are up and some with investments down, as is the nature of investing. Over the long term, this company has a track record for sound investing and growth. The Investments Committee will work with Eastman, et al to discuss each individual account's goals and determine whether long- or short-term investing would be appropriate, ensuring the account is invested at an appropriate risk level. To reiterate, the Session is ultimately responsible for the distribution of church funds and must follow any legal restrictions placed on funds. The updated Investments Policy and Procedures was brought before the Session again in July and Bill Eastman was able to answer questions from members. The updated Investments Policy and Procedures was approved after a couple of amendments required by the Session and is available in the church office for review.



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**Culdee's Financial Status:**

Review of the attached June financial statement from Sandhills Accounting Services shows monthly income for June was \$18,914.00 while expenses totaled \$16,523.68. Culdee's Year-to-Date income is \$115,054.04 while the Year-to-Date expenses are \$113,625.70.

The June finance report currently shows that Culdee has 8.18 months of reserve funds in case of emergency, down only slightly from May's 8.2 months. Funding of just basic necessities will hopefully continue to slow the depletion of that emergency fund. With indoor worship beginning, expenses are naturally expected to have an increase in future months.

**Birthdays for August:**

Sadie Cuff	01	Ray Barber	13	Jackson Aldridge	23
Jackie Thamm	04	Tony Rouse	15	Nancy Howle	25
Sarah Cuff	05	Peyton Martin	15	Kristy Taylor	25
Tracy Vest	09	Eve Williamson	18	Norman Harris	25
Eli Black	09	Andrew Craven	19	Dana Vest	26
Tammy Parsons	11	Lisa Campbell	20	Slylar Lilly	26
Wayne Vest	11	Myers Buckley	21	Sharon Cuff	30
Zach Marks	11	Grace Bowen	22	Jed Black	30
Nelson Blue	12	Deelie Whitesell	23	Lisa Huffines	30



**AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS: (In hope & faith we're healthy & operating normally soon.)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI.	SAT.
8:20 am REACH Service	9:00 am Culdee Knitters	6:00 pm Dulcimers	6:00 pm Bible Study	9:00 am Culdee Quilters		
9:40 am Children's JAM	2:30 pm Joyful Noise	7:00 pm Handbells	7:00 pm Choir Practice			
9:45 Sunday School						
11:00 am Worship						
6:00 pm Youth Group						

**CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**  
 June 30, 2020

Week 4,922.94  
 Sundays 4

**OPERATING FUND REFLECTS INCOME FROM TITHES/OFFERINGS AND GENERAL MONTHLY EXPENSES**

**OVER &  
(UNDER)**

MO OP BUDGET INCOME	\$ 19,691.77	ACTUAL MO OP INCOME	\$ 18,914.00	(777.77)
MO OP BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 19,691.77	ACTUAL MO OP EXPENSE	\$ 16,523.68	(3,168.09)
TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET INCOME	\$ 127,996.50	ACTUAL YTD OP INCOME	\$ 115,054.04	(12,942.46)
TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 127,996.50	ACTUAL YTD OP EXPENSE	\$ 113,625.70	(14,370.80)
ACTUAL MO OP & DESG INCOME	\$ 3,904.00	ACTUAL YTD OP & DESG INCOME	\$ 154,634.18	
ACTUAL MO OP & DESG EXPENSE	\$ 7,468.09	ACTUAL YTD OP & DESG EXPENSE	\$ 146,989.54	

<b>LIQUID ASSETS:</b>	
BB&T CHECKING	\$ 21,472.33
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET SAVINGS	\$ 4,828.29
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET CDs	\$ 167,484.85
SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	\$ 694.55
DUE FROM GEN TO LEGALLY DESIGNATED	\$ -
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 194,480.02</b>

<b>LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS: *</b>	
BB&T Cemetery Fund Checking/Savings*	\$ 6,814.03
BB&T Cemetery Fund CDs*	\$ 69,211.58
BB&T Flower Garden CD #3126*	\$ 10,000.00
BB&T Flower Garden Checking #6017*	\$ 1,887.42
BB&T Men's Group Checking #5469*	\$ 1,099.94
Live Oak Barnabus Savings*	\$ 4,084.98
Live Oak Building/Renovations Savings*	\$ 18,682.57
Live Oak Choir Savings*	\$ 5,312.11
Live Oak Doris Moore Savings*	\$ 2,070.42
Live Oak Hand Bell Savings*	\$ 1,404.64
Live Oak Missions Savings*	\$ 5,919.79
Live Oak Parking Lot Savings*	\$ 7.52
Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune Savings*	\$ 1,082.69
Live Oak Youth Basketball Project Savings*	\$ 5,745.37
Live Oak Youth Savings*	\$ 9,388.70
Live Oak Parking Lot CDs*	\$ 37,970.29
Live Oak Cemetery Fund CD #7743*	\$ 20,230.44
Live Oak Doris Moore CDs*	\$ 49,714.79
Live Oak Missions CDs*	\$ 5,143.53
Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune CDs*	\$ 25,905.68
<b>TOTAL LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS*</b>	<b>\$ 281,676.49</b>

<b>DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED &amp; LEGALLY RESTRICTED LIQUID ASSETS:</b>	
DESIGNATED FUNDS *	\$ 5,726.31
LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS *	\$ 281,676.49
STIFEL NICOLAUS INVESTMENTS *	\$ 5,292.31
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED &amp; LEGALLY RESTRICTED LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 287,402.80</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 481,882.82</b>

**TOTAL YTD INTEREST INCLUDED IN BALANCES \$ 2,158.64**  
**TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEAR \$ 277,029.26**

