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2019 SESSION

Moderator

Rev. Jane Love

June Stewart. . .Clerk of Session

Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey
Jim Dalton
Amber Clayton
Janie Taylor

Class of 2020

Wade Garner
Johnie Marion
Rick Mathews
Karon McKenzie

Class of 2021

Tim Bailey
Eve Williamson
Brandon Blue
Nelson Pusser





Culdee Presbyterian Women News

February is Church World Service Blanket Fund month. Our ladies have sponsored a Blanket Fund campaign for many years. An organization that the Presbyterian Church supports, CWS has distributed thousands of blankets around the world. 2018 was a year of extreme need locally and around the world. These blankets were given to families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Culdee members have always given generously to this fund. Collected in February, our congregation will again be given the opportunity to provide warm blankets to people in their most critical time of need, tools to rebuild their homes, or seeds for farmers to grow food to feed their families. Look for more information about **"BLANKET FUND SUNDAY"** each Sunday in February.



The Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is scheduled for Saturday April 6th at College Heights Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC. We will offer transportation for anyone that would like to attend.



I am so excited to serve our church as the Youth Group Leader! I feel that I have many gifts to share with our youth and can create a solid program that will equip them with the love and skills that they need to build a strong foundation for their faith and spirituality. As a member of Culdee and mother of three children ages 15, 9, and 2, the youth programs at our church are important to me and our family.

In May 2001, I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. I have 18 years of experience in social work, many of those working with youth. I currently serve our community as a School Social Worker with Moore County Schools at Carthage Elementary, Farm Life Elementary, and Pinehurst Elementary; the past four years at the alternative school, Pinckney (7th-12th grades). I am also a co-director and mentor of a program for at-risk girls at Pinecrest High School called Women Empowering Young Women and serve as chair on two committees with the Pinecrest Football Boosters.

The first exciting change is that I am renaming our youth group "LEGACY" which symbolizes the handing down of a gift from one generation to the next. LEGACY would also represent the mission for our youth; L-Learn the scriptures, E-Engage with each other, G-Give to our community, A-Act and take a stand for injustice, C-Connect with family, community, and church, and Y-Yearn to know God. I plan to increase communication with youth, parents, and the church regarding the lessons that the youth will be receiving each meeting as well as activities, events, and trips. Please contact me if you would like to be added to our group phone communication app and our LEGACY- Culdee Presbyterian Youth Facebook Group. If there is additional information requested, I can be reached at 910-638-9190.

Staying focused on Jesus and intentional in fulfilling His work,

Celeste Marino

A special thank you to Mr. Hugh Hinton
for his generous donation of
a new sound system for the REACH service.
We thank you for blessing us with this gift.



Share the Love

February 10th, 2019

9:45-10:45

Please be our guest as we celebrate

Sunday School Open House

In the

Culdee Basement

Refreshments Served

For floor level access drive to
the playground entrance.



Thank You



On a rainy Saturday night the fellowship hall was filled with hungry people trying chili out of 12 different pots. These wonderful people gave of their time and resources to support 3 chancel choirs with a dream of going to perform at Carnegie Hall in May of 2020. The three church choirs working for this magnificent evening were Culdee Presbyterian, Community Presbyterian in Pinehurst, and Brownson Memorial. There were delicious deserts to enjoy and live music to lift your spirits. The musicians would like to thank all who participated to make this even happen. The next joint effort by these three choirs will be on Sunday afternoon, Feburary 24th at Community Presbyterian where all 3 churches will have a talent show/dessert afternoon for your enjoyment. Thank you again for all of your support. May God bless our efforts as we move forward in this endeavor to go to NYC.



Chancel Choir Carnegie Chili Cook-off



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pryor (Jr.) Moon	03	Cathy Marion	12	Brooke Kemp	20
Jonathan Aldridge	06	Gavin Washington	12	Daniel Jackson	20
Nathan Pate	06	Betty Black	12	Emma Ferguson	21
Patrick Howle	07	Chasity McKenzie	15	Bryan Fields	24
Danny Aldridge	08	Linda Bryson	17	Diann Fortune	25
Kristen Balboni	08	Taylor Ferguson	17	Madison Adams	25
Pete Bullard	08	Sylvia Pusser	17	Forrest Cox	25
Alex Patterson	11	Martha Mathews	19	Austin Aponte	27
Carolyn Lea	12	Brynley Marino	19	Sarah Cox	28
Rhonda Shields	12	Don Williamson	20	Kathleen Black	29



Culdee Endowment Committee Ministry News

For February

The Endowment Committee met Sunday, January 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The members welcomed two additions to the committee, Tim Bailey, Vice Chairman, and Pastor Jane Love.

