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916 NC Hwy 73 West End, NC 27376  
Interim Pastor: Reverend Jane Love

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## **The Culdee Connection**

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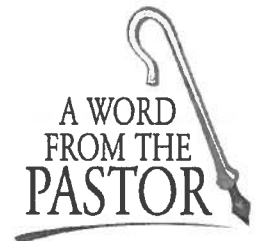
**Compiled by Diann Fortune**

### Reflections of the Pastor

I don't know anybody at Culdee or any church for that matter that doesn't want to worship. I don't know anybody at Culdee or any church for that matter that doesn't want to gather. The question the church faces is NOT whether we want to gather, worship, have fellowship, have Sunday School, Youth Group, quilters, knitters, Men's Group, Women's Circles, or any other number of committee gatherings.

Is the question perhaps: How can we do all those things safely, looking after each other? I don't know anybody at Culdee or any church for that matter that doesn't want to be safe and protect neighbors, families, and friends, so the ultimate question is what constitutes safety. The data is changing and all of us are still learning, so rather than risk (even though there are those who believe there is little to no risk), your Session is acting cautiously. We are having our own version of phased reopening. We have formed a *Safety Procedures Committee* and they will be bringing recommendations. We will consider the population: 40% of Culdee is over the age of 65 and is considered an "at risk" group. We will consider social distancing, sanitizing protocols, whether to ask for all to wear masks, whether we can do congregational singing, whether the choir can sing. How many can we safely fit in various spaces: sanctuary, fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms, and other measures of safety for those who work at Culdee.

In addition to safety considerations, we will be looking at how to ensure that everyone may worship whether at home online, in cars, or eventually in the sanctuary. The logistics of making sure we all feel invited and included in our worship is essential. Some of us may feel more comfortable worshipping at home, while others want to join in worship in







*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all*

*in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NOTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF May 17, 2020**  
June Stewart, Clerk of Session

- **Session authorized the creation of a Safety Protocol Committee** that will be headed by Elders Karon McKenzie and Diann Fortune. Members of the congregation will be asked to volunteer to join this important committee that will work to implement safety guidelines that conform to CDC regulations and state regulations when Culdee makes a decision to begin meeting physically for worship in our sanctuary and fellowship hall.
- **Session approved having virtual communion**, on May 31, Pentecost Sunday. Worshippers will provide their own elements.
- **The Worship Ministry** requested that all Elders poll their “flock” and ask the following question “Would you like to see the online video worship service continue even after we are able to gather together?”
- **The following motion was approved.** “The **Finance Committee** is authorized to make a final decision on the most appropriate insurance policy contract for Culdee when it meets on Tuesday, May 19 at 12:00.” The committee had met previously on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to talk with representatives of and/or view quotes from three companies.
- **The following motion was approved.** “The **Presbyterian Women** will be asked if they would agree to form a committee to go through old financial records/legal documents/historical data that is presently stored in a closet in the basement and determine what can be properly disposed of because of its age, or lack of strong historical significance, or the document is not required by law to be retained. Tim Lea has offered to burn, with witnesses if desired, the documents and records that are to be discarded.”
- **The following motion from the Worship Committee was approved, but was not unanimous.** “Based on the recommendations of the Executive Board of the Presbytery, Culdee will continue with the online worship services through May 31.” After further discussion on the Presbytery’s various recommendations, the following Motion by (Wade Garner/Robert Barber) with a friendly amendment from Diann Fortune/Karon McKenzie was approved (but not unanimously) and will supersede the Worship Committee’s motion. “There will be a Drive-In Worship Service in the Culdee parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. Immediately following the service on May 24<sup>th</sup>, a Memorial Service will be held to honor our veterans.

\*\*After full Session minutes are approved, they are placed in the most current Session Book. All Session Books are stored in a locked, fireproof file cabinet in our office closet. A copy of the approved minutes for 2020 can be found in a black notebook in the Ladies Parlor. Enjoy reading them at your convenience.

## Culdee's PNC News



### Members:

Amber Clayton  
Lonnie McKenzie  
Nancy Howle  
Stephanie Barber, Secretary

Diann Fortune, Chair  
Mike Salargo  
Ryan Bailey

The PNC continues to meet regularly. There has been a change within the membership of the PNC. Mike Salargo has resigned due to personal reasons and alternate Janie Taylor has filled his seat. The PNC thanks Mike for his service and wishes him well.

