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MAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

“Confronted with a Decision...”

MAY 1, 2016

Joshua 24:14-25

“...Whom Will You Serve?”

MAY 8, 2016

1 Kings 19:19-21

“...Will You Burn the Plow?”

MAY 15, 2016 (Pastor Joe on vacation)

8:20: Rev. Sue Hudson

11:00: Rev. Marian Carmical

MAY 22, 2016

Psalm 77

“...Remembering!”

MAY 29, 2016

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“...All In”

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...

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2:1-4)

It's hard to say whether or not I have a favorite day in the life of the church...but if I absolutely, without a doubt had to make a list the Day of Pentecost would certainly be included! The Day of Pentecost is when we recall and celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the Church. And honestly, that is something for which we need to continuously pray and give thanks for!

On May 15, worship services we will once again celebrate this exciting event in the life of the Church. To celebrate the God's giving of His Holy Spirit we will be doing two special things to bring the Pentecost event to life within our worship.

First, we need to remember that the liturgical color for Pentecost is red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. (Through out the pages of scripture fire represents the Spirit and presence of God.) As we prepare to celebrate the Day of Pentecost, our goal is to have everyone wear something red to church on May 15. If you have a dress, jacket, scarf, tie or something else red, we encourage you to wear it to church that day. If you simply do not have anything red, a red ribbon could be worn. Our goal is to fill the worship spaces with a visible image of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Second, we will celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit within our worship service through the receiving of the sacrament of communion. Coming to the table and remembering God's extravagant grace in Jesus Christ is such an appropriate way to celebrate Pentecost. Sadly, this will be the first Pentecost Sunday I have missed in my nearly 20 years of ministry. Angela and I will be returning from Hannah's graduation in Chicago. But I am excited to share that we have two pastors who will be here to preach, lead worship, and administer the sacraments of communion. The Rev. Sue Hudson, Associate Pastor from Bethesda Presbyterian Church, will be at the 8:20 service. The Rev. Marian Carmical will be leading worship, preaching, and administering the sacraments for the 11:00 service.

This should be an exciting day in the life of our church. I hope you plan on attending and...I want to encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors.

- Pastor Joe

Praying for Visitors: I want to share with you some thoughts from an article I recently read by Chris Walker. The article is entitled "10 Ways to Pray for Inviting Visitors to Church" and is found at www.evangelismcoach.org. Here are 10 very practical ways of praying to help you invite someone to church with you...

1. Pray for your potential Guests
2. Pray for the opportunity to arise to invite them to Church
3. Pray for awareness of their need
4. Pray for awareness of the opportunity
5. Pray for the courage to invite them to church.
6. Pray for favor that they would accept the invitation.
7. Pray they would follow through and come.
8. Pray that your church would welcome them.
9. Pray that the message and worship would be awe-inspiring
10. Pray that they would hear the message and grow one step closer to God.



MUSIC MINISTRY...OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVMENT

The Chancel Choir is in full swing. We are working on some new anthems and would love to have you join our "joyful" group. We rehearse on Wednesday night at 7 in the choir room. It would be an honor to have you come and join us.



Children's J.A.M. will be singing and ringing in the 11:00 worship service during the next few weeks. The kids are using puppets in their music along with hand chimes. We have a wonderful group of children but there is always room for more. J.A.M. meets at 6 on Wednesday nights.

Puppet needs Our puppets are personal to our kids. In order to keep our vision fresh and fun we are asking you to be on the lookout for any clothes or accessories that would be puppet friendly. Our puppets wear children's clothing size 2T and they love to play plastic musical instruments or any props that can be attached to their arms. Yard sales are perfect puppet friendly places. It was a joy to present the Pastor Joe puppet to the kids on Wednesday night. Evan Vest couldn't sing for laughing at himself actually "making the pastor sing" along with him in class. He is wearing a fedora hat with glasses and a bow tie. Stop by the choir room and meet Pastor Joe and Gramps. They are our new additions. It is a lot of fun for the kids to get to personalize their puppets to fit the song or skit that we are working on, we appreciate your help in this department.



The Handbell choir is still in need of one ringer. If you have been waiting for an opportunity? This is it! We started new music last week and would love for you to join us. You do NOT have to read music to be successful with this. We have a lot of fun in rehearsal with this group. We meet in the classrooms under the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

Plus...If you play a musical instrument or like to sing solos, please let Beverly know so we can get you on the music schedule to serve. It is such a blessing when we use our talents for the enhancement of worship. It would be an honor to work with you.

Remember....Make a Joyful Noise!

Beverly Dunlop (Culdeemusic@gmail.com)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Summer time is very near. With it comes college and high school graduations! On Sunday, June 12 we will be recognizing our graduates! Please notify the office if you or someone in your immediate family is graduating from high school or college. Also, on the same day, we will be recognizing the Doris Moore Scholarship recipients. We always look forward to recognizing our wonderful young folks and their accomplishments!

