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What better way to begin 2022 than praising **GOD** for the blessings you experienced in 2021 and the blessings you look forward to this year. Following is a short excerpt from a Billy Graham article that will help us get this New Year off to a great start....."We must praise the **LORD** for the blessings of life, for the **ONE** who performs miracles that keep the stars in place, the plants bursting up through the earth, and the fish swimming in the sea! The wonders of life should drive us into **HIS Word** and into **prayer** that brings peace to our hearts." More Bible study and more prayer time are worthy goals for this year!



Edith Martin's 25 years as Culdee's Office Manager, have been a great blessing to countless folks who made their way in and out of her office over the years! Her warm welcome and her careful attention to getting her duties done will be missed! Her retirement date of January 15 will be an open door for her to walk through to begin new adventures in a new year! Edith, you have our love and thanks for a job well done and a retirement well deserved.

## **NOTES FROM STATED SESSION OF DECEMBER 12**

June Stewart, Clerk of Session

The Session met in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of Elders in attendance. Rev. Rick Martindale served as Moderator.

The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of November 14 were approved as read.

Ashley Blue was received into the membership of Culdee by Profession of Faith.

Elders accepted the resignation of Edith Martin as Office Manager effective as of January 15, 2022.

A Congregational Meeting was set for January 9, 2022 for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Elder Nomination Committee; Presentation of the 2022 Budget and a report from the Corporation.

A subcommittee was approved to search for our next Office Manager.

The Monthly Financial Statement for November was reviewed and accepted.

Approved Dr. Douglas Kelly to fill the pulpit on December 26 and John Baker to conduct the Christmas Eve Service.

Approval was given to directing all proceeds from the NEW YEAR's DAY MEAL to Missions.

The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS**

**Matthew 5:16** *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.*

The New Year's Event Committee met on December 5th following the morning worship. The decision was made to reduce the hours of the drive through meal to 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The items we still need are: black eyed peas, pound cakes, cookies and brownies. There are still many opportunities for everyone to get involved. We have openings for greeters/order takers, someone to handle and collect the money, preparing the takeout plates, bagging the plates for the orders and help cleaning up afterwards.

We are planning to sort and wash the black eyed peas on Thursday afternoon and cook them on Friday and would welcome your help.

We would like to thank Tim and Nancy Howle, Norman Harris, Danny and Diane Aldridge, Lonnie and Judy McKenzie, Ray and Connie Barber, Darrell and Karon McKenzie, Wade Garner and Don and Eve Williamson for donating the Boston Butts needed for the event. Special thanks to Darrell and Karon McKenzie for donating the collards.

All the proceeds from this event will be donate to those in need.

Eve Williamson, Chair

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### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Virginia Elder	04	Dianne VanWinkle	14	Phillip Marion	21
Cody Thompson	05	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
Lisa Patterson	13	Tyler Prince	20		

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Pryor (Jr.) Moon	03	Gavin Washington	12	Daniel Jackson	20
Jonathan Aldridge	06	Betty Black	12	Emma Ferguson	21
Patrick Howle	07	Chasity 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	Sylvia Pusser	17	Austin Aponte	27
Alex Patterson	11	Martha Mathews	19	Sarah Cox	28
Carolyn Lea	12	Brynley Marino	19	Kathleen Black	29
Rhonda Shields	12	Don Williamson	20		
Cathy Marion	12	Brooke Kemp	20		

