

U.S. Postage Paid
West End, NC 27376
Permit No. 6

January
2019

The Culdee Connection

Culdee Presbyterian Church

916 NC Hwy 73
West End, NC 27376
PH: (910) 295-6685

www.culdeechurch.net

email: culdee@embarqmail.com

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





Biographical Statement for Rev. Jane Love

My childhood was spent in Burlington, NC and the majority of my adult life has been spent in other parts of the state. My parents both had a lively faith and I was nurtured by their example and involvement with Front Street United Methodist Church. Additionally, in my early faith journey my Uncle Gene's Baptist "hell fire and damnation" scare-them-to-the-cross sermons and toe-tapping gospel music as well as my Aunt Cleo's small Catholic church's liturgical, incense filled, kneeling-bench reverence influenced me deeply.

My high school years were committed to traveling with an interdenominational, inter racial, evangelistic singing group. This group traveled and shared the good news in a variety of settings and places-- as far away as Haiti and the Grand Cayman Islands as near as the churches in and around Burlington. Participation in the New Directions required attendance at one's home church when not traveling, regular Bible Study and memorization of Scripture, reading and sharing on apologetic material, and rehearsing. This time taught me to value "contemporary" music/language as a form of outreach, the value of study and sharing with others our questions of faith and a disciplined approach to growing as a disciple.

While I was in college, I experienced a wonderfully imperfect but powerfully loving Christian community. My involvement led me to recognize a call to ministry and to explore the possibilities of what that might mean for me. I attended seminary for the first time believing I would teach at a church affiliated college where faith and fiction (English/Drama major) could be topics of exploration. I left seminary with an academic degree, taught and counseled on college campuses, eventually pursued a MA in English, received and accepted an invitation to teach at Han Nam University in Taejon, South Korea where I worked with and became associated with the Presbyterian Missionaries teaching there. Three plus years later, I returned to the States and after some work in Southern Literature and a return to teaching, I began to be restless, and after prayer and debate and a Holy Shove, God led me to complete an MDiv and to find my way into the life of a teaching elder in small and mid-sized churches where I discovered gifts for helping churches in transition.

I delight in good coffee, good books, and our world so filled with beauty which reflects our Creator that it causes us to praise; I am filled with thanksgiving and joyous in the deep places in my life as I follow Christ, I can't wait to see what happens next.

STATEMENT OF FAITH OF REV. JANE LOVE

I believe in one true and living God, who is of one substance perfect in unity yet there are three Persons: our most loving Parent; Christ, our brother; and our Comforter the Holy Spirit. The same God is the Author and Sustainer of our world, upholding and governing all things from the greatest to the least.

I believe humanity was created in God's image without any sin but because of our hubris we disobey God. Our sin breaks a loving intimate relationship with God and results in death and estrangement with our God and our neighbor.

I believe God so loved the world that Jesus Christ was sent to reconcile humanity, to restore fellowship, to return hope, healing and life to a despairing, wounded world. To this end, God cut a covenant with humanity, and its perfect fulfillment is in Christ Jesus' life, death, and resurrection which demonstrate the enormity of God's love for each of us.

I believe Christ is both fully human and fully divine. Jesus was born and lived with us becoming fully acquainted with our temptations yet lived without sin. As our Savior, Christ offers us all forgiveness, healing, hope and peace if we but receive God's grace. Though now present with God, Christ will return establishing God's kingdom which is now and is yet to be.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God's living presence in our lives. Living in our hearts and minds, the Holy Spirit woos, teaches, and convicts leading to understanding in the believers' faith journey. It is the Holy Spirit that equips and enables all believers for ministry, and it is the same Spirit that provides the warmth of fellowship in Christ's body, the church.

I believe Scripture is God's written revelation. These words were inspired by God and are to act as our true guide, and in all matters, we are to acknowledge its unique authority and power. Guided by the Spirit and using the tools of exegesis, I hold fast to God's word.

I believe the sacraments are the outward signs of inner spiritual realities. The sacrament of Baptism is a sign of God's grace through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and of our status as God's children. Communion is a sign of the reality of God's salvation, forgiveness and mercy offered to us in and through the profound mystery of Jesus' death on the cross. The sacraments are evidence of God's sealing the promises of faith within the covenant community.

I believe one part of the church universal is the PCUSA Church. Within Christ's church, believers are to be encouraged, challenged, and built up so they are enabled to use their various gifts to proclaim Christ. The church should by word and deed stand as a light in darkness. In its practice of reforming and of being reformed, the church seeks to respond to the challenges of its day and fresh wind of the Spirit. God calls the church into being, grows, sustains, empowers and equips each disciple who makes up the local body. The church is to share the love God bears for the world. So be it.

Thank You

It is with a grateful heart that the congregation of Culdee Presbyterian thanks the pastors who have filled our pulpit this last year and a half. We are also most grateful for Rev. Jim Morgan who has been our Stated Supply Pastor for the past six months. You have blessed us in so many ways, you have revived our souls, and ministered to us musically. We thank you for giving of yourself so freely and sacrificially. We are a better congregation for having had you before us, encouraging us, and loving on us and our families. Thank you Pastor Morgan. Please know that you always have a place here at Culdee. We thank you for your sacrifices and compassion. May God richly bless you and your family as we part to see where God leads us on our next journey.





Happy New Year!

