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FEBRUARY WORSHIP INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:1-12
Sermon: "Bearing Fruit:
Extravagant Generosity"

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:41-50
Sermon: "Looking for Love"

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Sermon: "Those Who Wait for the Lord"

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Mark 11:1-11
Sermon: "What Kind of King is Jesus?"

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office or by contacting the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Lent is the liturgical season leading up to Easter. Officially, it is the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday...and as you are probably aware, Sundays are not counted when determining the length of Lent. The focus of Lent is to focus our minds on our need to repent of our sins and seek a change in our heart. One of the great traditions that has seen a resurgence in the recent history is the Ash Wednesday service. On Wednesday, February 18, we will observe the beginning of Lent with a traditional Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. I want to encourage you to join us for this service of worship. With prayers, hymns, scripture readings, and the imposition of ashes, this service reminds us of our fragile human nature and as well as our reliance on God. We are reminded that we cannot save ourselves. In order to receive salvation and forgiveness of sins, we must turn our lives over to God and trust in His Son Jesus Christ. While we may be looking forward to Easter, and the joy it brings, we must first pass through the ashes with a spirit of repentance

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! My family and I would like to thank all of you for your love, support and generosity. On January 11 we joined together over a fantastic covered dish lunch to celebrate the start of our 4th year in ministry together. It was great having time to visit with one another and give thanks for all God has done and continues to do through us. I want to say "thank you" for your cards and generous gifts. Words fail to capture my gratitude. Each day I give thanks to God for bringing us together and I look forward to all He has laid out before us.

There are two numbers that sticks in my mind and I hope they will stick in yours as well. This first is 86. What motivates a person to visit a church? For 86% of visitors...86%...the motivation is a personal invitation from someone. The second number that I can't get out of my mind...a number that haunts me and hopefully will haunt you as well...the number 2. There is a study that found only 2% of church members...2%...make an effort to invite someone to church. Think about that for a moment. If 86% of visitors come because of a personal invitation and yet only 2% of members extend an invitation just think of what might happen is we each took up the challenge to extend invitations to people. The truth of the matter is... together WE can grow God's church. Here is something you can do...

- Think of people that you know that do not have a church home;
- Take a few days to pray for them and ask God for guidance;
- Share with them the worship ministry of Culdee Presbyterian Church and invite them to join you one Sunday morning at one of our services of worship!

Remember that together WE can grow God's church!

Pastor Joe

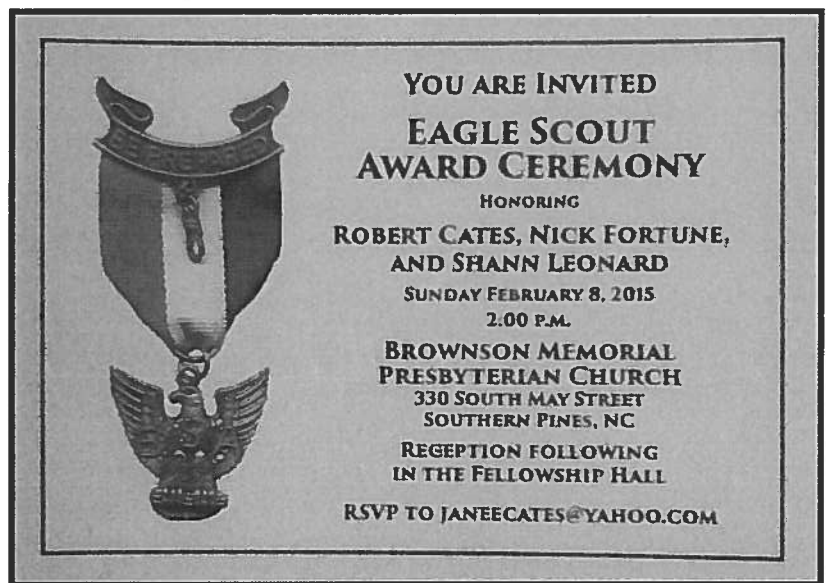


KUDOS TO NICK FORTUNE!

Nick Fortune, son of Dennis and Diann Fortune, will celebrate earning his Eagle Scout rank on February 8th at Brownson Presbyterian Church where he has attended scouts. He is the grandson of Jene and Becky Bowen and great nephew of Peggy Gibbs.

Nick has been in scouts since first grade and has enjoyed many adventures from camping to hiking to shooting to first aid. His Eagle Scout project was a 12x20 shelter on the practice field at Union Pines High School to be used as a first aid station and refreshment station during football and band practices.

Nick would like to thank his family and the church family for their encouragement, support and sponsorship in helping him achieve this milestone.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

February is here already! Women's duties this month: Circle 2 has the nursery and the Day Circle is in charge of the flowers.

Coming up in April: The Birthday Objective/Ice Cream Social for all. Circle Co-Chairs and the PW Vice-Moderator, Kim Cole, will be meeting in February to begin planning for this event.

