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# Culdee Newsletter

## **Culdee Presbyterian Church**

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### **2018 SESSION**

#### **Moderator**

#### **Class of 2018**

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

#### **Class of 2019**

Ryan Bailey...Building & Grounds  
Amber Clayton...Christian Education  
Janie Taylor...Worship

#### **Class of 2020**

Mark Cole...Finance  
Johnie Marion...Worship  
Rick Mathews...Building & Grounds  
Karon McKenzie...Congregational Care



## FEBRUARY IS BLANKET MONTH AT CULDEE

Just letting everyone know that February is the month that Culdee calls "Blanket Month". In February we emphasize the *Blankets+ Program of the Church World Services*. Please notice in the bulletin each Sunday weekly mission moments about the many needs this mission has, and needs help with.

The offering here will be collected on Sunday, February 25th, although money can be given anytime during the month. Thanking you ahead of time for your continued support.

### From the Worship Committee:

The Worship Committee would like to thank Nelson Pusser for his ministry team. His knowledge and dedication were a very valuable beginning our search for an Interim Minister.

We welcome Johnie Marion as he joins the Worship Committee : God's guidance in our search.

The Worship Committee has reviewed information on several individuals seeking interim positions. We have spoken with two individuals who have expressed an interest in coming to Culdee but are currently serving in interim pastorates with indefinite completion dates.

We know that God has someone that he is preparing for us, and that he is also preparing us to receive that person. Please continue to be in prayer for the Worship Committee as we continue our search.

Janie Taylor, Worship Chair

Thought for the day: No matter how little I have, I can always show God's love to others!



*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!*

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

### **Crop Walk!**

It is time to put on your walking shoes and start preparing for our annual county-wide CROPWALK. The walk will be on Sunday, April 15 at Brownson Memorial in Southern Pines at 2:00 p.m. Culdee has a great group of regulars that show up year after year!! If you have never taken part, or it has been some time since you participated; let this be your year to join in!! Never too early to sign up; see June Stewart or Ann Savage.

### **Haiti Help and Hope**

Haiti Help and Hope will be collecting non liquid cold fever and pain medicines to take to Pastor Sidor when they go on their mission trip in February. If you would like to help, please place items in the container in the sunroom by Sunday February 18. Thank you for your support.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

## Music Notes

### **Christmas musicians rehearsed hard....played harder!**



On the night of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, our very own Rick Matthews “kitchen magician” turned the fellowship hall into a magical evening with his Brunswick Stew and all the fixins’. He did have help from his very capable kitchen helpers Mark Seawell and Mark Cole. He was treating the Christmas music teams for all of their hard work. It was a wonderful evening full of laughter and fun. Gail Farmer was in charge of the games for the evening. She did a marvelous job! You know you are with family when you can spend the evening laughing at each other, unwrapping saran wrap, and wearing panty hose on you head....(what happens in the music parties, stays in the music parties). A big thank you to everyone who made this

wonderful evening happen for our hardworking musicians at Culdee. It was a wonderful time! The food and fellowship was perfect, and I can’t think of a more deserving group of musicians. Thanks for everything guys!

### **Chancel Choir**

The choir is in full swing (when it’s not snowing on Wednesday nights and we can’t get to church). We are in the process of beginning the Lent and Easter music. We would welcome any new members that would be interested. There is a folder waiting with your name and number on it! We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the choir room. If you have any questions please contact Beverly at [culdeemusic@gmail.com](mailto:culdeemusic@gmail.com).