2018 is gone and 2019 lays ahead with its exciting opportunities. The first is our new interim Pastor Ms. Rev. Jane Love. Her first sermon will be on Jan 13th, and to welcome Rev. Jane Love to Culdee there will be a Spaghetti lunch, with salad and cup cakes (prepared by the youth) on Feb 3rd in her honor so that we can extend loving hands and hearts of welcome to her.

Also, in Jan. the Doris Moore Scholarship applications will be outside Mrs. Edith's office. Please fill the application out and return to Mrs. Edith no later than April 30th.

Thirdly we will have our first Congregational Care meeting on Feb. 3rd. This meeting will help start up the 2019 annual events. Please pray about being apart of this service. We will meet in the Children's Church Room at 4:00 p.m.

Finally, my prayer is that we do not forget our first love, as we race toward the high calling of Christ Jesus in our serving others and one another here at Culdee.

Amen

Congregational Chair Elder Karon F. McKenzie

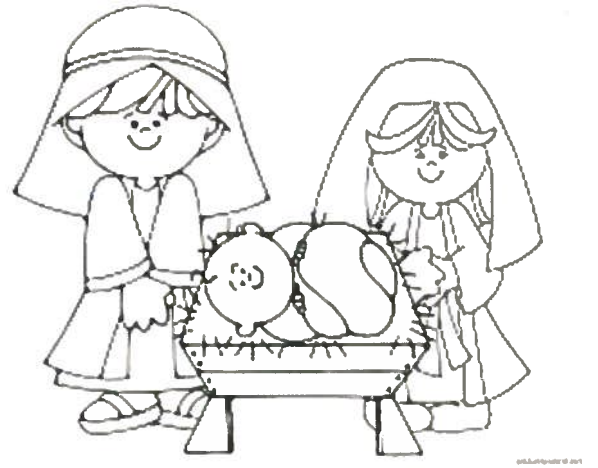


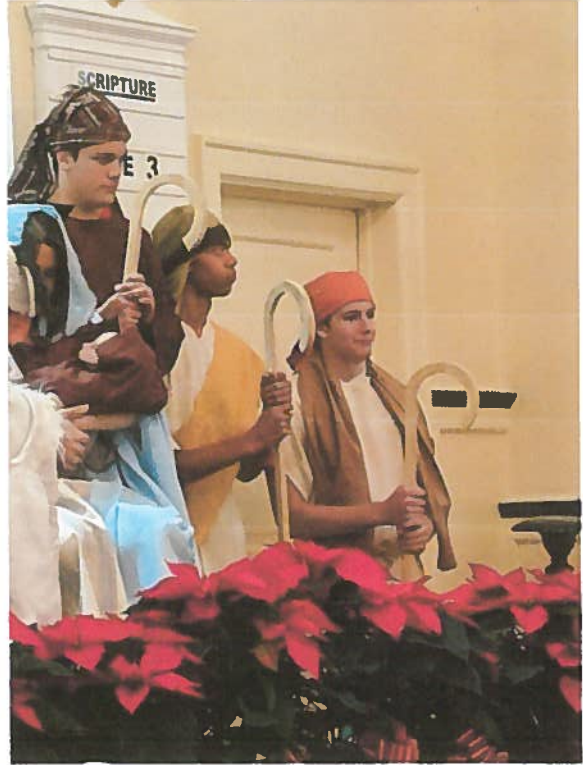
On Saturday, January 19th, at 5:00, in the Culdee Fellowship Hall the “Carnegie Choirs of Moore Co” will be having a “Chilli Cook-off.” All attendees are asked to make a donation of their choice for this event. We are a competitive bunch of musicians so we are also going to vote for the “best of show” in the chilli competition. To add to the fun, there will be an auctioneer providing energy and incentives to vote and announcing the donations as they come in to create a healthy atmosphere of competitiveness. This is an outreach event. All members of all churches and choirs involved are asked not only to participate, but also encourage your family and friends to attend. The more the merrier! Lets all get together to support these musicians going to Carnegie in 2020.



On December 9th, on a snowy Sunday afternoon the children of Culdee presented “A Children’s Christmas Story” to the congregation. It was a beautiful program designed by Connie Marion and Diane Aldridge. The children worked very hard on their music and scripts. They did a wonderful job! We are looking forward to hearing from these children again as we begin our Easter music on January 6th at 9:45 in the choir room. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful opportunity for our kids.







Merry Christmas

Copyright © 2008-2010 P. Paschall.com



Happy Birthday



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Elder	04	Lisa Patterson	13	Tyler Prince	20
Cody Thompson	05	Dianne VanWinkle	14	Phillip Marion	21
Wyatt Bullard	06	Catherine Sears	14	Caleb Marion	22
Nelson Pusser	07	Clara Bailey	16	Domonic Campbell	25
James McKenzie	08	Jason Cole	17	Derek Stewart	26
Tony Cox	09	John Blue	18	Breese Lilly	26
Josh Halverstadt	12	Randy Cox	18	Matthew Clayton	29



January 2019

January 2019							February 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 30	31	Jan 1, 19	2	3 9:00am Quilting	4	5
6 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	7	8	9	10 9:00am Quilting	11	12
13 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Session Meeting 6:00pm Youth meet	14	15 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	16 6:30pm Choir Practice	17 9:00am Quilting	18	19 5:00pm Chili Cookoff. "Carnegie Choirs of Moore Co."
20 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	21	22 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	23 6:30pm Choir Practice	24 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Presbyterian Men	25	26
27 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Bring Food 6:00pm Youth meet	28 2:30pm Joyful Noise	29 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	30 6:30pm Choir Practice	31 9:00am Quilting	Feb 1	2