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The Culdee Connection

Culdee Presbyterian Church

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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

..Finance

Johnnie Marion...Worship

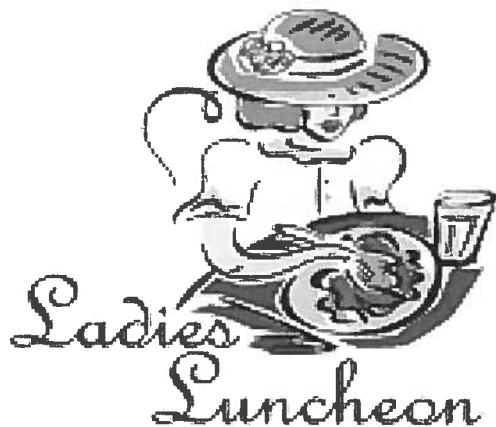
Rick Mathews... Building and Grounds

Karon McKenzie...Congregational Care



“The Christmas Story” presented by the Culdee kids on Sunday, Dec 9th at 4:00. Please mark your calendars for this beautiful musical pageant presented by the children. Please plan to stay after the program for a cookie reception and a visit from a special guest.





Attention ladies: everyone enjoyed the “Church Basement Ladies Sequel”. We are scheduled to go to a 2:00 matinee on Thursday, January 24, 2019. We will leave the church about 11:45 to head to Sanford for a quick meal and then to the Temple Theater. Reservations are at Ms, Lacy’s. The cost of the ticket is \$22.00 each. We will have to have the money by January 9th and there will be no refunds. You may reserve your spot by calling the church office at 910-295-6685 or Jewel Vest at 910-673-5052



On Friday, Dec, 7th at 6:00 the men of the church will host a Christmas Dinner for the congregation. It will be a wonderful time of food and fellowship for all. Please mark your calendars for this church wide event.

Special greetings to our partners, donors, and friends.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?...". (Romans 10: 14 -15).

Ministry accomplishments: God is working in the lives of the church members in Montrouis, Piatre, and Duclos and the ministry social works in those villages are real blessings for the country. Presently, our school in Piatre is one of the best Christian schools. Parents are talking everywhere to other people about the progress of their children and the quality of our Christian school in Piatre, and we just have to say thank you to all our partners and donors.

Now, our focus is in the village of PERRIER. Perrier is a well located mountainous village. And our location is facing at least to six other villages where people can very hardly get access to the Gospel. If someone can afford to buy a radio, it is very difficult to receive the signal and listen to the radio, there is no electricity and people live in the woods.

The church that we are building now in Perrier is not just to have a Sunday morning worship service but **the plan is to place at least five or six speakers in different corners of the building and throughout the weekdays the gospel will be playing for people to listen.** For instance, each day we will start with a 5:00 am program. The Tuesday through Friday 5:00 am, Manna of the Day, that we have in Montrouis **will be recorded and played the next morning in Perrier at the same time.** And we will do the same for a prayer program at noon. Also our 6:00 pm Friday bible study will be recorded and played the next Friday at the same time. And then, Sunday we will have our regular worship service.

Presently, construction work in Perrier is going very well. The goal is to have in Perrier a finished decent worship sanctuary place by the mid of December but the whole big building will not be finished.

Have a godly day.

Brother Sidor

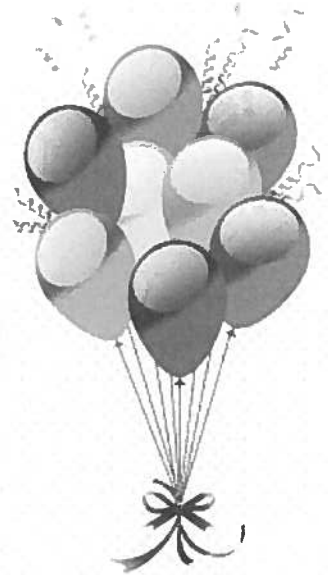




Birthdays of the Month

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dee Anderson	01	Luke Black	14
Matt Halverstadt	03	Betty Lois Frye	14
Tim Howle	03	Chris Bobo	16
Joan Altman	04	Douglas Meeks	16
Alistair McKenzie	04	Jill Black	20
Johnny Harris	05	Kelsey Thompson	20
Jodi Caddell	06	Gwyn Cox	21
Russell Whitaker	07	Michael Salargo	22
Darell Parsons	07	Abby Whitaker	22
Jim Dalton	08	Denise Grandolfo	26
Roston Barber	08	Susan Gribben	27
Lily Cox	09	Everette Parsons	27
Nicholas Fortune	10	Camrey Vest	28
Patrick Fields	12	Jennifer Jordan	29
Ed Taylor	12	Ann Savage	30
		Mark Thompson	30



Worship Committee

Many thanks to Rev. Jim Morgan for all he has brought to Culdee during the time he has been with us. He has blessed us with his gifts of Biblical knowledge, music, worship, joy, and love that he has so freely shared with us all. We know that we will continue to be blessed with the messages he has for us during the Advent season.

As much as we have enjoyed having Rev. Morgan as our spiritual leader, it is with great sadness that we realize his Sundays with us are drawing to a close. Yet, that leads us into excitement for God's plan for Culdee in the new year.

All of the paperwork has been submitted to Presbytery's Committee on Ministry as the next step in hiring Rev. Jane Love as our Interim minister. Our Committee will be meeting with the COM in December for the final approval of her position. All prayers continue to be appreciated as we prepare to begin this new phase of Culdee's mission and as Rev. Love prepares to lead us into our future. Reverend Love's first Sunday in the pulpit will be January 13, 2019.