Don't forget to think about the Harvest Festival as you do your spring cleaning! We can store items in the trailer!! Also, please call Robin or me if you want to sign up for a particular area.....auction, kitchen, etc. It is never TOO early to volunteer!!!

Please think about joining the Congregational Care Ministry; we need your creativity!

- June Stewart and Robin McKenzie

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Whitesell	01
Taylor Smith	01
Betty Melvin	01
Dwight Parsons	03
Bill Farmer	05
Shirley Shields	06
Johnie Marion	06
Josh Aldridge	08
Lydia Caddell	08
Diane Aldridge	09
Reece Parsons	09
Dana Cox	09
Jene Bowen	10
Samuel Blue	10
Parker Sims	10
Rebecca Willcox	11
Alston Willcox	11
Mark Nuzzo	11
Alex Prince	13
Anna Gallant	13
Larry Koster	13
Ella Vest	14
Sydney Smith	14
JoAnn Cameron	14
Emily Adams	15
Will Cuff	15
Duncan Fowler	15
Emily Craven	16
Kathryn Fields	17
Gail Farmer	18
Griffin Clayton	18
Adrian Parsons	19
Darrell Cole	19
Brian Gribben	19
Evan Rivas	21
Aidan Palmerton	22
Rick Mathews	22
Mike Marion	23
H. W. Frye	26
Stan Shields	26
Matt Gribben	26
Ashley Jo Cameron	27
Lauren Stone Garner	28
Dennis Fortune	31

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

There will be no Presbyterian Men's meeting in May. The Men will prepare hotdogs for the Churchwide Fellowship at Cannon Park in Pinehurst on Sunday May 15th, from 2-6-pm, Women are asked to bring desserts, chips or drinks. If you want to play ball, bring gloves, balls and bats. Food will be served at 5 pm.

Wade Garner, PM President

CROPWALK UPDATE

Thanks so much to everyone who walked in this year's CROP-WALK on April 10, and to all of you who prayed for us and donated much appreciated monies. Our total collection was \$1245.00; it is wonderful knowing that 25% of the total contributed that day is helping the hungry right here in Moore County. Additionally, many walkers contributed items for the "Backpack Kids" program!

FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to all who helped out during our host week, April 24 - 30. What a blessing it is to be part of giving folks in need a "hand up"! As you might know, *Family Promise* is in the process of purchasing a home in Aberdeen that will serve as living space for the clients and office space for the staff. Volunteers from the churches will still be needed in many areas. You will be hearing more about those opportunities as this process unfolds.

Mark you calendars!
Vacation Bible School July 24 - 28

Invite friends and neighbors.

**Let's ask our community to join us
for this fun week!!**

CEMETERY NEWS

The Memorial Day celebration will be on Sunday May 29 after our Morning Worship Service. Please join us at our Veterans Monument to honor all our veterans. Flags will be placed on each Veteran's grave and their name will be read. Any questions call 295-6685.

EASTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DPT.

EVFD will hold their Annual Fundraiser and Auction Friday, May 20, 2016. BBQ and Chicken will be served 11:00 am - 7:00 pm. The Auction will start at 7:00 pm. Money raised will go to help upgrade equipment. Any questions call 910-295-3322.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE NEWS

Rejoice! Spring has sprung! Happy Spring from the Endowment Fund Committee.

The Endowment Fund Committee held its quarterly meeting on a bright and cheerful Sunday, April 03, 2016. We are pleased to report that The Endowment Fund Vanguard investments have collectively earned just over \$3,200.00 year to date since the initial investment, with 2.25 percent interest yielded in one quarter. All Endowment Fund donations to date have been invested conservatively through the Endowment Fund Committee, are monitored regularly by at least two Endowment Fund Committee members, and may be viewed by any interested church member who would like to request on-line viewing.

The Doris Moore Scholarships will be awarded the third weekend in June, in honor of Culdee's Doris "Dot" Moore. Award monies will be recommended by the Finance Ministry, and subject to Session approval. The approved award monies will be made readily available, upon request from Endowment Fund Committee Vanguard investments. Mark Thompson is the Endowment Fund Committee member representing the Doris Moore Scholarship Investment. Mark also serves as a member of the Finance Ministry. We are grateful for these generous scholarship opportunities.

All Endowment Committee Funds for the Doris Moore Scholarship are invested in United States Treasury Bills, which offer an attractive low risk, and relatively high rate of return, as compared to FDIC investments. The Endowment Fund Committee's primary goals include operating under the highest standard of integrity, and establishing trust amongst church members and the Committee. We are committed to providing information about the Endowment Fund accounts to parties with an invested interest, beginning with any inquiring church member.