A congregational survey was recently conducted. The committee is in the process of compiling and analyzing the responses. This information will be used to complete the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The MIF, once approved by the Session and the liaison from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's Committee on Ministry (COM), will be submitted to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Church Leadership Connection database. The database is a tool to match prospective pastors with pastoral opportunities. Please continue to pray for guidance as the PNC continues their work. Also pray for our future pastor we know God has preordained for Culdee.



### Congregational Care Information

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

Please call the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. if you need assistance during the coronavirus outbreak and quarantine. Culdee Care Team members can deliver prepaid groceries, medicines and other needs. Be sure to give Edith your official name and birthdate to pick up prepaid medications. If you are able to run errands for members in need, please call the church office to volunteer for the Culdee Care Team.

Congratulations to all Culdee graduates! You will be in the prayers of your Culdee Church family as you enter this next phase of your life.



Congratulations to Austin Aponte upon receiving the Doris Moore Scholarship!



**Pray for Culdee members serving in the Armed Forces: Tony Cox & Jared Rivas**

**Prayers for all people keeping life moving & safe during the COVID 19 pandemic, especially those working in medical environments, no matter their task.**



### SHUT-INS

Mr. Pete Bullard  
812 NC Hwy 73  
West End, NC 27376

Ms. Evelyn Caddell  
206 Hawthorne Trail  
West End, NC 27376

Mr. Kenneth Whitesell, Rm. #517  
Genesis Health Care Siler City Center  
900 W. Dolphin St.  
Siler City, NC 27344

## *Sick & Shut-in*

*Please keep these special members in your thoughts, prayers and communication list, not only during this crisis but also beyond.*



### **Culdee Safety Procedures Committee**

Submitted by Diann Fortune

It is with joyful hearts that the members of the *Safety Procedures Committee* are planning for the eventual safe reopening of Culdee for communal indoor worship.

Safety of worshippers is the first priority and procedures will be in place to protect worshippers as much as possible. No matter the precautions taken, attending indoor worship carries the same risk as other places where people are confined indoors at close quarters. Therefore, worshippers should only physically attend worship if they are comfortable doing so. And naturally, physically attend only if symptom free! Members of the committee are Chairperson Karon McKenzie, Darlene Valitutto, Jewell Vest, Gail Farmer, Beverly Dunlop, and Diann Fortune. If you are interested in helping develop the procedures and/or are willing to assist during the Sunday services once they begin, please join these volunteers. Once finalized and Session approved, the safety procedures will be provided to everyone.



**Worship: Chair Johnie Marion & Vice Chair Brandon Blue**

**Romans 8:28** *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Submitted by Johnie Marion

The following is Part II of the article on *Reformed Worship* that originally appeared in the June 2001 issue of *Presbyterians Today*. It was written by Rev. Dr. Paul E. Detterman. Dr. Detterman is an author, composer, and conference speaker who is pastor of First Presbyterian Church of River Forest, Illinois, and a blogger at [reformedworship.org](http://reformedworship.org). He is a former associate for worship on the national staff of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## **Reformed worship — it's *all* about God (Part II)**

### **Praise and glory belong to God**

The very first words we utter in worship determine the focus of the service. How did your worship begin last Sunday? Were the first words spoken by the worship leader God's Word or human words?

When hymns or choruses were sung, what did the text describe? Was it praise, prayer, thanksgiving or lament involving God—or were the words focused on the needs, feelings or condition of people?

Was the Bible front-and-center in the sermon, or was the sermon a message desperately seeking a Biblical text?

Many who lead worship feel an Emily Post-induced compulsion to hospitality, welcoming “their gathered guests” with a friendly “Good morning!” But the congregation is not there to visit with the worship leader; the people have come to worship God. Even worse than an innocent “Howdy!” are the pre-packaged commercial liturgies that force those who lead worship to pose unfortunate questions such as “Why are we here?” (with an equally shallow printed response demanded of the congregation), leaving religious skeptics and the more astute believers in the congregation to think to themselves, “If you don't know why we are here, we're in bad shape already!”

From the call to worship to the benediction, praise, honor, glory and power belong only to God. When we are seeking the words to offer to God, God's Word is a wonderful place to start.

### **God is here!**

Don Hustad, a prolific writer and seasoned worship leader, has suggested, somewhat whimsically, that a banner should be displayed over the entrance to any place of Christian worship reading, “Warning: God Is Here!” Our worship as Reformed people is not only *about* God, it is a direct response *to* God. As worshipers we must always remember that God is truly present, active, and involved in our worship, and that our worship is a response to what God has done, is doing, and is about to do in our lives.