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

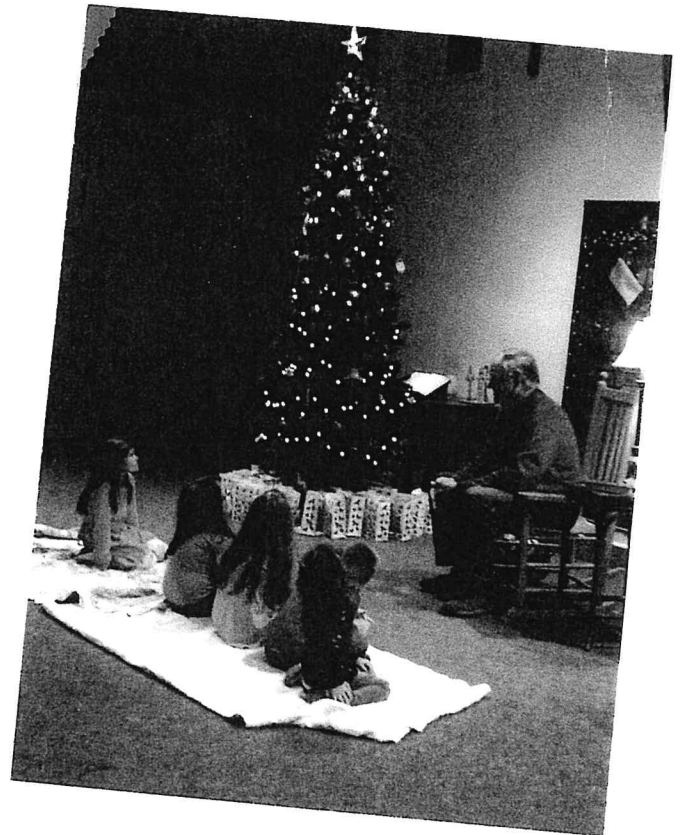
The Christmas season has been busy for the Christian Ed ministry! We began on December 5<sup>th</sup> with our "Sunday Funday" gathering at Culdee. We had thirty youth which included young people from Culdee, Union Presbyterian, and our community. We were pleased to observe that the group is inviting others to join us each time. They enjoyed gaga ball, volleyball, and other outdoor activities before gathering inside for food and fellowship. To conclude our gathering, we caravanned to enjoy the Highlanders Farm Christmas light show and ice cream!

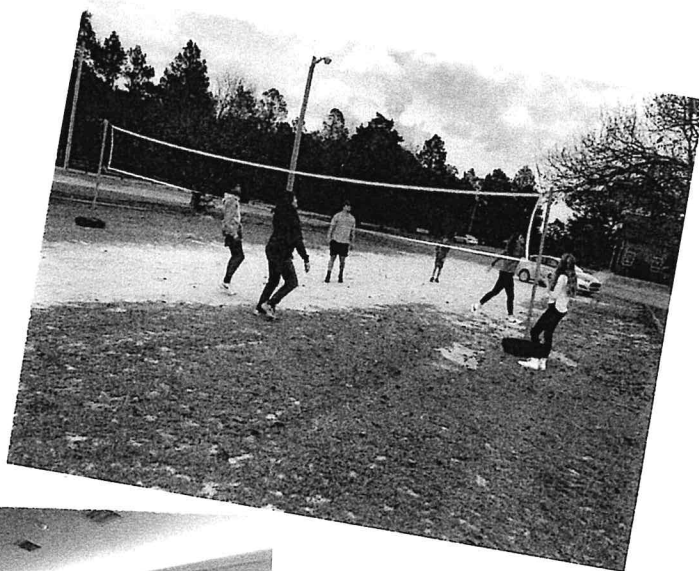
On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the annual Children's Party was held in the fellowship hall. To remind us of an old-fashioned Christmas, Danny Aldridge told the Christmas story to children seated at his feet with a cozy fireside atmosphere. After the story, the children watched from the church window as Santa made his way to Culdee on the firetruck. Fifty people enjoyed the time together in the fellowship hall. Thank You, Santa, for your visit!

Our next "Funday Sunday" is tentatively scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to enjoy our outdoor time and complete our evening with smores and a fireside chat.

Wade Garner and I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and many blessings in 2022.

Patti Burke and Wade Garner





*"Sunday Funday"*



*December 5th*







**Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune**

**Luke 14:28** *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not First sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?*

**Happy New Year!! 2022 brings great hope for Culdee Presbyterian Church!**

**2022 Budget:**

The Culdee Session approved the 2022 Culdee Budget at their November 14, 2021 meeting after much thought, discussion and research. The budget will be presented to the congregation during January and will be placed in the bulletin a week before to give members time to look it over.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order explains that the Session determines all the budget except for the compensation (Call) of the pastor. The Book of Order states that the only part of the annual budget the congregation votes on is the Pastor's Call. There are projected amounts for the pastor in the 2022 budget but they will likely change to meet the needs of the new pastor (when one is engaged). The congregation will vote on the Pastor's Call once the PNC presents a potential candidate for installation.

