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JULY WORSHIP INFORMATION **"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS..."**

JULY 3, 2016

1 Chron. 17:16-17; Eph. 2:6-9
"...Amazing Grace"

JULY 10, 2016

Luke 24:29; Psalm 23:4
"...Abide with Me"

JULY 17, 2016

1 Peter 2:24
"...The Old Rugged Cross"

JULY 24, 2016

Psalm 46:1
"...It Is Well"

JULY 31, 2016

Psalm 145:3
"...How Great Thou Art"

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...

General Assembly: Every two years the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) convenes for a week. During this time commissioners from the various Presbyteries around the country gather to take on in the neighborhood of 800 items of business. While recent meetings of General Assembly have brought about several controversial decisions, this year's meeting...while certainly including some expected controversy...seem to not have produced the same level of divisiveness. Following each gathering of the General Assembly local congregations are left with several questions: What decisions were made?...Why did they make the decisions they did?...What do these decisions mean?...How do these decisions affect us? Obviously some of these questions are easier to answer than others...and some are just plain unanswerable. I want to invite you to a General Assembly Review on Sunday, July 17 at 4:00. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for an overview of this year's Assembly meeting and what impact it may have on local churches. I encourage you to attend and to share this gathering with others.

Sunday School: Are you currently attending a Sunday School class? If so, I want to encourage you to invite someone to join you on Sunday mornings...seek to make it a habit each week to invite a friend. If not, let me take this opportunity to encourage you to come give it a try. We currently have a variety of options available to you so one of our classes should meet your needs. Make a commitment to attend for at least 2 weeks in a row and see what you think. We look forward to seeing you there!

Goals & Resolutions Review: As we enter July, I find this time of year a good opportunity to review my spiritual goals for the year. In looking back at some goals, or resolutions, I encourage you to consider for the year, I want to share them once again in the hopes that you will either: 1) review the goals you set for yourself, or 2) consider looking at them and going ahead and setting some goals for the remainder of the year.

- Please prayerfully consider your support for the church in the coming year. This support can be in many different forms:
- Time and commitment as a church volunteer;
- Participation and attendance in worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, etc...
- Financial support. And if your circumstances allow, please prayerfully consider increasing your financial support of the churches budget;
- If you have not already picked yours up, remember that offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex of the sanctuary.
- Please be intentional about praying for the church, the staff, and the various ministries and programs we are involved with.

Pastor Joe



**Christian Education Ministry Team
invites you to join them at the**



Culdee's Vacation Bible School

When: July 24-28th

Time: 5:30 – 8:30

Supper served each night

Classes for all ages...including adults!

****Mark your calendars!!!! Invite friends,
neighbors, family, and those you don't even know.
Together we can make it the best ever!!!!*****

***Please bring a white or light colored t-shirt for your child on Sunday or
Monday night for Surf Shack iron on. Thanks!***

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Sullivan	01
Benjamin Whitesell	02
Rhonda Ritter	03
Cooper Cox	03
Karen McKenzie	04
Anna Rae Kemp	04
Elise Palmerton	05
Sharon Moon	08
Larry Black	08
Melissa E. Flynn	09
Brittany Lea	11
Mitch Cox	11
Kent Black	11
Tim Adams	12
LeAnne Waschsen	13
Jewell Vest	14
Anne Ferguson	14
Rhonda Whitesell	18
Ashley Blue	21
Owen Whitesell	22
Tom Gribben	22
Blair Moricle	24
Wesley Cole	24
Stuart Fields	24
Mandy Dennis	26
Judy McKenzie	27
Pauline Ballard	27
Bill Bailey	30
Connie Marion	31
Dannie Jackson	31

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

High School and College graduates were recognized on **June 12** during the 11:00 worship service:

Layton Barber, Eli Carrico, Sarah Cox, Nicholas Fortune, Drew Furr, Katie Furr, Courtney Maness, Blair Moricle, Reece Parsons, Taylor Seawell, Cody Thompson, Jacob Washburn, Rebecca Willcox, Naythan Batalla, Ethan Horne.....Makenzie Bryson, Emma Ferguson, Zach Marks, Kasey Spry, Hannah Washburn, Kaitlyn White, Kristin White

Also, **Doris Moore Memorial Scholarships** were presented to Elaina Aponte, Eli Carrico, Sarah Cox, Harrison Jordan, Reece Parsons, Jacob Washburn, Layton Barber, Joshua Carrico, Nicholas Fortune, Josh McKenzie, Taylor Seawell, Rebecca Willcox

Please pray for each one of them as they move forward with their plans for the future!

Keep the **Harvest Festival** in mind as you are cleaning out this summer!! Please call Robin McKenzie and me with any ideas for making this special event even better! It is not TOO early to volunteer for any area of the Festival you are interested in.