As most of you know, the stock market has been on a wild ride for the last several months. The Endowment Committee recognized from the time of our initial investments, this was a definite possibility and therefore decided to invest Culdee's monies very conservatively with the Vanguard group. While being a safer path, it provided the opportunity for our investments to earn more than they ever had in the past. Until the fall of last year, the returns from Vanguard were very satisfactory. With the changing market however, Vanguard returns became less favorable.

As stated in the Endowment Policy and procedure, "The Endowment Fund Committee shall invest and manage the assets of the Fund in a manner that will maximize the safety and long-term value of the assets and the income there from." With this in mind, the committee explored other investment options and found that Live Oak Bank was offering very good returns on certificates of deposit. Certificates of deposit and a couple of savings accounts have since been created with Live Oak Bank where our return is still safe while being greater than the Vanguard returns at this time. The committee will continue to monitor Culdee's investments and make adjustments as necessary.

The Endowment Committee members have also been reviewing the Endowment Fund Policy and Procedure and have recommended changes to clarify our current situation. The revisions will be presented to the Session at the next Session meeting for their approval.

The next quarterly meeting of the Endowment Fund Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Session room of the Fellowship Hall.

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



Pastor Sidor's thank you and Happy New Year

WE could not get all finished before December 23rd but yesterday was a surprising and great day for the church members in Perrier who have been worshiping the Almighty and Great Provider God under a tent and bushes for the past twenty months. We are so grateful to Our Great Provider, and on behalf of all the Lahai-Roi's staff, I just wanted to say thank you to all of our donors and partners and most particularly to Haiti Help and Hope in North Carolina.

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Dear Partners and Friends,

So much has been accomplished in the past seven years by the grace of God. We now have four churches and a Christ based school serving over 200 children up to 7th grade. We are giving hope to the hopeless, as spiritual and physical needs are being met.

This year, we do not want to lose our focus on what is being accomplished, but to enlarge our borders by adding technical classes in our school to better empower our students in our rapidly changing world. Most will never be able to attend high school or go to college, but with your help they can still obtain good jobs in Haiti. With these skills, jobs can be obtained in the hotel industry, airport and government, cruise lines, as well as other schools or organizations. Haiti is rapidly growing, and our hope for them is to be able to achieve their highest potential. With our bakery and kitchen, some are already learning culinary skills and experience serving large numbers.

We would like to start by obtaining a minimum of six laptops so our students may learn computer skills. Without these skills, the few of us who can would not be able to accomplish much that we already do. In the technology world that is quickly expanding to Haiti, these skills are much needed. Also, a higher grade copier is in great need, as travel a great distance is necessary to make the large number of copies needed for our school as we serve over 200 children and the small, personal copier is not adequate.

We also hope to acquire a mini bus to take children and teachers to the school, rather than walking the long, and often unsafe, trip there. Another vehicle is also much needed, for though this one has served us well, it is in need of constant repair. Please keep in prayer as well, a vehicle for Esther, the principal of the school. She is in need of constant travel for the needs of the school, as well as getting to the school. Due to past surgery, she cannot ride a motorcycle which is the only means of transportation there, and it is too far for her to walk with her condition. Currently, she waits for Pastor Sidor, who is constantly busy meeting needs of the four churches, the school, and the community. The needs seem great, but I know we serve a mighty God who is able to accomplish all things according to his will.

Brother Sidor plans to be in the states from June to the end of July. Hopefully, he will be able to meet with you while he is here so that he may share his vision with you as well as answer any questions that you may have.

Please be in prayer that God will continue to grow his kingdom in Haiti, as well as meet the needs of his children there. Thank you for being such a big part of this growing ministry.

Much love and many blessings to you,

Pastor Sidor and Lyn Entrekin (Secretary)

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8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm C.C. Meets 6:00pm Youth meet	9:00am Knitting 2:30pm Joyful Noise	6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	6:30pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Circle 1/Church 6:30pm Circle 3/Apontes 7:00pm Circle 2/Church		
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