Happy Holidays Brothers and Sisters in Christ our Lord!
Time sure is flying by. Congregational Care would like to stop and give a great big shout out of thanks!
Thank you all who helped in the Harvest Festival Fundraiser on October 20th. Many hands did make light work for all. And to all the Brothers and Sisters who came out and participated in our first "Annual Trunk or Treat." We served between 55-60 children along with their guardians.

Now Thanksgiving is behind us, and the Christmas Season is here. We would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone, from your Congregational Care Committee.



Called to Care





Culdee Finance Ministry News

For December

The Finance Ministry met Sunday November 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The October financial report was reviewed. As it has been for the better part of 2018, we are in good shape regarding our expenses and not in great shape for tithes and offerings. It

was noted once again that if we had been paying for a full time pastor, our income would be much farther into the red. With our expenses being very much to the good, we should end the year overall financially stable. We need to keep in mind however that when we start having to pay for an interim pastor and have to start funding the expenses of the manse again, our expenses will increase considerably.

Your Finance Ministry has met monthly during 2018 as in other years. They have diligently reviewed the trends of the church's expenses and income. We are blessed to have individuals on the ministry possessing an extensive background in finance and who exhibit a passion not only for the financial but also for the overall wellbeing of Culdee. However, your Finance Ministry can only work within their boundaries and make recommendations with the Session making the final decision on any proposed action. This is how the budget was created and by now you know, the 2019 budget has been finalized and approved by the Session. We hope you will take the time to study the Culdee 2019 budget.

We are entering the greatest season of the year, a time for recognizing how blessed we are and what a wonderful God we have. The Finance Ministry wishes you a great Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

The next Finance Ministry meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Would you like to make a difference? Attend one of our meetings or even join the Finance Ministry.

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: Jim Dalton, Vice-Chairman/Acting Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart, Dannie Jackson, and Danny Aldridge.

**CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2019 BUDGET AS APPROVED BY SESSION**

EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	
Minister base salary + SECA	49,000
Other Minister Compensation: Pension, Professional Expenses, Manse utilities	34,319
Minister workman's compensation	391
Total minister's terms of call	103,690
Choir Director base salary	30,004
Choir Director workman's compensation	287
Choir Director Payroll tax	2,295
Total Choir Director expense	32,586
Secretary base salary	24,770
Secretary workman's compensation	298
Secretary Payroll tax	1,895
Total Secretary expense	26,963
Cleaning Service base salary	6,600
Cleaning Service workman's compensation	457
Cleaning Service Payroll tax	505
Total Cleaning Service expense	7,562
Youth Worker base salary	6,000
Youth Worker workman's compensation	114
Youth Worker Payroll tax	459
Total Youth Worker expense	6,573
TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	177,374
OFFICE OPERATING EXPENSES	
OneCall Phone	794
Advertising	500
Accounting services	6,600
Contract Printing	1,300
Church Van Insurance	1,084
Fire & Liability Insurance	8,080
Newsletter Expenses :(Postage Permit \$225)	900
Office Stamps & Postage	300

Office Supplies (Copier contract, Website,etc.)	4,500
Session Expense	500
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATING EXPENSES	24,558
WORSHIP MINISTRY	
Guest Minister/Organist	1,200
Instrument Maint. (Hopper\$378/yr)(Hatcher\$225)	750
Music	1,900
Nursery	500
Revival Minister	1,500
CD Ministry	360
Worship supplies	400
TOTAL WORSHIP MINISTRY EXPENSES	6,610
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY	
Supplies & Materials Children's Church	200
Christmas Party	300
Eggstravaganza	0
Mailings, invitations, decorations and supplemental supplies	876
Confirmation Class Materials	100
Sunday School Curriculum	1,500
Sunday School Social & Rally Day	200
Upper Room	624
Vacation Bible School	1,000
Youth Camp & Conferences	500
Youth Fellowship Activities (Snacks and other)	4,000
Youth Fellowship Activities (Study materials.)	200
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY	9,500
BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY	
Church Maintenance	2,500
Church Van Expense	500
Cleaning Supplies	450
Fire Extinguisher Service	400
Grounds Supplies & Equipment Maintenance	300

Manse Maintenance (Termite,Trash,Other)	500
Pest control/Termite Serv. (Church)	1,800
Utilities - Electric	13,000
Utilities - Propane Sanctuary	3,000
Utilities - Telephone	2,000
Water and sewer	400
Yard Maintenance Contract	6,600
HVAC Maintenance contract	1,584
TOTAL BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY	33,034
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY	
Beverage Service	800
Cards & Mailing	200
Flowers	550
Funeral Expenses	200
Graduates Gifts & Recognition	325
Kitchen Supplies	2,200
Lifeline; (\$1794/yr for 2017.)	2,076
Senior Luncheon	850
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY	7,201
PRESBYTERY MINISTRY	
Presbyterian Benevolence	12,000
Per Capita (\$10.80/member for 2018)	3,035
TOTAL PRESBYTERY MINISTRY	15,035
OUTREACH MINISTRY	
Local Benevolence	4,950
Extended Missions	2,000
Family Promise Supplies	200
Missionary Support	4,600
TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRY	11,750
2019 BUDGET AS APPROVED BY SESSION	285,062
WEEKLY BUDGET	5,482

December 2018

January 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
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8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	9:00am Knitting 2:30pm Joyful Noise	6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	9:00am Ladies Breakfast Pinecrest Inn 6:30pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Circle 1. church 6:30pm Circle 3. Teresa 7:00pm Circle 2. Church	6:00pm Churchwide Christmas Dinner	
4 pm Christmas Musical and Christmas party Congregational Mtg. Doris Moore Off. 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	10 9:00am Knitting 2:30pm Joyful Noise	11 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	12 6:30pm Choir Practice	13 9:00am Quilting	14 6:30pm CCDC Christmas Program	15
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