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JUNE WORSHIP INFORMATION **“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS...”**

JUNE 5, 2016

Palm 145:1-9

“...To God Be the Glory”

JUNE 12, 2016

Revelation 4:8-11; Psalm 95:6-7

“...Holy, Holy, Holy”

JUNE 19, 2016

Psalm 46

“...A Mighty Foretress”

JUNE 26, 2016 (Pastor Joe on vacation)

Rev Russ Ward preaching

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...

PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I want to invite you into a time of prayer...of specific prayer for our denomination. Specifically, be in prayer for our General Assembly which will be meeting in Portland, OR from Saturday, June 18 through Saturday, June 25. While many had hoped for a pretty straight forward assembly with little or no controversy...those hope may not come to be. Having talked with several commissioners who will be attending this year's GA there are some items of business that are likely to draw a lot of debate, with the GA itself as well as throughout the denomination. Some of the highlights of business coming before the body include:

- The Way Forward...a proposal seeking to respond to the continued changes to the denomination landscape and declining membership numbers. What should our structure look like? What structure will serve the church more faithfully? As you can imagine there are lots of opinion on this.
- There is a proposal coming to divest from fossil fuel companies. (You may remember that at the 2014 GA we voted to divest from 3 companies who did business with Israel whose products were used for military/non-peaceful purposes.) At that time a study was began to examine the prospect of divesting from fossil fuel companies.
- There is an overture coming from a presbytery in New York that, if approved, would issue an apology to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning community for harms done to the LGBTQ/Q members of the PCUSA, family and friends. The overture cites as sin the PCUSA's historic teaching and stance related to gender issues. Even before GA meets this one has garnered a lot of attention and conversations. Two main concerns that are being raised, including by several more liberal groups, by those opposed to this are: assurances have been made in the past, particularly at the last GA, that all theological voices are necessary and desired...including conservative. But this overture basically says that those in the conservative theological family were wrong. Second, while this overture does not affect any policy of the denomination, it perhaps opens the doors to further changes and maybe discipline of those in more conservative beliefs.

On these, and many other issues, there is room for different opinions. But these certainly highlight some of the hot button issues that will come before the General Assembly. I encourage you to mark your calendars and specifically pray for the GA during the week they are meeting. May God's will be done. May God's grace shine through. And may God's Spirit bring a sense of unity to the proceedings.

SUMMER IS HERE!

Summer is upon us and that means vacations, trips, and days at the lake. I pray everyone has a safe summer. In the midst of your plans and times away I want to encourage you to commit to continued nurturing of your faith. When you are away we offer a couple of ways you can take part in the life of the church. Typically, the sermons are available in a couple of different formats. We make an audio version available as well as a written version. We are also trying to make available a video version. These can be accessed through the church web site or my blog, www.timewithpj.blogspot.com. Certainly it is not the same as being present, but it is a way in which you can continue to participate in the life of the church even when you have to be away.

Pastor Joe



OUR GRADUATES

High School

Madison Adams..... Pinecrest
Robert Layton Barber, III Pinecrest
Eli Carrico Pinecrest
Sarah Cox Pinecrest
Nicholas Fortune Union Pines
Drew FurrMcKinney Boyd, McKinney, TX
Katie Furr.. New Covenant School, Hickory, NC
Courtney Maness Union Pines
Blair Moricle Northern, Greensboro, NC
Reese Parsons Pinecrest
Taylor Seawell..... Dorman, Spartangburg SC
Cody Tompson Pinecrest
Jacob Washburn..... Lee Christian, Sanford, NC
Rebecca Willcox..... Union Pines
Naythan BatallaNorth Moore
Ethan Horne.....North Moore

College

Makenzie Bryson..... NC State
Emma Ferguson..... East Carolina
Kasey Spry.....UNC Greensboro
Hannah WashburnMoody Bible Institute
Kaitlyn White NC State
Kristin White Western Carolina (Master's)

DORIS MOORE

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Elaina Aponte	Layton Barber
Eli Carrico	Joshua Carrico
Sarah Cox	Nicholas Fortune
Harrison Jordan	Josh McKenzie
Reece Parsons	Taylor Seawell
Jacob Washburn	Rebecca Willcox

Culdee Cars for Christ

Our 3rd Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 25, rain or shine. Registration is from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm and the awards will be presented at 2:30.

The youth will once again be holding a car wash and selling hot dogs and refreshments.

Come enjoy the day and support the youth!

FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

The Finance Ministry met on the evening of May 10, 2016, the first Tuesday evening after Mother's Day.

Culdee's tithes and offerings have been very generous so far this year, resulting in an increase in the amount of money in our General Income Checking account. Hence, in accordance with guidelines approved by the Session regarding maintaining a balance of \$20,000.00 in our General Income Checking Account, \$20,000.00 was transferred to the Vanguard Liquid Asset Fund, after the close of report on 4/30/16.

The Money Market account has been eliminated, which will also eliminate the fees associated with that account. The Money Market account is being replaced by a no interest checking account which has no fees as long as a minimum balance of \$5,000 is maintained. The name of this new checking account on our Monthly Financial Report is "Checking - Designated Funds."

