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The Elders making up your 2020 Session are honored to serve God, the Culdee Family, and Culdee Presbyterian Church through the following Ministries and in any capacity necessary in doing God’s work. Please continue to pray.

Ministry Teams	Ministry Teams	Elder of the Month																								
<p><u>Building & Grounds</u> Rick Matthews, Chair Tim Bailey, Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Christian Education</u> Wade Garner, Chair Patti Burke, Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Congregational Care</u> Karon McKenzie, Chair Eve Williamson, Vice Chair</p>	<p><u>Finance</u> Danny Aldridge, Chair Diann Fortune, Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Outreach</u> Mark Seawell, Chair Robert Barber, Vice Chair</p> <p><u>Worship</u> Johnie Marion, Chair Brandon Blue, Vice Chair</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td style="width: 20%;">January</td><td>Rick Matthews</td></tr> <tr><td>February</td><td>Tim Bailey</td></tr> <tr><td>March</td><td>Mark Seawell</td></tr> <tr><td>April</td><td>Eve Williamson</td></tr> <tr><td>May</td><td>Diann Fortune</td></tr> <tr><td>June</td><td>Brandon Blue</td></tr> <tr><td>July</td><td>Robert Barber</td></tr> <tr><td>August</td><td>Patti Burke</td></tr> <tr><td>September</td><td>Wade Garner</td></tr> <tr><td>October</td><td>Danny Aldridge</td></tr> <tr><td>November</td><td>Karon McKenzie</td></tr> <tr><td>December</td><td>Johnie Marion</td></tr> </table>	January	Rick Matthews	February	Tim Bailey	March	Mark Seawell	April	Eve Williamson	May	Diann Fortune	June	Brandon Blue	July	Robert Barber	August	Patti Burke	September	Wade Garner	October	Danny Aldridge	November	Karon McKenzie	December	Johnie Marion
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If there is additional information you would like to see included in our newsletter, please email culdee.news@gmail.com to make suggestions or requests. All ideas will be given consideration. ☺

NEXT STEPS

You have as the next step in discerning God's will for your installed pastor, electing your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). "What does the Bible say about discernment?". The word discern and its derivatives are translations of the Greek word *anakrino* in the New Testament. It means "**to distinguish, to separate out by diligent search, to examine.**" Discernment is the ability to properly discriminate or make determinations. This is a matter of prayer. You certainly want to find people who can represent various points of views and passions; also you also want folks who can listen to others and consider varying perspectives. You want people of prayer who before making decisions will wait patiently (I know difficult at best!) until they have God's peace in their decision. While it is important to find representation, the spiritual task of discernment is essential and so finding women and men you believe reflect God's will and wisdom in their own lives is the goal for each person you consider for nomination and election. Let us pray for God's will and wisdom in the formation of the PNC.

Once the PNC is formed, they will meet with your Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison, Rev. Rick Martindale as soon as possible considering calendars and commitments. Rev. Martindale will become the primary resource and counsel for the newly elected PNC. While I as Interim will be available to the PNC, that availability is **extremely limited and I will consult with Rev. Martin before acting in any capacity.** One of the first major tasks will be the composition of the Ministry Information Form (MIF). There are two sample copies posted on the bulletin boards (outside the church office and in the fellowship hall). A portion of this document asks for the PNC to mark ten leadership competencies. There are four broad categories: Theological/Spiritual, Communication, Organizational Leadership, and Interpersonal Engagement. These four categories are broken down into thirty-three specifics. From these thirty-three specifics, the PNC will choose ten as required leadership traits. While they will choose the ten, I want to make sure you understand these traits and get to offer your in-put. To this end, we will offer an opportunity to learn about the specific traits as described in the document and will let you each choose the ten traits you'd like to see. **HOWEVER**, these choices will not be given to the PNC until they have chosen the ten traits they believe reflect the requirements. Then, the information will be turned over to them to prayerfully reflect on before finalizing the MIF. This discernment is a part of what you have called them to do, reflecting God's will and so even now be at prayer for their choices to reflect God's best for Culdee's next installed pastor. The process of putting the MIF can be accomplished in a little bit of time or the composition may take longer. Data is quickly filled in but the narrative questions may take a bit longer. Your role is that of under girding their work with your prayers during this time. Eventually, the completed MIF will be brought to the Session and the COM. When all approvals are obtained, the MIF will be circulated electronically via the Church Leadership Connection and once you have read the material, if you know of someone you think might have the gifts needed to lead and shepherd Culdee, you may mention their name to the PNC. Because of the extreme confidentiality of the search, interview, and call process, all your suggestions should go to and through the PNC. Congregations and pastors are protected by this confidentiality, and real damage can be done if rumor and gossip about a church which may have potential candidate or the candidate is shared. Your PNC will have been trained and advised on what can and can't be done. You will elect them, and you will be praying for them to know God's will, and you will need to trust them to give you what information they can and to act in good faith in pursuing candidates that they believe God has guided them to consider. Ultimately, they will bring their candidate to you in God's perfect timing. The best you can do for them and your next installed pastor is **PRAY!** Your next step, and the next, and the next is pray.