**Staff Changes:**

Culdee Finance Ministry extends much appreciation to Office Manager Edith Martin for her many years of service and wishes her much joy in her new adventure! Her retirement date is January 15, 2022.

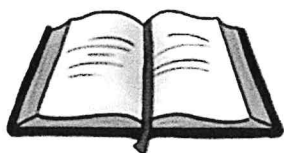
In searching for someone to try and fill Edith's shoes, there could be some changes around Culdee to fit current needs and finances. The first priority continues to be able to fully support a pastor financially. Some options discussed in Finance to support this priority were to adjust the days and hours that the church office is manned by paid staff. During times when no one would be in the office, the message on the phone would continue to provide the name of the Elder of the Month along with contact information. That way if someone had a need, that person would know how to contact church leaders for assistance. If office hours change, some new volunteer opportunities could be upcoming--which is also exciting.

**Financial Status:**

Thank you for supporting Culdee! The church continues to maintain solid financial standing since services are still not fully functioning and a pastor's salary isn't being paid. The New Year brings the potential for much positive growth for Culdee! In turn, it should bring great opportunity for sharing God's word and doing His work. So, it is with joyful anticipation this New Year is faced!

The reports for 2021 will be available soon and an end-of-the-year summary will be in the next newsletter. Again, thank you for your support!

Please feel free to contact Finance Ministry members if you have comments or questions regarding Culdee's finances.



# Bible Pathway Adventures

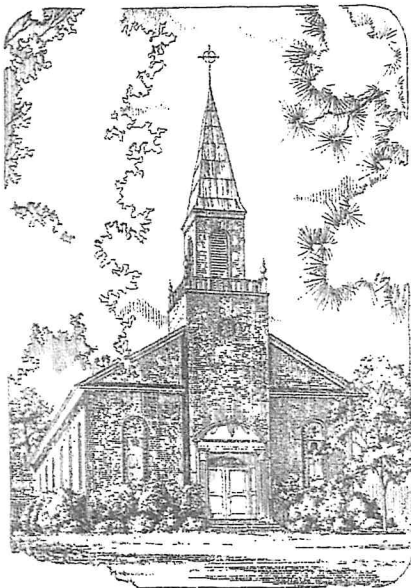
WORKSHEET

## Books of the New Testament Word Scramble

1. NIHTIOARCNS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. IAAGNLTAS: \_\_\_\_\_
3. HIPPNLIPIAS: \_\_\_\_\_
4. BREEHWS: \_\_\_\_\_
5. STIUT: \_\_\_\_\_
6. THAMETW: \_\_\_\_\_
7. IHTTMOY: \_\_\_\_\_
8. KULE: \_\_\_\_\_
9. MESJA: \_\_\_\_\_
10. MRONAS: \_\_\_\_\_
11. EVIRTLOEAN: \_\_\_\_\_
12. OLACISNOSS: \_\_\_\_\_
13. DEJU: \_\_\_\_\_
14. SELNHASAINOTOS: \_\_\_\_\_
15. PHAEISNES: \_\_\_\_\_
16. KMRA: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what He has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8*

**Culdee Presbyterian Mission**

Culdee Presbyterian Church will build caring relationships with our local and global community while proclaiming the Word of God and building up our faith community.

**Filling the pulpit at 10:00 am for Indoor Service in January will be:**

January 2, "The Master's Sons", Quartet group  
January 9,  
January 16,  
January 23,  
January 30

**Weekly Worship Services**

**Sundays:**

In the Sanctuary and Drive-In Service – 10:00 a.m.

Online Service-At your convenience

**Wednesday Evening:**

Brief weekly devotion and prayer



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