Lori Fees of Barium Springs Children's Home sent Culdee participants a heartfelt "Thank you" message which is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

God Bless You, Robin McKenzie, PW Moderator

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Heileman	01
Kathy Harris	01
Pryor (Jr.) Moon	03
John Keister	05
Jonathan Aldridge	06
Nathan Pate	06
Patrick Howle	07
Danny Aldridge	08
Kristen Balboni	08
Pete Bullard	08
Pat Bullard	10
Carolyn Lea	12
Rhonda Shields	12
Cathy Marion	12
Gavin Washington	12
Philip Parsons	12
Betty Black	12
Chasity McKenzie	15
Joseph Washburn	16
Linda Bryson	17
Taylor Ferguson	17
Sylvia Pusser	17
Martha Mathews	19
Don Williamson	20
Brooke Kemp	20
Daniel Jackson	20
Emma Ferguson	21
Gerald Wright	24
Bryan Fields	24
Diann Fortune	25
Madison Adams	25
Forrest Cox	25
Austin Aponte	27
Sarah Cox	28
Ben Maples	28
Kathleen Black	29

Church Activities & Thermostats

Back in the spring, when we replaced our heating and air systems in the sanctuary we also had new thermostats installed throughout both buildings. If you have an event, meeting, or gathering at the church, please be sure that we know about it so we can be sure to have everything set correctly for your comfort. Please contact Edith in the church office at 295-6685.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Remember...if you have items you would like to submit for the Newsletter, please have them in the office by **February 19**.

You may drop items off in the office or submit them via e-mail at Culdee@embarqmail.com.

Thank you.



CULDEE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

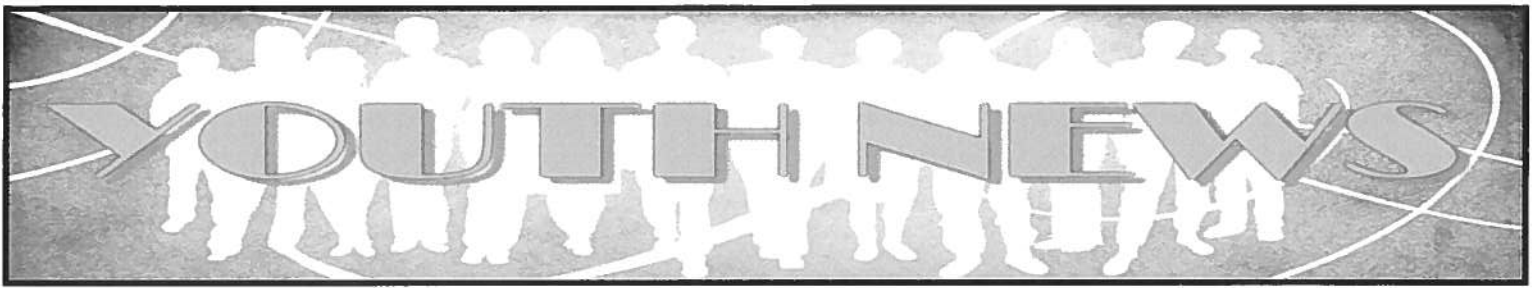
The Cemetery Committee request that all Christmas decorations be removed from gravesites by March 15, 2015. After that date the committee will discard any remaining Christmas flowers. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

“Wow” what an out pouring of love and appreciation the Culdee family showed Pastor Joe and his family on Pastor Appreciation Day, January 11th. We thank our lord for sending the Washburns this way, and we pray that our Lord will use them here for a long, long time from now. We would like thank everyone for preparing food, and also say thank you to all the men and women that helped get the luncheon set us, “as many hands make light work”. May our Lord bless Culdee in all that we do in His name. And we pray that each and everyone will have a bless February.

Chair: Karen McKenzie

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YOUTH SPONSORED VALENTINE DINNER

February 14th



The youth of Culdee Presbyterian Church once again invite you to dinner...their annual Valentine's Dinner...on Saturday, February 14. Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Menu

Steak or Chicken
Baked Potato
Salad
Soft drink or Tea
Dessert



The cost is \$10 per plate. In order to insure that enough food is prepared, please sign up by using the insert that will be in the bulletin in the weeks prior to the dinner or by contacting Edith in the church office at 295-6685.

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

Continued prayers are appreciated as we continue the process of searching for our new Director of Music. We have interviewed some good candidates and are moving on to the second step in the process which is to have them lead a choir rehearsal.

Throughout this journey we feel confident that God is leading us and that He will lead us to the right person.

CWS BLANKET SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 22, we will celebrate Blanket Sunday by taking up collections for the Church World Service Blanket+ program.

During February we will share more information about this important work by CWS and how you can be a part of it.

As we enjoy our abundant food, plentiful water, warm homes, and healthy lifestyles, let us offer ourselves to help others enjoy the same.

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March 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 1 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Souper Bowl Lunch 5:00pm Finance Ministry	2 9:00am Knitting	3 7:00pm Circle 1 7:00pm Circle 3 --Kathy Harris	4 10:00am Day Circle 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	5 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Circle 2 McKenzie	6	7
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