Please join our ministry; you are most welcome!

In CHRIST,
Robin and June

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

We will not meet in July, but we will be cooking hot dogs for the Vacation Bible School picnic on July 28th. Hope to see you there!

Wade Garner, President

FOR INFORMATION: The knitters have placed dish cloths in the office for sale. They are priced at 1 for \$3, or 2 for \$5. The money will go into the 2016 Harvest Festival Fund.

Mark you calendars!
Vacation Bible School
July 24 – 28

FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

The Finance Ministry met on Sunday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m. Members reviewed the May expense report, noting that Culdee continues to be in good financial standing. The report demonstrates that there are currently approximately five months of additional operating expenses in the church liquid asset account. This good standing is due in great part, to the generosity of tithes and offerings. The report also reflects that the Session ministries continue to do an excellent job at managing expenses, as these ministry figures remain under budget.

Also noted, The Endowment Fund continues to grow. Looking at the current fund figures and growth pattern, Committee members are hopeful in their projection that the fund could yield in excess of \$10,000 by the end of the calendar year. The Endowment funds are invested with Vanguard.

The Finance Ministry also discussed the possibility of investing key church funds through the Endowment Fund Committee and Vanguard at a later date. The Vanguard accounts are in U.S. Treasuries, that have been shown to be a safer investment during market changes, than traditional Certificate of Deposits. Vanguard offers a user friendly site, where church members may go through the process of obtaining access to view the account at any time.

In addition, Culdee is seeking to replace the current chairs in the choir room. Replacing the chairs would increase choir members comfort, and maximize posture benefits. The current chairs would be replaced with choir designed chairs, that would be more conducive to the 1.5 hours of practice for choir members. This funding is largely due to the financial gift of designated funds that came into Culdee, precisely for the replacement of the choir chairs.

The Doris Moore Scholarship decisions have been decided. Congratulations to all of the recipients and their families! We continue to be grateful for the opportunity afforded to Culdee by Doris Moore and her family.

Finally, the time has arrived to provide protected maintenance to our Sanctuary's very much enjoyed Stained Glass Windows. The windows arrived in 1963 from Highpoint, NC, and were installed at that time. Some reworking of the windows was completed in the 1980's. Yet since the initial installation in 1963, the windows have remained uncovered and unprotected. Installation experts have informed Culdee, that the lead used to bind the glass on the windows, deteriorates over time, and that adding a protective covering will help the windows last another 50 plus years, or longer.

Hence, there is an opportunity now, and in the near future, for the families who initially donated towards these admired windows, as well as for other church members, to assist in any way one may feel called, to add to the protective maintenance of the windows currently, so that the windows will last for years to come.

Specifically, there are 14 windows that need protective maintenance, plus the circle and transom. General estimates are up to \$2,000 per window. Once several definite proposals have been obtained, we are seeking to choose the right company, to maintain our windows down to each window frame, by repainting the outside trim; adding silicone; caulking; cleaning and adding a clear sealed storm covering protective laminated or tempered glass. The windows then may be cleaned over the years, by simply cleaning as if one were cleaning any window (such as with dawn and water, or vinegar).

If you would like to donate or assist in the upcoming window project, or have any questions, ideas or suggestions for the Finance Ministry, please feel free to contact one of its members who will be happy to assist you. Finance Ministry members are as follows: Tim Lea, Chairman, Danny Aldridge, Vice Chair, Jene Bowen, Lionel Bryson, Jim Dalton, Cate Short Frederick, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart and Pastor Joe Washburn.

In reflection, regarding our church windows: the windows enjoyed by fellow church members and family as far back as the early 1960's, give me a feeling of comfort and peace. The colorful stained glass of these windows, reminds me of God's promise of the rainbow.

Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 16.

Wishing everyone a happy July, and the real Freedom that can only truly come from Him.

The next Finance Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Cate Short Frederick

July 2016

August 2016

Su	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mo	8	9	10	11	12	13
Tu	15	16	17	18	19	20
We	22	23	24	25	26	27
Th	28	29	30	31		
Fr						
Sa						

July 2016

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
3 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	4 Family Promise	5 Family Promise	6 Family Promise	7 Family Promise 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God	8 Family Promise	9 Family Promise
10 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Finance Ministry 6:00pm Session Meets	11	12	13	14 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God	15	16
17 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm GA Review	18 10:30am Prayer Group 1 meets in the Ladies Parlor	19	20 6:30pm Choir Practice	21 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God	22	23
24 Receive Barnabas Off VBS Week 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School	25 VBS Week 10:30am Prayer Group 1 meets in the Ladies Parlor	26 VBS Week	27 VBS Week	28 VBS Picnic 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God	29	30
31 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Bring Food	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6