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“Be on your guard; stand firm
in the faith; be courageous; be
strong. Do everything in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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2017 SESSION

Moderator

Rev. Dr. Joseph Washburn

Class of 2017

Danny Aldridge...Finance
Dannie Jackson...Building and Grounds
Nelson Pusser...Worship
June Stewart...Congregational Care

Class of 2018

Elaina Aponte...Christian Education
Robin McKenzie...Congregational Care
Mark Seawell...Out Reach
Don Williamson...Out Reach

Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey...Building and Grounds
Bob Beddingfield...Finance
Amber Clayton...Christian Education
Janie Taylor...Worship



From the Pastor's Desk...

“Pray for me and I’ll pray for you. Pray that we will keep the common ground.” These words, penned by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick in 1998, form the opening phrase to their song “Pray for Me.” I realize that using a song from 1998, and calling it “contemporary” really dates me, but this is a beautiful song that speaks of the truth of God’s leading in our lives. It speaks of how God not only brings us together and allows our paths of life to cross, but He often leads us down different paths and in different directions. I have found that many times the leading of God makes perfect sense while at other times we are left wondering what in the world God has in mind! One of the reasons I love this song, though I can’t listen to it without shedding a few tears over friends I am separated from, is that the heart of this song reminds us that while God may not always lead us along the same paths, we can trust that we will be together again.

You see, the truth is that we are connected—we are connected through Jesus Christ. Through him we have all received the forgiveness of our sins and through him we shall all receive the gift of eternal life. Perhaps our time together was not as long as you had hoped, but may we all remember that we will spend an eternity together!

As Angela and I continue the process of moving to Whiteville, I will always be thankful for the times we have had together...for the tears we have shed together and the laughter that we have shared; for the opportunities to minister together and the friendships that have been built. I suppose that I am no different than anyone else...we are all products of this society. One of the things this means is that good-byes are never easy. Obviously, we do not like to be separated from those we care about and too often we find that the words to express our feelings are nowhere to be found. So, I will not attempt to express some deep and profound idea on loss or friendship in this article...but I will leave you with two thoughts.

But first, I would ask that we continue to pray for one another, remembering the words from the song quoted above, “Pray for me and I’ll pray for you. Pray that we will keep the common ground.” We are joined together as brothers and sisters because of our common faith in Jesus Christ. God has done, and will continue to do, great things in our lives. And while we may not understand all that God is doing, may we all continue to place our hope and trust in Him.

Second, I will leave you with the following words from Paul. These are the words that he chose to end his first letter to the Corinthians. I offer them to you because they are the words of God, but also because they capture my thoughts...“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.” Over the years we have been here I have grown in my faith and walk with God...my prayer is that you have as well. I will continue to lift you in my prayers...that God would surround you with His peace and His strength. That you would know God’s abiding presence. I will cherish all the times we have shared...from the laughter to the tears; from the joys to the struggles. God is good and may that goodness continue to shine through all of us.

--Pastor Joe

REACH

The praise and worship team has been “under construction” and we are praying that God will lead us in every area of this reconstruction. We have some new help that has been a blessing to us. Several people have stepped up to make the transition a lot easier. We would appreciate your prayers for this group as we move forward to bring God the Glory.

Session Notes

July 9, 2017

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

Guest: Cathy McRae, Liaison from Committee on Ministry of the West Community, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

Moderator: Rev. Joseph D. Washburn

Active Membership Roll: 282

The minutes from the Stated Session meeting of June 11, 2017; Called Session meeting of July 2, 2017(Communicant’s Class); and a second Called Session meeting of July 2, 2017 were approved as read.

Pastor’s Report was received.

A brief discussion was held on chapters 5 and 6 from AUTOPSY OF A DECEASED CHURCH.

A report was received from each Session Ministry.

Cathy McRae gave Session members a brief overview of the pastor search process ahead.

Music Notes

Handbell Choir

The Handbells are back from refurbishment. Thanks and gratitude go to Janie and Ed Taylor for transporting them back and forth from Mr. Mickey Johnson's Handbell shop. They look brand new and sound fabulous. It was a huge undertaking but we will definitely hear the difference this fall. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project.

The handbell choir will return to their rehearsal schedule on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at 7:00. We have a lot of fun in this bell choir. It is a wonderful "team sport" and a wonderful way to bring a close group together. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Beverly at culdeemusic@gmail.com. We have your bells waiting on you!



Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir enjoyed participating in "Carousel" the benefit for Moore County public schools and arts education. It was a magical evening filled with wonderful musicians from all over the country. We were a part of the choir who supported some tremendous Broadway talent singing the leads.



August will begin our Christmas music with the Chancel Choir. We will be rehearsing on Wednesday nights at our regular choir rehearsal. Our Choir Christmas Concert will be on Sunday afternoon of December 10, 2017 at 4:00, mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this.

Mountain Lap Dulcimers

There is a wonderful sound coming from the music room on Tuesday nights. There were 14 people for our first night of strumming. We started at the beginning and have done a great job of making some real progress. It has been a lot of fun and we hope to hear from this group in the near future. If you would still like to join this group you are welcome at anytime. Please feel free to come and participate with our dulcimer group on Tuesday nights. We are working on hymn tunes and pretty soon we will be starting our Fall/Christmas music.

5 x 5 Reading Plan

7/31	Luke 24	8/7	1 Cor. 5	8/14	1 Cor.10	8/21	1 Cor. 15	8/28	2 Cor. 4
8/1	1 Cor. 1	8/8	1 Cor. 6	8//15	1 Cor. 11	8/22	1 Cor. 16	8/29	2 Cor. 5
8/2	1 Cor. 2	8/9	1 Cor. 7	8/16	1 Cor. 12	8/23	2 Cor. 1	8/30	2 Cor. 6
8/3	1 Cor. 3	8/10	1 Cor. 8	8/17	1 Cor. 13	8/24	2 Cor. 2	8/31	2 Cor. 7
8/4	1 Cor. 4	8/11	1 Cor. 9	8/18	1 Cor. 14	8/25	2 Cor. 3	9/1	2 Cor. 8

Presbyterian Women's News

Presbyterian Women of Coastal Carolina Fall Gathering

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Located at McPherson Presbyterian Church

3525 Cliffdale Road

Fayetteville, NC 28303

It has come to the attention of the PW Coastal Carolina Coordinating Team that the *Committee on African American Ministries* (CAAM) **gathering** is scheduled for August 12, 2017. Not wishing to create a conflict in scheduling, the women of MacPherson Presbyterian Church have graciously consented to host the

PW Fall Gathering on August 19, 2017 (instead of August 12th, as previously publicized.)

We hope to see you at the PW Fall Gathering on August 19th.

Sisters in Christ,

Kathy R. Benson

SE Regional Communicator

May 3, 2017

Congressional Care Ministry

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Southridge Bluegrass Band and the fundraiser for Dean and Robin Frye with your attendance and donations!

Attention Harvest Festival Kitchen Crew!!! A planning meeting will be held on Monday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendar!!

We would love for each family to donate one or two auction items.... new or gently used household items would be great.... gift certificates for golf packages, services (car wash, restaurants, nails, hair, etc. are also wonderful). We would love to have many items by September 15 so we can start posting pictures of them on our church website and Facebook page to generate interest!!

Robin and June



Everyone is invited!

Ashley McDonald & Joshua McKenzie will be getting married here at Culdee on August 12 at 4:00 pm. The reception will follow the ceremony at the Elks Lodge in Southern Pines. Everyone is invited to the wedding and the reception!

August Birthdays

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who are so faithful to bring can tabs and leave in the vestibule to be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill. The tabs are sold for so much a pound and the money is given to Ronald McDonald House.

Also, thanks to those who bring used clean towels, flannel sheets, and bath mats to be taken to the Moore County animal shelter or Moore Humane Society shelter. These are used for the animals to sleep on. They are especially good for new mothers and their kittens or puppies!

Thanks, Lisa Bryson

Haiti Updates

It's been a hot summer! The Lord has blessed us with rain and a lot of good things from the garden, and orchards even though He has turned up the heat!!! We have made it to the end of July and Fall is only a few weeks away!!

The LaHai Roi School in Haiti will be starting in September. Pastor Sidor and the teachers are busy getting ready. This year there will be only one kindergarten class because they are making room for a new 6th grade class. The children are eager to continue their education, so higher grades are needed.