### ***Remembering God in the past***

A poster text from several years ago read, “All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I have not seen.” Therein lies the truth of our initial response to God in worship. Every Christian knows that God has played an essential role in his or her life, shaping, forming, guiding and directing them to the place they find themselves on the day of worship. The liturgy itself calls us to actively remember God's faithfulness, individually and collectively, as we offer ourselves in praise.

We know this Biblical God through the events outlined in Scripture, the stories we have read of the lives of Christians from other times and places, and the testimonies we have heard of God's activity in the lives of those

around us. As we come to worship, we trust God with our today based on our knowledge of God throughout all those yesterdays.

Christian worship is where we remember God's salvation most vividly. "Do this, remembering me." Whether or not worship includes Christ's invitation to the Table, when we worship, we remember.

### ***Trusting God in the present***

Equally important in our worship is the act of trusting the living God with the complexities of our present.

In response to God's faithfulness, and in response to the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, true Christian worship is punctuated with vivid reality. We earnestly confess our ever-present sin, an essential part of worship for Reformed Christians, and we hear God's assurance of forgiveness and peace. We actively listen for the contemporary relevance of God's Word by praying for the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit, also a hallmark of Reformed theology shaping worship. After the Word has been proclaimed, we gather the prayers of the church for the very present and very real needs of the world around us, seeking God's will, Christ's peace, and the Holy Spirit's power.

### ***Following God into the future***

Finally, we offer our most radical act of worship when we allow God to lead us out of the sanctuary and back into God's world.

Like the disciples who followed Jesus off the transfiguration mountain into a village where a child lay dying, we Reformed Christians believe that our final act of worship is found, not in the pews or even in the vestibule, but in the streets, the malls, the offices and the schools throughout God's world, where the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ is simultaneously scrutinized, confronted, maligned and eagerly sought.



**Christian Education Ministry: Chairman Wade Garner & Vice Chair Patti Burke**

**Roman 8:14** *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

#### **Instructions to log onto *RightNow Media*:**

- Search for RightNow Media or enter <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/>
- Click on Login
  - Enter: [CuldeePresChurch@gmail.com](mailto:CuldeePresChurch@gmail.com)
  - Password: 1886/21<sup>st</sup>

**\*If you have trouble logging on, please contact Patti Burke at [pburke001@embarqmail.com](mailto:pburke001@embarqmail.com).**



**Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune, author**  
**Proverbs 21:20** *In the house of the wise are stores of choice food & oil,  
but a foolish man devours all he has.*

**Financial Status:** Review of the attached April financial statement from Sandhills Accounting Services shows monthly income for April was \$22,638 while expenses were \$18,868. Culdee's Year-to-Date income is \$79,940 while the Year-to-Date expenses are \$75,970. Culdee is meeting the current expenses due to the faithful generosity of worshippers and the fact that limited services are being offered due to the pandemic. If Culdee was operating at full capacity, based on the Year to Date budgeted needs, Culdee would be facing a deficit of \$3,750. So far Culdee is able to meet obligations without tapping into reserve funds.

**Insurance Review:** As part of the duties of the Finance Ministry, every three years Culdee's Insurance is to be reassessed with 2020 being reassessment year. Finance Ministry's Richard Blue chaired the review, garnering proposals from five different insurance companies. Upon presentation of the data, Finance Ministry narrowed the proposals & after several meetings & presentations from agencies, Farm Bureau was selected for coverage. Appreciation is extended to Richard Blue for all his effort in this process.

**Pastor's Terms of Call Update:** At Interim Pastor Jane Love's request, Treasurer Gayle Boykin of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, whose responsibilities include assisting with development of and maintaining records of Terms of Call, was consulted during Culdee's budget process. Gayle Boykin was asked to help the Budget Committee determine the existing ambiguous details of the Pastor's Terms of Call so an accurate budget could be developed. A discrepancy was discovered between Interim Pastor Jane Love's effective salary on file with the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and the effective salary reported to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Board of Pensions. Gayle Boykin suggested there was possible confusion on the placement of \$6,000 within the line items of the Terms of Call worksheet potentially accounting for the difference. The correct amount of effective salary is now reported to Board of Pensions, retroactive to March 9, 2020 and Culdee's payments will be adjusted accordingly for the remainder of Interim Pastor Jane Love's contract. Due to this discrepancy, the Board of Pensions and Social Security received higher payments than were warranted for 2019 and the beginning of 2020. According to Board of Pensions, the Session has the option to rectify this oversight if they choose.

