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Culdee Newsletter

Culdee Presbyterian Church

“Grace and Peace to you from
God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ”

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1 Corinthians 1:3

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2017 SESSION

Moderator

Rev. Dr. Joseph Washburn

Class of 2017

Danny Aldridge...Finance
Dannie Jackson...Building and Grounds
Nelson Pusser...Worship
June Stewart...Congregational Care

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey...Building and Grounds
Bob Beddingfield...Finance
Amber Clayton...Christian Education
Janie Taylor...Worship



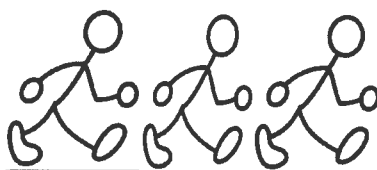
5 x 5 Reading Plan

7/3 Luke 4	7/10 Luke 9	7/17 Luke 14	7/24 Luke 19	7/31 Luke 24
7/4 Luke 5	7/11 Luke 10	7/18 Luke 15	7/25 Luke 20	8/1 1 Cor. 1
7/5 Luke 6	7/12 Luke 11	7/19 Luke 16	7/26 Luke 21	8/2 1 Cor. 2
7/6 Luke 7	7/13 Luke 12	7/20 Luke 17	7/27 Luke 22	8/3 1 Cor. 3
7/7 Luke 8	7/14 Luke 13	7/21 Luke 18	7/28 Luke 23	8/4 1 Cor. 4

Presbyterian Women's News

The Women of the Church are asking for baked goods for a bake sale July 30th to benefit Dean Frye. The baked goods will be on sale before and after the SouthRidge Blue Grass band performs. The band will perform from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Please join us July 30th.

Kim Cole, Moderator



COME WALK WITH US!
WALKING 101 ON MONDAYS
6:00 – 8:00 here at the church.
Join us for fellowship, fun, fitness.

Music Notes

Handbell Choir

The handbell ringers are taking a summer break while the bells are being refurbished, reconditioned and polished. This is a maintenance procedure that needs to be done every so often. If you would like to contribute to this project please pray about giving to the handbell fund. Handbell rehearsal will resume in September. Thanksgiving and Christmas music has already been pulled for this group. We have several anthems that include the chancel choir as well. If you would like to join this “joyful ringing group” please contact Beverly. We have a lot of fun on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Handbell ringing is a team sport. We have to depend on each other for musical success. Everyone is an important part of the process.

Chancel Choir on Broadway

Members of the Chancel Choir are participating in the Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Carousel" to be performed at Pinecrest High School on Thursday, June 29th and Friday, June 30th at 7:30.



This is a volunteer community choir who has been rehearsing on Sunday afternoons for the month of June. It is a fundraiser to benefit the Public Education Foundation of Moore County to promote arts programming in the schools. Tickets may be purchased at www.touchinghumanityinc.org

Please remember that the choir is in full swing for the summer season. We would love to see you be a part of our musical family. If you wish to join us, simply show up in the choir room if you wish to be a part of this musical ministry. We would be honored to have you.

Ladies Father's Day Choir

What a joy it was to have the ladies of Culdee in the choir room for rehearsal on Wed. June 14th. What a glorious sound! We had a wonderful time joining our voices in laughter and singing. Sunday morning the ladies filled the sanctuary with beautiful two part harmony in honor of Father's Day. They were beautiful inside and out! It was such a wonderful experience, and blessing for us all.

Mountain Music Ministry Orientation

The Mountain Music will begin on June 27th at 6:30 in the choir room. Please note that this will be a short meeting where we will gather to discuss with all who are interested, what time/day of the week the group would like to meet, every week/bimonthly, and then we will start the musical fun! Please bring your lap dulcimers and a notebook to keep your music in. You DO NOT need to read music to be in this group. We are starting from ground zero. However, if you are a seasoned player we sure could use your expertise in the group as well. Our goal is to play for the worship service by the end of the summer and then continue to schedule performances throughout the year. If you have any questions about this group please contact Beverly

culdeemusic@gmail.com.

Calling all Soloists and Instrumentalists

If you like to sing, or play an instrument of any kind please consider using your talent for praise and worship. We would love to help you find the place where you belong in our musical family here at Culdee. Please send Beverly a message if you are interested in taking part in the worship service.

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Session Notes

June 11, 2017

The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of Elders in attendance. Pastor Joe, Moderator called the meeting to order. Robin McKenzie, Elder of the Month, lit the CHRIST candle, and gave the devotion and opening prayer.

Clerk's Report: Active Membership Roll stands at 280.

The Consent Agenda was approved by Elders:

- The Stated Session Meeting of May 21, 2017 (as presented)

Discuss was held on chapters 3-4 in the book, [Autopsy of a Deceased Church](#).

By approval of Session, the following items were added to the **Culdee Manual of Administrative Operations**:

- Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Session Ministries' Responsibilities Policy
- Accounting Procedures Policy for church offerings
- Building Use Policy

Pastor's Report was accepted.

- Pastor Joe will take his second week of vacation on August 7-13. Rev. Russ Ward will be leading worship.
- By approval of Session, the August Stated Session meeting will be held on August 20, 2017.

Each ministry gave its report.

The Session's prayer focus until we gather for the next Stated Session Meeting on July 9, 2017 is "How do we hear GOD's voice above all others?"

Congregational Care Ministry

July puts us solidly into summer; everyone is busy and on the go with school out and vacations abounding!! We pray for traveling mercies for those of our congregation and community.

We do have a special 5th Sunday event coming up on **Sunday, July 30th! Southridge Bluegrass Band (Johnie Marion and friends)** will be entertaining everyone in the Fellowship Hall from **4 - 6 p.m.** We will have an intermission to eat some delicious ice cream!! Please mark your calendars and invite friends and family to join you!!!