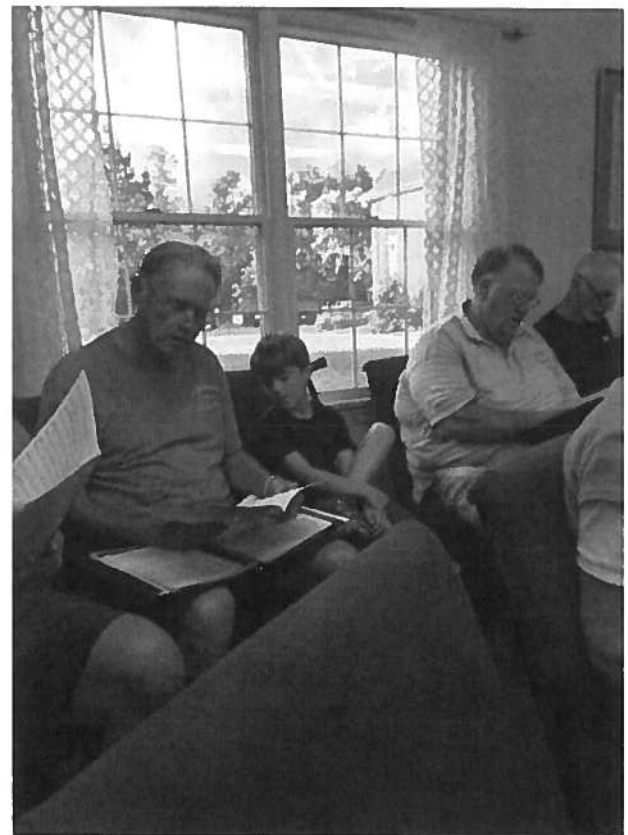
### **Music Library**

The choir room now has the music organized in an Excel program where we can keep track of the music we have. It is so helpful to the Chancel Choir in keeping up with the music we have been blessed with. It has been a huge undertaking but with the help of Lionel Bryson and Richard Dunlop it finally finished. Great job guys! Thank you for all of the endless filing and computer expertise. You are amazing!

### **Mountain Dulcimer Music**

Note: (REHEARSAL DATE CHANGED)

The Dulcimer group has been an addition in the 2017 year. It has been a blessing to watch this group grow in musical knowledge of this beautiful instrument. If you have a dulcimer and would like to join this group you are welcome to come at any time. If you don’t have an instrument, please let Beverly know, we might just have one available for you to use. Please note that our rehearsal dates have changed so that we could attend Bible Study on Wednesday nights. Our new time is Tuesday nights at 6:00 in the choir room. You are welcome to attend! It’s easier than you might think!



## **Culdee Handbell Ringers**

The handbell choir welcomes new ringers in 2018! Our group moved into their new room last week. We are sharing the space with the Children's Church at this present time. We have some more difficult music this year, but I'm sure this talented group can handle it. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Beverly at [culdeemusic@gmail.com](mailto:culdeemusic@gmail.com). She will find a spot for you as well. Or maybe just show up for rehearsal to see what it's all about, you are welcome! Our new rehearsal time is Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the Children's Church room.



## **REACH**

A big thank you to Mike Marion who sets up our sound for the REACH service. What a blessing you are to us! Thanks for getting there so early and for always helping Mike! We couldn't do it without you.

The Praise Team that serves the contemporary service rehearses on Sunday mornings at 7:30. The group is given links to the music early in the week to rehearse on their own before Sunday morning. The music for the week is available on the table next to the choir room for the group to pick up at their convenience. Please let Beverly know if this sounds like something you would like to do. We have a wonderful group at this present time, but there is always room for you!

## **On a Musical Note.....**

2018 promises to be a big year for the music ministry of Culdee. I ask that you keep all of us in your prayers each day. We are a musical team, our musical team is growing spiritual, as well as musically. Please be in prayer as to how you can be a part of this growth. Everybody has music inside...please allow us to help you find where you might fit in and find your place to serve along side of these groups mentioned in this newsletter. We work hard, but we have a lot of fun in the process. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all.

Musical Blessings!

Beverly

## **PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS**

The Presbyterian Men will hold their February meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm here in the Fellowship hall. All men and young men are encouraged to come and get involved in the men's work here at the church. They enjoy fellowshiping, take care of business, and enjoy a good meal, usually cooked by some of the men each month, Mark your calendar for the PM's meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Wade Garner, PM President

**Session Notes**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2018**

Moderator: Rev. Barbara Hedin

Call to Order: Rev. Hedin

All Elders were in attendance.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Ryan Bailey, Elder of the Month

Election of Clerk, Vice-Clerk, and Church Treasurer

Consent Agenda (Minutes of Stated Session of Dec. 11; Congregation/Corporation of Dec. 17; Called Session of Jan. 6; plus, 2018 Committee Assignments; Communion and Special Services Calendar; Elder of the Month Calendar; Special Offerings Schedule; Elder Shepherd's Lists; Communion Chart). All were approved.