Of course like all children, you have to feed the tummy as well as the mind. These children are fed two meals a day, breakfast and lunch, both provided by the school. For most of these children this will be their only food all day. They walk to school each day with empty tummies and walk back home after school to little or no food.

We started collecting money in the coin tower at our 2016 Bible School to help provide breakfast. We have made great progress in a little over a year! The tower seems to be about $\frac{3}{4}$ full! Since the new school year starts in September, we plan to count the money at the end of August. That way we can let Pastor Sidor know that he can count on Culdee to help provide breakfast for the children. For as little as 15 cent per day a child can have breakfast of a roll, peanut butter and a cup of water.

For about \$30 per day we can feed 200 children. Let's dig down deep and see if we can FILL UP the tower by August 31!

WE CAN DO IT!! YES, WE CAN!!!

Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me"

Thank you for saving the cereal boxes for Apparent Project! We have sent 3 boxes to date and have another box almost full!! This project also helps the needy in Haiti by giving them jobs and self-respect. Keep eating that cereal!!

Sylvia Pusser and Nancy Howle traveled to Atlanta to deliver 10 suitcases filled with lovingly made dresses and outfits by the women of Pocket Presbyterian Church in Sanford. Each suitcase contains 100 outfits! These faithful ladies have made over 10,000 outfits for children all over the world! What a great mission! Along with the suitcases, 3 guitars and 2 keyboards (donated by Culdee members) were delivered to be shipped to Haiti.

Also, a reminder of the **Haiti Help and Hope Fundraiser** on September 10, 2017 at Rubicon Farm featuring the *Sandband!* Tickets are on sale now! You don't want to miss this fun event for all ages! Contact Nancy Howle or Sylvia Pusser for tickets or information!

Culdee Endowment Fund Committee News

The Endowment Fund Committee held its quarterly meeting on Sunday, July 9, 2017

The Culdee investments in Vanguard through the Endowment Fund Committee continue to yield a profitable return, with a total gain of \$9,304.00 at the time of the July 2017 Endowment meeting. The Vanguard funds include the Liquid Asset; Parking Lot Paving; Cemetery; Flower Garden; Doris Moore Scholarship; Mission; Youth; Building & Renovation; Paint & Wallpaper; and Sarah Ann Fortune Fund. All of the Vanguard funds are in a good and stable position, and overall have yielded a significant positive return.

Vanguard monies are invested conservatively in different accounts including markets such as treasuries, and the Wellington and Wellesley Funds. The Vanguard accounts are ‘growth’ accounts, whereas traditional CD’s and savings accounts used primarily in our designated funds, accrue interest. The Vanguard Funds are easily accessible as needed and as approved by the Session. The Endowment Committee continues to examine and welcome ideas for all avenues of investment.

The Doris Moore Scholarship Fund under its designated funds, was used to pay five scholarships, of \$350.00 to each recipient. No monies needed to be transferred from Vanguard to award the scholarships. The Doris Moore Scholarship Vanguard account has accrued \$1,008.87 interest since it began. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Doris Moore family and donations to this worthwhile cause.

Finally, we, the members of the Endowment Fund Committee extend our heartfelt best wishes to Pastor Joe Washburn and his family, as he marches forward into his next calling. We appreciate Pastor Joe’s service to Culdee and the Endowment Committee; his leadership, ideas, and his quick wit will surely be missed. Best wishes Pastor Joe.

*“There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1.*

The next tentative quarterly Endowment Fund Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Questions, comments, or information on opportunities for investment may be addressed by contacting any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members: Chairman Danny Aldridge, Teresa Cole, Jim Dalton, Cate Short Frederick, Dannie Jackson, Tim Lea, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson, Diane Aldridge, and Bobby Beddingfield.

Respectfully submitted in Christ, Cate Short Frederick

August 2017

September 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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August 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 30	31	Aug 1	2 6:00pm Mountain Music Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	3 9:00am Quilting	4	5
6 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	7 9:00am Knitting	8	9 6:00pm Mountain Music Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	10 9:00am Quilting	11	12 McKenzie Wedding (Josh & Ashley) Reception: at the Elk Lodge, S.P. All are invited
13 Holy Communion Receive 2 Cents Offer. 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	14 9:00am Knitting	15	16 6:00pm Mountain Music Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	17 9:00am Quilting	18	19 PW Fall Gathering, Fayetteville, NC
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