Interim Pastor Jane Love notified the Finance Ministry of her intention to request moving expenses of \$6,175 be added to her compensation if her 6-month contract was renewed. This \$6,175 would offset the future decrease being paid into the Board of Pensions now the reported effective salary amount is correct. Interim Pastor Jane Love suggested Culdee's Session again contact Presbytery's Treasurer Gayle Boykin for any other potential methods Interim Pastor Jane Love could receive this payment in a manner that would help minimize the negative impact on the church finances during these uncertain times. Interim Pastor Jane Love stated her contract would remain the same except for additional compensation. Interim Pastor Jane Love was compensated \$107,177 for 2019 when the correct amount, according to the effective salary on file with the Presbytery, should have been \$103,644. The Session is deliberating renewing Interim Pastor Jane Love's contract and her request of \$6,175 as part of the 6-month contract if renewed. If additional money is Session approved, the 2020 compensation would total \$109,819.00.



Culdee's Organizations, Groups & Events

SANDHILLS CROPWALK UPDATE



Thanks go out to all of you who donated to or prayed for the CROPWALK (Virtual) this year! I am happy to report that the Sandhills Hunger CROPWALK raised \$9,455.00. The Sandhills Moore Coalition has already received a \$2,000.00 check from the proceeds. Every year this walk helps to fight hunger locally and around the world!! It is not too early to start walking and get ready for join the Culdee Crusaders and other teams across the county next year!! June Stewart



-HONORING-

*Jamie Martin*

*It's a boy!*

*Avery Bryant Martin*

Drive thru to show your love & support-  
And enjoy curbside treats!

If you're so inclined,  
you're invited to bring a chair & visit a bit outside.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020; 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Culdee Presbyterian Church  
916 NC HWY 73, West End, NC

Call or text Diane @ 910-638-3001 with questions.

Registered at Amazon and Babylist.  
Nursery colors are Olive Green & Gray.



News from Presbytery of Coastal Carolina as of April 21, 2020

At this time **Camp Monroe is still planning to offer summer camp**, however, their schedule may be modified.  
Keep an eye on [www.MonroeCamp.org](http://www.MonroeCamp.org) for updates.

**Birthdays for June:**

01 John David Privott	06 Richard Blue	19 Norman Shields
01 Alexander Privott	07 Fairley Cameron	20 Taylor Seawell
01 Jaiden Washington	08 Danielle Pate	25 Mills Hodge
01 Jackson Moricle	10 Wade Garner	25 Wayne Black
02 Inglis Fowler	10 Leslie Stubbs	26 Corey Curlee
03 Jared Rivas	12 Cathy Salargo	27 Jim Stewart
04 Rusty Oakman	13 Linda Dalton	28 Dustin Thamm
05 Connie Barber	18 Lib Burgess	28 Jennifer Parsons
05 Gregg Vest	18 Wayne Burgess	30 Logan Parsons



**JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS: (In hope & faith we're healthy & operating normally soon.)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI.	SAT.
8:20 am REACH Service	9:00 am Culdee Knitters	6:00 pm Dulcimers	6:00 pm Bible Study	9:00 am Culdee Quilters		
9:40 am Children's JAM	2:30 pm Joyful Noise	7:00 pm Handbells	7:00 pm Choir Practice			
9:45 Sunday School						
11:00 am Worship						
6:00 pm Youth Group						



If there is additional information you would like to see included in our newsletter, please email [culdee.news@gmail.com](mailto:culdee.news@gmail.com) to make suggestions or requests. All ideas will be given consideration. 😊

**CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**  
 30-Apr-2020

Week **4,922.94**  
 Sundays **4**

**OPERATING FUND REFLECTS INCOME FROM TITHES/OFFERINGS AND GENERAL MONTHLY EXPENSES**

**OVER &  
(UNDER)**

<b>MO OP BUDGET INCOME</b>	\$ 19,691.77	<b>ACTUAL MO OP INCOME</b>	\$ 22,638.04	2,946.27
<b>MO OP BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	\$ 19,691.77	<b>ACT MO OP EXPENSE</b>	\$ 18,867.83	(823.94)
 <b>TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET INCOME</b>	 \$ 83,690.02	 <b>ACTUAL YTD OP INCOME</b>	 \$ 79,940.04	 (3,749.98)
<b>TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 83,690.02</b>	<b>ACTUAL YTD OP EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 75,969.98</b>	<b>(7,720.04)</b>
 <b>ACTUAL MO OP &amp; DESG INCOME</b>	 \$ 23,884.04	 <b>ACTUAL YTD OP &amp; DESG INCOME</b>	 \$ 113,036.57	
<b>ACTUAL MO OP &amp; DESG EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 21,567.87</b>	<b>ACTUAL YTD OP &amp; DESG EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 101,161.63</b>	