By motion the Session meeting was temporarily suspended to open the Board of Trustees Meeting. Election of corporate officers was completed. Afterwards, the Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned by motion and the Session meeting continued.

Jerry Aponte gave a report on the "Church Safety Walk Through" that was held January 8.

Ministry Reports were given.

Small tokens of appreciation were given to Rev. Hedin. This Session meeting was her last as our Moderator of Session. Presbytery will be appointing a new Moderator beginning with the February Stated Session Meeting.

All Ministry Reports were given

**Culdee Finance Ministry News**

Well we surely hope that everyone reading this survived our recent snowfalls without too much trouble. Unfortunately, we do know that it did create hardships and losses for many. Those affected surely need our prayers and many may need our financial support.

The December 2017 expense report reflects Culdee is in a financially stable position to date. Thanks to some very generous contributions during the last 2 weeks of December 2017, we cut our budget deficit for the year from being over \$15,800.00 under where we needed to be at the end of November 2017 to being \$7,741.82 under for the year to meet the 2017 budget. This is still a significant amount. The budget for 2018 is .75% higher than 2017 resulting in the need for \$400.00 more per month. This does not take into consideration the recent salary increase approved by the Session for the Choir Director. All of our ministries did a great job of controlling their budget in 2017.

True to its mission, the Finance Ministry remains watchful. Culdee has 5.1 months' total reserve monies for emergency situations as of December 31, 2017. This number is shy of the 6 months' reserve recommended by the Session.

Due to the unfortunate fact that we do not have a full time minister, our expenses will remain low until this situation changes. While Culdee will be under on its expenditures during this time, we will need to keep up with our tithes and offerings in that we will need these monies throughout the year to meet our 2018 budget.

**Culdee Finance Ministry News Continued:**

The Finance Ministry wishes to remain proactive so that we do not fall into a shortage from which we cannot easily recover. Again, we missed a Sunday in January due to snow as we did last year. Culdee’s budget has felt the impact of these missed Sundays. Please keep the missed church snow day in mind, as you continue to consider your generous tithes and offerings to our church.

Finally, our Finance Ministry started its new leadership under Chairman Bobby Beddingfield with Mark Cole as Vice-Chairman. Danny Aldridge has agreed to stay on the Finance Committee as secretary.

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: Bobby Beddingfield Chairman, Mark Cole, Vice-Chairman, Danny Aldridge, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Dannie Jackson, Ann Savage, and Jim Stewart.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Finance Ministry.

Danny Aldridge, Finance Committee Chairman

**February Birthdays**

Vicki Heileman	01	Forrest Cox	28
Pryor (Jr.) Moon	03	Kathleen Black	29
Jonathan Aldridge	06	<b><u>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
Nathan Pate	06	Carson Dennis	01
Patrick Howle	07	Lydia Craven	02
Danny Aldridge	08	Carolyn Smith	03
Kristen Balboni	08	McKenzie Cox	03
Pete Bullard	08	Vickie Blue	05
Alex Patterson	11		
Carolyn Lea	12		
Rhonda Shields	12		
Cathy Marion	12		
Gavin Washington	12		
Betty Black	12		
Chasity McKenzie	15		
Joseph Washburn	16		
Linda Bryson	17		
Taylor Ferguson	17		
Sylvia Pusser	17		
Martha Mathews	19		
Brynley Marino	19		
Don Williamson	20		
Brooke Kemp	20		
Daniel Jackson	20		
Emma Ferguson	21		
Bryan Fields	24		
Diann Fortune	25		
Madison Adams	25		



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March 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
4 "Souper Bowl" 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	5 9:00am Knitting	6 6:00pm Dulcimer's 7:00pm Handbells	7 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	8 9:00am Quilting	9 9:00am Quilting	10
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