<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS: *</b>	
Barnabus Fund *	\$ 270.65
Building/Renovations*	
Building & Renovations*	\$ 244.51
Parking Lot Paving Fund*	\$ 550.00
Choir Fund *	\$ 2,997.34
Doris Moore *	\$ -
Hand Bell Fund *	\$ 250.54
Harvest Festival*	\$ -
Missions*	\$ 352.47
Other Designated*	\$ 35.80
Sarah Ann Fortune Memorial Fund *	\$ -
Youth Basketball Project*	\$ 775.00
Youth Fund *	\$ 250.00

<b>STIFEL NICOLAUS INVESTMENTS:</b>	
<b>Restricted:</b>	
Sarah Ann Fortune - 1753 *	\$ 5,292.31 *
<b>TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS AS OF 06/30/20</b>	<b>\$ 5,292.31</b>

<b>BB&amp;T CHECKING DESIGNATED FUNDS *</b>	<b>\$ 5,726.31</b>
AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS	\$ 194,480.02
BB&T CHECKING (MINIMUM BALANCE)	\$ (20,000.00)
6 MONTH RESERVE (EQUAL TO ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME DIVIDED BY 2)	\$ (127,996.50)
<b>MONIES AVAILABLE IN EXCESS OF 6 MONTHS RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 46,483.52</b>
Months in Reserve	8.18

<b>TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
YTD ADDITIONS TO INVESTMENT	\$ 5,253.87
YTD TRANSFERRED FROM STIFEL	\$ -
	<b>\$ 5,253.87</b>
YTD DIVIDENDS & REALIZED GAINS	\$ -
YTD UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ 39.16
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 39.16</b>

ACT = ACTUAL  
 MO = MONTHLY  
 BUD = BUDGET  
 OP = OPERATING  
 INC = INCOME  
 EXP = EXPENSES  
 DESG = DESIGNATED  
 \* = LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

YTD INVESTMENT EXPENSE \$ (0.72)  
**BALANCE AS OF 06/30/20 \$ 5,292.31**

**Total Annual Budget \$255,993.00**  
**Average monthly budget \$ 21,332.75**

If there is additional information you would like to see included in our newsletter, please email [culdee.news@gmail.com](mailto:culdee.news@gmail.com) to make suggestions or requests. All ideas will be given consideration. ☺



*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.



### Worship Schedules

<b>Worship During the COVID-19 Pandemic</b> Interim Pastor: Reverend Jane Love	<b>Worship When Not in the Pandemic</b> Interim Pastor: Reverend Jane Love
<p><b>Sundays:</b></p> <p><b>9:00- Indoor Worship in Fellowship Hall</b> A mask is required.</p> <p><b>9:00- Drive-In Worship in Parking Lot</b> You are welcome to bring chairs to sit outside or worship from your car.</p> <p><b>Online Service-</b> At your convenience from Culdee's website. Located under Media. Also, check Facebook.</p> <p><b>Daily Phone Devotions</b> Interim Pastor Jane Love shares a brief sermon nightly to lift spirits and offer comfort. Please call the church office if you would like your phone number added to this service.</p>	<p><b>Sundays:</b></p> <p><b>8:20- REACH Service</b> A contemporary-type worship service followed by refreshments &amp; fellowship.</p> <p><b>9:30- Fellowship &amp; Refreshments</b> A time to share prayer praises and needs and enjoy Christian fellowship.</p> <p><b>9:45- Sunday School</b> Learn God's Word &amp; how it applies to daily life.</p> <p><b>11:00- Worship Service</b> A relaxed traditional-type service where all are welcome.</p> <p><b>Wednesdays:</b></p> <p><b>6:00- Bible Study</b> Join fellow Christians in an uplifting study of the Bible.</p>

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I would like to thank Culdee for sending me to the “Praise and Worship conference in Montreat in July. It was a wonderful week of worship, music, and fellowship. This was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conference and it was all on-line. That was so disappointing but with the creativity of musical people and cutting-edge technology it proved to be a wonderful musical, learning experience. Thank you for investing in my continuing education for 2020. It means so much!

As we move forward in this challenging year of 2020, I am constantly reminded every week as we are planning for worship that God is doing a NEW THING! We need to get on board with His will and learn the new things He is teaching us or we will miss God in all of this. It’s important to be pliable, moldable and flexible in everything. The new normal will look nothing like the old normal. We must get in the frame of mind that God is in charge. He knows what He is doing, and I want the music department of the church to be following “only Him”! The music department is in the process of splitting up into small ensembles, duets, quartets, praise teams, instrumentalist, and wherever else the Lord leads. We can do this NEW THING with the leading of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to a generous donation given to the music department we have ordered new instruments to diversify the Dulcimer Ensemble which will help those musicians greatly. It should improve everything about our group. If you’ve ever wanted to be a part of this group, don’t miss this chance.

The Chancel Choir’s trip to Carnegie Hall has been extended to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will be able to take more people if you were not part of the original group it’s time to get your name on the list. Our trip is not yet fully funded. We still have some travel and lodging cost to take care of. Please be in prayer that Covid-19 will not cancel this opportunity again. The directors in Moore Co. are trying to figure out how to have rehearsals for the Fall in a safe manner. It is such a challenging time right now. Please keep in mind that God is doing a NEW THING with all of us. He is making us better people, Christians, brothers, and sisters. Please keep the music department in your prayers as we try to be creative and innovative with our music. We are striving to get together and LET IT OUT musically!!! It is just not safe to sing yet, but it will be again one day. Until then, lets keep a song in our hearts, and a spring in our step. Building each other up in everything we do.



Making every noise joyful! Beverly