Joining you in prayer,
Jane



Session Minutes and/or Actions

submitted by Clerk of Session June Stewart

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Notes from Stated Session Meeting of January 12, 2020 June Stewart, Clerk

Moderator: Rev. Jane Love

Quorum: All Elders were in attendance

Lighting of the CHRIST candle

Devotion: Rick Mathews, Elder of the Month

Approved Items on the Consent Agenda...Stated Session minutes of December 9, 2019;

Congregation/Incorporation minutes of December 29; Called Session minutes of January 6, 2020.

Active Membership: 144

Yearly Business:

- Election of Clerk: June Stewart; Vice-Clerk: Johnie Marion; Church Treasurer: Ann Savage
- Approval of Communion Calendar; Elder of the Month; Ministry Assignments
- Recessed Stated Session meeting and convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation (all current Elders). Elected as President: Karon McKenzie; Vice-President: Diann Fortune. The Secretary will be June Stewart, current Clerk of Session; and Treasurer will be Danny Aldridge, current Chairperson of the Finance Ministry. No other business was conducted. The meeting was adjourned and the Stated Session meeting was reconvened.

The Finance Ministry will work on the proposed 2020 budget; they will bring it back to Elders at the February Stated Session meeting for action.

The Nominating Committee was reactivated and will be working on a slate of nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee. A motion was approved giving the Nominating Committee the option of nominating a slate of up to 7, but no less than 5 members, for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

A motion was approved to support the Choir by agreeing to loan them the final \$4500.00(due before January 15), in addition to the December, 2019 loan, for expenses for the Carnegie Hall Trip in May of 2020. The money will be paid back to the church from choir fundraisers and other donations.

Johnie Marion will be the Elder Representative to the Presbytery's West Community Gathering at First Presbyterian of Carthage on January 23.

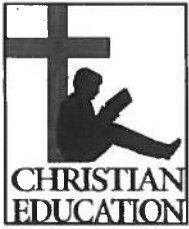
Lost and Found

Jewell Vest reports that an interesting item was found after all was cleaned up from the Harvest Festival. If you have misplaced the item in the picture, please check with her or the church office.



MINISTRY REPORTS

Christian Education Ministry: Chairman Wade Garner & Vice Chair Patti Burke



Roman 8:14 *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

Submitted by Patti Burke: Session Member, Christian Ed Vice Chair & Secretary

As we begin making plans for 2020, there are many opportunities for everyone to be involved in our ministry. First, we would like to express our appreciation to Vickie Blue for her many years of providing materials to our Children's Church ministry. Many children have been enriched each Sunday by her work. **We are now searching for someone who would enjoy developing this program for this year.** We would also like to thank Vickie Mehta for her work initiating the Sisters of Life Program. She has had to step away from this due to health concerns, but we look forward to her return at a later date! Many thanks to Stephanie Barber as she leads our girls' Sunday school program.

As we begin to look forward, Wade and I have many ideas that we are interested in implementing but will need much support and input as we begin. We would love to have you serve on the Christian Ed committee as we begin to look at Easter, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and future ventures. Michelle Seawell has agreed to serve as our VBS director so look forward to hearing more from her.

Each Sunday, we depend on a volunteer to lead our Children's Church during the 11:00 worship hour. Materials will be provided for the 30-minute period. Studies say children are not learning the Bible stories as we did in Sunday school due to the declining attendance. This provides Culdee another opportunity to teach our children. **If you feel you can serve here, please let us know or sign up for a Sunday (or more) on the sheet outside the Children's Church Room.**



Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune



Proverbs 27:12 *A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences.*

Finance Ministry Members: Danny Aldridge, Diann Fortune, Mary Ruth Whitaker, Ann Savage, Jim

Stewart, Art McKenzie, Tim Lea, Richard Blue. Ex-Officio: Interim Pastor Jane Love

Financial Status: Financial reports from Sandhills Accounting Services indicated the church was in the black at the end of December 2019.