We ask you to be thinking about our upcoming Harvest Festival! If every family donated 1 or 2 nice items for the AUCTION and GIFT SHOP; it would be super! This year we would really love to do early advertising of many of the items that will be auctioned off! To that end, we are asking everyone to submit their auction items by September 15 so we will have time to highlight them on FACEBOOK, our church website, and other locations to stir up interest.

Keep in mind that we **WILL NOT** be having a yard sale this year. We appreciate you donating those items you have to the many local charities in our area that would benefit from them.

We would love the **COUNTRY STORE** to expand its offerings!! People look forward to purchasing the exciting variety of canned goods, breads, plants, arts and craft items, fresh produce, etc.! We have people who come early so that they can purchase the ham biscuits, fried apple pies, persimmon pudding, and baked bread before we sell out! This is an event that takes us all pulling together. Each of us have different talents, and there is an area for each of you to use yours.

A meeting to exchange craft ideas and make suggestions for items that will sell well at the Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, June 25th.

Please come to our committee meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. We need your ideas!!

Thanks to all those who currently take an active part in the work of this ministry or one of the other Session ministries....Bless you!!

June Stewart and Robin McKenzie

Finance Ministry News

The Finance Committee held their last meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The primary focus of this meeting was to review our insurance policies for Culdee. Stuart Fields, our insurance representative, attended our meeting and presented information regarding the insurance coverages. Our policies cover us in the areas of property and general liability, workers compensation, commercial auto for the church van, directors' and officers' liability and employment practices liability.

Stuart explained how he had reviewed our policies prior to their renewal date of May 24, 2017, regarding coverages and premiums. Our current policies were compared to policies offered by other insurance companies and the decision was made that it would be best for us to stay with Utica, our current insurance company. Everyone in attendance was pleased with the review and the fact that overall, our premiums are slightly reduced for the next 12 months. Our appreciation goes out to Stuart for all his hard work.

Our church's finances remain stable. We still however remain below our needed tithes and offerings necessary to meet our budget, by the amount of \$4,884.56 as of June 10, 2017. We need \$4749.00 each week to meet our budget. Fortunately, our expenses to date have been well under budget but we can expect expenses to even out as our year progresses in that many of our payments are done on a quarterly basis.

The Finance Committee remains strong in the belief that it is important to have at least 6 months of financial reserves in case of emergencies. This is in conjunction with the recommendation by the Session. Culdee currently has a little over 5 months total reserve monies. This is in large part due to the diligence of our ministries controlling their individual budgets.

The monies in our regular designated funds and our Vanguard investments continue to be monitored and adjustments made as needed. Specifics regarding these monies can be found on the monthly finance insert in the bulletin.

Invitation:

If any member of the congregation would like to attend one of our meetings or even join our ministry, they would be more than welcome.

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: Danny Aldridge Chairman, Bobby Beddingfield, Vice-Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart, and Pastor Joe Washburn.

The next Finance Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

July Birthdays

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
Brittany Lea	11
Mitch Cox	11
Kent Black	11
Tim Adams	12
LeAnne Waschsen	13
Jewell Vest	14
Anne Ferguson	14
Doug Sullivan	17
Rhonda Whitesell	18
Ashley Blue	21
Owen Whitesell	22
Tom Gribben	22
Kasey Spry	23
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



COVERED DISH LUNCHEON AND CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, July 23 immediately following the morning worship service. We will be honoring and thanking Pastor Joe and Angela for their ministry for GOD here at Culdee, and offering lots of encouragement and prayer support as they prepare to answer GOD's call to First Presbyterian of Whiteville in Whiteville, NC. We look forward to what GOD will do in their lives and what HE has in mind for Culdee. Please mark your calendars and spread the word!!

Culdee Session

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A BRIDAL SHOWER!

Everyone is invited to a bridal shower for Ashley McDonald and Joshua McKenzie in the church fellowship hall on July 23, 2-4:00 pm. Ashley is registered at *Bed, Bath and Beyond*.

COME JOIN US AS WE SPEND AN

'AFTERNOON WITH BLUEGRASS'

FEATURING THE BLUEGRASS BAND

SOUTH RIDGE

At Culdee Presbyterian Church

July 30, 2017 (4:00 - 6:00 pm)



Come join the fun and fellowship as the musicians of South Ridge share their musical talents while performing traditional and original bluegrass compositions such as: Fox on the Run, Foggy Mountain Breakdown, Dooley, I'll be no Stranger There, Mansion Over the Hilltop, Nobody Lives Here Anymore, Carolina Moon and many more. Homemade Ice Cream will be served during intermission.

Tickets go on sale July 7!

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Haiti Help and Hope

Making a difference to the lost and broken in Haiti

Fundraiser

*for the Children at
Lahai Roi School
in Haiti*



Featuring
The Sand Band



**Food & Drink Available
for Purchase...
Bring a lawn chair
or blanket!**

September 10, 2017

4 PM - 7 PM



Rubicon Farm



Rain Date
Sept. 24, 2107

564 Rubicon Road, West End, NC

(off NC Hwy. 73)

Advanced Tickets \$20.00

At Gate - \$25.00 ♥ Children 12 & under FREE

**Family Event -
No Alcohol
Please!**

Tickets available at -

First Bank at Pinecrest Plaza • The Market Place

Kalawi/Ben's Ice Cream • Highlander Farm

or Call Sylvia Pusser (910) 639-7733 • Nancy Howle (910) 947-2306

All Proceeds will go to feeding & educating the children
at Lahai Roi School in Haiti

Haiti Help and Hope is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Organization

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July 2017

July 2017							August 2017						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
30	31						29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
2 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	3 6:00pm Walking 101	4	5 6:30pm Choir Practice	6 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God	7	8
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