The Checking-Designated Funds account now maintains just over \$34,000 in total designated funds, and in excess of \$9,000 in Available Funds. The Available Funds line item, originally came from the general checking account and is being applied like a savings account, to be used as needed.

Furthermore, each ministry has managed its monies conservatively. Hence, Culdee's expense report remains in good standing, with a \$10,000 overage in the amount proposed for this year's budget, and \$4,000 under budget for overall expenses.

The donated monies to the Building and Renovation Fund allowed for new painting of the Narthex, sanctuary, pews, furniture, and choir loft, which was finished just in time for Mother's Day.

The Endowment Fund Committee continues to enjoy growth from its initial investment with an overall 2.71% increase. In contrast, the highest yearly return on Certificates of Deposits available at this time in the market place, yields 1.25%. Endowment monies are invested with Vanguard, and can be withdrawn within 48 hours. The accounts may be viewed on line, by any member of the Church.

The Doris Moore Scholarship Fund is included in the Endowment Investments. This fund has grown by \$1,400.00. Scholarships are to be awarded sometime in June, and will be done so according to Session approval.

A new statement from Culdee's insurance company reveals a minimal fee increase of 1.3% annually, due to a slight increase in general liability premiums, as well as to an increase in worker's compensation (applied by the insurance company, to all those insured).

Also of note, Horner's Paving, will repair the cracks in Culdee's asphalt road, at no additional cost

The Finance Ministry is committed to providing the congregation with the most up to date and forth coming information regarding our financial status. Specific financial information is now in the weekly church bulletin, newsletter and church member's questions, comments, and insight are always welcomed.

We are grateful to have the following congregational members volunteering their time on the Finance Ministry: Tim Lea, Chairman, Danny Aldridge, Vice Chair, Jene Bowen, Lionel Bryson, Jim Dalton, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart and Pastor Joe Washburn. Cate Short Frederick has also agreed to join the Finance Ministry, and attended her first formal meeting in April.

Committee members will continue to meet monthly, and review the trends of the church's expenses and income and recommend ways to meet, or exceed, the financial needs of the church.

The Finance Ministry wishes you all a joyous Father's Day, and extends its heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your support and generosity in meeting the financial needs of Culdee.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Cate Short Frederick

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John David Privott	01
Alexander Privott	01
Jaiden Washington	01
Jackson Moricle	01
Gabriel Lea	01
Inglis Fowler	02
Harrison Jordan	03
Jared Rivas	03
Rusty Oakman	04
Connie Barber	05
Gregg Vest	05
Steven Lea	05
Richard Blue	06
Fairley Cameron	07
Danielle Pate	08
Harrison Jordan	08
Parker Cameron	09
Wade Garner	10
John McKenzie, Sr.	10
Leslie Stubbs	10
Elizabeth Parsons	11
Cathy Salargo	12
Linda Dalton	13
Crystal Parks	15
David E. McKenzie	16
Lib Burgess	18
Wayne Burgess	18
Norman Shields	19
Taylor Seawell	20
Linda Gallant	21
Mills Hodge	25
Wayne Black	25
Corey Curlee	26
Jim Stewart	27
Dustin Thamm	28
Brian McKenzie	29
Logan Parsons	30

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

The Presbyterian Men will have their monthly meeting on **June 23, 7:00 pm**. All men and young men are welcome to come, share a meal and take care of the men's ongoing projects at the church.

Wade Garner, PM President

CEMETERY NEWS

The Memorial Day celebration was held on Sunday May 29 after our morning Worship Service. "Thank you" to Tim Howle for presenting the names of the veterans during the service. Thanks also to all who helped place the flags on the Veteran's graves. A link to a video of the service is available on our web page.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

On June 12, we will be recognizing an important milestone in the lives of our high school and college graduates; as well as celebrating with our twelve Doris Moore Scholarship recipients. On that same day, we will also be receiving the Doris Moore Scholarship offering (which is taken twice a year - in June and December). Member and friends of Culdee can also contribute to the fund anytime throughout the year; honorariums and memorials are a wonderful way to recognize and honor family and friends.

As you are doing your spring and summer cleaning, consider donating your "gently used items" to the Harvest Festival; there is plenty of room in the trailer! Also, be thinking about our HF "Country Store". Craft projects; fruit jams and jellies and canned vegetables; garden projects like plants and yard art would all be appreciated. We have so many creative and talented people in our church family! One big need is a couple (couples) or individuals who would be willing to head up the auctions. Please let Robin or I know if you could serve in that capacity!

A bouquet of beautiful flowers was placed in the sanctuary on May 22 to honor Betty Melvin on her 90th birthday which she celebrated on May 1. Congratulations, Betty!

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**

June 2016

July 2016

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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June 2016

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	10:30am Prayer Group 1 meets in the Ladies Parlor 7:00pm PW Planning Mtg.	6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Circle 1 7:00pm Prayer Group 2 meets at John Blue's	10:00am Day Circle 6:30pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God		
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Recognize DMSS Recipients Recognize our Graduates Receive Doris Moore \$5	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Finance Ministry 6:00pm Session Meets	10:30am Prayer Group 1 meets in the Ladies Parlor	6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Prayer Group 2 meets at John Blue's	7:30pm Ladies Ensemble	9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God		5:00pm Hannah & Nates' Wedding
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