2020 Budget Update: The Session voted to start the 2020 year using the 2019 budget until it could be updated. A sub-committee of the Finance Ministry including Danny Aldridge, Diann Fortune, Tim Lea, Richard Blue and Art McKenzie will present a proposed 2020 budget to the Finance Ministry & Session for approval.

Development of Special Events Project Plan & Budget Procedure: At the recommendation of Interim Pastor Jane Love, the Finance Ministry is developing & recommending for Session approval a potential new standard operating procedure whereby anyone planning a project or event not included in the annual church budget must complete a detailed Project Plan & Budget procedure for presentation to the Session. Finance Ministry is further recommending Legacy Youth Group complete this Project Plan & Budget before beginning construction of the Half-Court Basketball Court.

Choir Trip to Carnegie Hall: Interim Pastor Jane Love loaned the choir \$4,425.51 (\$553.74 from choir funds and \$3,871.77 from Culdee's general funds) without prior approval of the Session, violating Culdee's policy & procedure. She will be glad to discuss this with those that have questions. The Session voted to loan the choir an additional \$4,500.00 to pay off the balance of the trip, making the total loan from the general fund \$8,371.77.

Be on the lookout for opportunities to support the choir in its endeavors to replace these borrowed funds.

Nursery Attendant Update- Interim Pastor Jane Love reports there has been no progress in hiring a candidate so far and that she will discuss with Christian Education Chairman Wade Garner and Vice-Chair Patti Burke avenues for proper advertising of the position. This will affect the budget.

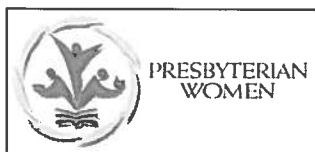
Financial Awareness Training & Understanding- Interim Pastor Jane Love has requested Finance Ministry Chair Aldridge and Vice Chair Fortune arrange for brief monthly teaching/learning explanations of the financial documents provided by Culdee's accounting firm, Sandhills Accounting Services, at each Session meeting in an effort to assist Session members in understanding their individual ministry's finances and the overall church finances. Professionals from Sandhills Accounting Services will be asked to provide the initial training.

New Minister's Terms of Call- Interim Pastor Jane Love presented the Finance Ministry with initial information from the Presbytery of the Carolinas explaining the mandatory minimum acceptable contract requirements so that the Finance Ministry can begin developing a general Terms of Call document to share with the PNC and Session in preparation for hiring a new pastor.

Diann Fortune: Session Member, Finance Ministry Vice Chair & Secretary

Culdee's Organizations & Groups

Presbyterian Women: Mary Ruth Whitaker & Darlene Valitutto



Submitted by Mary Ruth Whitaker

As the 2019 PW Annual Report is prepared for Culdee I am overwhelmed by the amount of money and work that has been provided by the women of this church! When talking to PW from other churches they express their amazement as to the projects and programs in which we are involved.

These are some of the items reported this year: flowers and wreaths provided each month, decoration of the sanctuary at Christmas, nursery duty each Sunday, monthly Bible study, financial offerings made to: CWS Blanket Fund, Thanks Offering, Birthday Objective Offering, and the Least Coin Offering, coordination of receptions for funerals or Presbytery meetings as requested, sponsored Missions Luncheon and Senior Luncheon for our members and redecoration of the sun-room. This has all been done by teamwork, with laughter and fun and as our humble donation to our Lord.

Once again, I would like to encourage any woman to join a circle. It is truly a group where faith and action intersect!

Reminders:

*Our Annual Church World Service Blanket Sunday will be February 23rd this year. There will be “moments for mission”, posters and bulletin inserts as reminders.

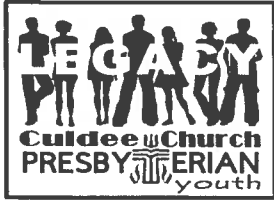
*Anyone wishing to submit the PW Presbyterian Scholarship must have it to their committee by the 13th of this month.