**LIQUID ASSETS:**

BB&T CHECKING	\$ 28,938.58
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET SAVINGS	\$ 4,821.87
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET CDs	\$ 166,932.63
SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	\$ 632.88
DUE FROM GEN TO LEGALLY DESIGNATED	\$ -
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 201,325.96</b>

**DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED & LEGALLY RESTRICTED LIQUID ASSETS:**

DESIGNATED FUNDS *	\$ 2,551.73
LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS *	\$ 287,760.47
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED &amp; LEGALLY RESTRICTED LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 290,312.20</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$ 491,638.16**

**DESIGNATED FUNDS: \***

Barnabus Fund *	\$ 164.65
Building/Renovations*	
Building & Renovations*	\$ 244.51
Parking Lot Paving Fund*	\$ -
Choir Fund *	\$ 382.34
Doris Moore *	\$ 100.00
Hand Bell Fund *	\$ 250.54
Harvest Festival*	\$ -
Missions*	\$ 675.97
Other Designated*	\$ 35.80
Sarah Ann Fortune Memorial Fund *	\$ 147.92
Youth Basketball Project*	\$ 300.00
Youth Fund *	\$ 250.00

**BB&T CHECKING DESIGNATED FUNDS \***

**\$ 2,551.73**

**LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS: \***

BB&T Cemetery Fund Checking/Savings*	\$ 6,690.28
BB&T Cemetery Fund CDs*	\$ 69,211.58
BB&T Flower Garden CD #3126*	\$ 10,000.00
BB&T Flower Garden Checking #6017*	\$ 1,787.58
BB&T Men's Group Checking #5469*	\$ 728.94
Live Oak Barnabus Savings*	\$ 3,859.63
Live Oak Building/Renovations Savings*	\$ 18,657.70
Live Oak Choir Savings*	\$ 5,305.04
Live Oak Doris Moore Savings*	\$ 2,467.42
Live Oak Hand Bell Savings*	\$ 1,402.77
Live Oak Missions Savings*	\$ 8,298.31
Live Oak Parking Lot Savings*	\$ 7.51
Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune Savings*	\$ 933.38
Live Oak Youth Basketball Project Savings*	\$ 5,337.88
Live Oak Youth Savings*	\$ 9,376.20
Live Oak Parking Lot CDs*	\$ 37,816.52
Live Oak Cemetery Fund CD #7743*	\$ 20,176.85
Live Oak Doris Moore CDs*	\$ 49,525.20
Live Oak Missions CDs*	\$ 5,123.69
Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune CDs*	\$ 31,053.99
<b>TOTAL LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS*</b>	<b>\$ 287,760.47</b>

**TOTAL YTD INTEREST INCLUDED IN BALANCES** \$ 1,797.09

**TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEAR** \$ 277,029.26

ACT = ACTUAL  
 MO = MONTHLY  
 BUD = BUDGET  
 OP = OPERATING  
 INC = INCOME  
 EXP = EXPENSES  
 DESG = DESIGNATED

\* = LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS	\$ 201,325.96
BB&T CHECKING (MINIMUM BALANCE)	\$ (20,000.00)
6 MONTH RESERVE (EQUAL TO ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME DIVIDED BY 2)	\$ (127,996.50)
<b>MONIES AVAILABLE IN EXCESS OF 6 MONTHS RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 53,329.46</b>

<b>Months in Reserve</b>	<b>8.50</b>
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**Total Annual Budget** \$ 255,993.00  
**Average monthly budget** \$ 21,332.75



*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.

**Weekly Worship Services**  
**(When not in midst of national pandemic.)**  
Interim Pastor: Reverend Jane Love



#### **Sundays:**

##### **8:20- REACH Service**

A contemporary-type worship service followed by refreshments & fellowship.

##### **9:30- Fellowship & Refreshments**

A time to share prayer praises and needs and enjoy Christian fellowship.

##### **9:45- Sunday School**

Learn God's Word & how it applies to daily life.

##### **11:00- Worship Service**

A relaxed traditional-type service where all are welcome.

#### **Wednesdays:**

##### **6:00- Bible Study**

Join fellow Christians in an uplifting study of the Bible.

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