Presbyterian Men: Wade Garner



The Presbyterian Men will meet in the Fellowship Hall on February 28th at 7:00 pm. All men, young and old, are encouraged to come for a delicious meal, a short meeting and lots of good fellowship.

LEGACY: Culdee Youth: Celeste Marino



Church family, LEGACY has been busy!! We have enjoyed our bowling outings, trips to Pizza Café, and our precious time together each Sunday evening. We continue to work towards our mission of Learning, Engaging, Giving, Acting, Connecting, and Yearning.

We enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree together in the Fellowship Hall, and an after Christmas Party with our families at Celeste and Ryan's house.

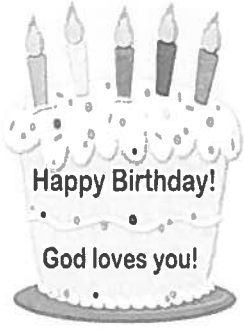
We also had an exciting ground-breaking ceremony for our Multipurpose Area behind the church and can't wait to share with you soon some great opportunities to support our project. We had a fantastic time on our ski trip to Beech Mountain and tour of Appalachian State University the first weekend in January! The time we spent together



reflecting on gratefulness and overcoming obstacles was invaluable. Be sure to check out our bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more pictures! We are so thankful for our church and appreciate your love and support. We are excited for this year to come and all that we hope to accomplish!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:



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

FEBRUARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:20 am REACH Service	9:00 am Culdee Knitters	6:00 pm Dulcimers	6:00 pm Bible Study	9:00 am Culdee Quilters		
9:40 am Children's JAM	2:30 pm Joyful Noise	7:00 pm Handbells	7:00 pm Choir Practice			
9:45 Sunday School						
11:00 am Worship						
6:00 pm Youth Group						

Sunday, February 2: Souper Bowl Donation Luncheon hosted by the Culdee Choir

Thursday, February 6: Circle 1 meets at the church @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 6: Circle 2 meets at the home of Wilma Gray Blue @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 6: Circle 3 meets at the home of Elaina Aponte @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 23: Church World Service Blanket & Tool Offering will be received

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 27: Presbyterian Men meet

NEWSLETTER NOTE:

It would be most helpful for all articles to be submitted to the church office at culdee@embarqmail.com by the 15th of the month to help ensure the proofreaders have time to proofread then submit them for compiling and then into production & mailing so the Culdee Family receives the newsletter by the first of the month. Be sure to thank the two volunteer proofreaders Elder Eve Williamson & Janie Taylor for assisting with the newsletter.

Culdee Presbyterian Church



Weekly Worship Services

Interim Pastor: Reverend Jane Love

Sundays:

8:20- REACH Service

A contemporary-type worship service followed by refreshments & fellowship.

9:30- Fellowship & Refreshments

A time to share prayer praises and needs and enjoy Christian fellowship.

9:45- Sunday School

Learn God's Word & how it applies to daily life.

11:00- Worship Service

A relaxed traditional-type service where all are welcome.

Wednesdays:

6:00- Bible Study

Join fellow Christians in an uplifting study of the Bible.

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CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT
31-Dec-2019

Week	5,443.13
Sundays	5

OPERATING FUND REFLECTS INCOME FROM TITHES/OFFERINGS AND GENERAL MONTHLY EXPENSES

OVER & (UNDER)

MO OP BUDGET INCOME	\$ 27,215.65	ACTUAL MO OP INCOME	\$ 29,444.72	2,229.07
MO OP BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 27,215.65	ACT MO OP EXPENSE	\$ 23,491.65	(3,724.00)
TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET INCOME	\$ 283,043.00	ACTUAL YTD OP INCOME	\$ 270,670.55	(12,372.45)
TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 283,043.00	ACTUAL YTD OP EXPENSE	\$ 255,065.69	(27,977.31)
ACTUAL MO OP & DESG INCOME	\$ 37,497.44	ACTUAL YTD OP & DESG INCOME	\$ 347,777.96	
ACTUAL MO OP & DESG EXPENSE	\$ 34,143.78	ACTUAL YTD OP & DESG EXPENSE	\$ 321,469.00	

LIQUID ASSETS:

BB&T CHECKING	\$ 30,976.58
VANGUARD LIQUID ASSETS	\$ -
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET SAVINGS	\$ 15,964.35
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET CDs	\$ 145,659.71
SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	\$ 2,338.79
DUE FROM LEGALLY TO GEN	\$ -
TOTAL AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS	\$ 194,939.43

LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS: *

BB&T Cemetery Fund Checking/Savings*	\$ 6,302.59
BB&T Cemetery Fund CDs*	\$ 69,211.58
BB&T Flower Garden CD #3126*	\$ 10,000.00
BB&T Flower Garden Checking #6017*	\$ 1,186.40
BB&T Men's Group Checking #5469*	\$ 716.94
Live Oak Barnabus Savings*	\$ 1,846.92
Live Oak Building/Renovations Savings*	\$ 18,034.73
Live Oak Choir Savings*	\$ 302.86
Live Oak Doris Moore Savings*	\$ 2,357.08
Live Oak Family Promise Savings*	\$ -
Live Oak Hand Bell Savings*	\$ 1,397.98
Live Oak Missions Savings*	\$ 11,077.04
Live Oak Parking Lot Savings*	\$ 5,769.11
Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune Savings*	\$ 730.24
Live Oak Sunday School Projects Savings*	\$ 1,702.72
Live Oak Youth Savings*	\$ 11,512.96

DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED & LEGALLY RESTRICTED LIQUID ASSETS:

DESIGNATED FUNDS *	\$ 7,747.77
LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS *	\$ 277,029.26
VANGUARD RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS *	\$ -
TOTAL DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED & LEGALLY RESTRICTED LIQUID ASSET	\$ 284,777.03
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 479,716.46

DESIGNATED FUNDS: *

Barnabus Fund *	\$ 3,257.65
Building/Renovations*	
Building & Renovations*	\$ 244.51
Paint & Wallpaper Fund *	\$ -
Parking Lot Paving Fund*	\$ 800.00
Choir Fund *	\$ 553.74
Doris Moore *	\$ 25.00
Hand Bell Fund *	\$ 250.54
Harvest Festival*	\$ 485.37
Missions*	\$ 319.00
Other Designated*	\$ -
Sarah Ann Fortune Memorial Fund *	\$ 338.18
Sunday School Projects*	\$ 250.00
Youth Fund *	\$ 1,223.78

BB&T CHECKING DESIGNATED FUNDS ***\$ 7,747.77**

AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS	\$ 194,939.43
BB&T CHECKING (MINIMUM BALANCE)	\$ (20,000.00)
6 MONTH RESERVE (EQUAL TO ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME DIVIDED BY 2)	\$ (141,521.50)
MONIES AVAILABLE IN EXCESS OF 6 MONTHS RESERVE	\$ 33,417.93
7.23 Months in Reserve	

ACT = ACTUAL
MO = MONTHLY
BUD = BUDGET
OP = OPERATING
INC = INCOME
EXP = EXPENSES

DESG = DESIGNATED
* = LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

Live Oak Parking Lot CDs*	\$ 29,893.25
Live Oak Cemetery Fund CD #7743*	\$ 19,995.56
Live Oak Doris Moore CDs*	\$ 49,118.39
Live Oak Missions CDs*	\$ 5,077.00
Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune CDs*	\$ 30,795.91
TOTAL LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS*	\$ 277,029.26

TOTAL YTD INTEREST INCLUDED IN BAL	\$ 5,339.33
TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEA	\$ 228,972.67

VANGUARD INVESTMENTS:**Unrestricted:**

Church Liquid Asset Fund	\$ -
Restricted:	
Cemetery Fund *	\$ -
Doris Moore Scholarship Fund *	\$ -
Flower Garden Fund *	\$ -
Missions Fund *	\$ -
Youth Fund *	\$ - *
Building & Renovation Fund*	\$ - *
Paint & Wallpaper Fund*	\$ -
Parking Lot Paving Fund *	\$ -
Sarah Ann Fortune*	\$ -

BALANCE AS OF 12/31/19 \$ -

TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEA	\$ 23,231.42
YTD ADDITIONS TO INVESTMENT	\$ -
YTD TRANSFERRED FROM VANGUARD	\$ (24,578.15)
	\$ (1,346.73)

YTD DIVIDENDS & REALIZED GAINS	\$ 249.40
YTD UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ 1,097.33
TOTAL YTD REALIZED & UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ 1,346.73
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS AS OF 12/31/:	\$ (0.00)