We, the Endowment Fund Committee members, continue to be eager and committed to serve, and thank each one of you for the opportunity and trust you have afforded to us.

The next quarterly Endowment Fund Committee meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., July 10, 2016. This will be the second full Sunday of the month, and will occur on the same day as the Finance Ministry and Session meetings.

Questions, comments, or information on opportunities for investment may be addressed by contacting any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members: Chair, Tim Lea, Danny Aldridge, Teresa Cole, Jim Dalton, Cate Short Frederick, Dannie Jackson, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson, and Pastor Joseph Washburn.

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Cate Short Frederick

ALUMINUM TABS NEEDED! CAN YOU HELP????

Please remember to save your aluminum tabs from the tops of aluminum drink cans. These are taken (by Rick Halverstadt family) to the Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill which are then sold by the pound. Monies help various needs of the home. Leave anytime inside door facing cemetery. On shelves or floor.

Also, when spring cleaning this year, remember to save any fair condition clean towels, bath mats or flannel sheets. These I take to our County Animal facility or the Humane Society's animal facility. Please leave these items anytime inside door facing cemetery .

THANKS SO MUCH !!!!!

Linda Bryson (673-0887)

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT
3/31/2016

LIQUID ASSETS:

CHECKING:	\$ 27,491.15
MONEY MARKET:	\$ <u>55,269.50</u>
SUBTOTAL LIQUID ASSETS:	\$ 82,760.65
Designated Funds:	\$ <u>55,269.50</u> **
<u>TOTAL AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS:</u>	\$ 27,491.15

OPERATING=TITHES, OFFERINGS & GENERAL EXPS

OVER & (UNDER)

MO BUD INC	\$ 19,065.00	ACT MO OP INC:	\$ 19,100.82	\$ 35.82
MO BUD EXPENSE	\$ 19,065.00	ACT MO OP EXP:	\$ 19,481.06	\$ 416.06
TOTAL YTD BUD INC	\$ 57,195.00	ACT YTD OP INC	\$ 57,444.36	\$ 249.36
TOTAL YTD BUD EXPENSE	\$ 57,195.00	ACT YTD OP EXP	\$ 52,353.32	\$ (4,841.68)
MO OP & DESG INC	\$ 21,722.16	MO OP & DESG EXP	\$ 25,197.10	# \$ 3,474.94
ACT YTD OP & DESG INC	\$ 70,294.75	ACT YTD OP & DESG EXP	\$ 60,759.84	\$ (9,534.91)

DESIGNATED FUNDS **

LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUND *

Barnabus Fund *	\$ 3,535.62	Sarah Ann Fortune Mem CD#4061*	\$ 29,247.18	
Building/Renovations*		Cemetery Fund CDs*	\$ 92,734.45	
Building & Renovation Fund *	\$ 1,900.00	Cemetery Fund Checking/Savings	\$ 5,875.27	
Paint & Wallpaper Fund *	\$ 15,806.40	Men's Group Checking #5469*	\$ 632.68	
Available Funds*	\$ 8,889.13	Flower Garden CD/Checking #6017*	\$ 10,096.45	
Choir Fund *	\$ 219.08	Doris Moore Scholarship Fund*	\$ 1,385.18	
Family Promise Fund *	\$ 253.56	SUBTOTAL *	\$ 139,971.21	
Hand Bell Fund *	\$ 2,293.89			
Harvest Festival*	\$ 280.00	TOT. YTD INTEREST ARE IN BALS.	\$ 100.88	ACT=ACTUAL
Mission Fund *	\$ 7,588.33			BUD=BUDGET
Local Benevolence 2016 Budget*	\$ 4,950.00	TOTAL INITIAL INVESTMENT	\$ 139,870.33	EXP=EXPENSES
Sarah Ann Fortune Mem Fund *	\$ 559.67			INC=INCOME
Youth Fund *	\$ 6,993.82	<u>VANGUARD INVESTMENTS:</u>		MO=MONTHLY
Youth Activities 2016 Budget*	\$ 2,000.00	Church Liquid Asset Fund	\$67,546.19	OP=OPERATING
SUBTOTAL	\$ 55,269.50	* Doris Moore Scholarship Fund*	\$38,556.70	
		Harvest Festival Fund*	\$17,192.98	
		Parking Lot Paving Fund*	<u>\$10,110.50</u>	

LIQUID ASSETS

AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS:	\$ 27,491.15		
DESIGNATED FUNDS: **	\$ 55,269.50	** SUBTOTAL	\$133,406.37
LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUND *	\$ 139,971.21	*	
VANGUARD INVESTMENTS:	\$ 133,406.37	TOTAL INITIAL INVESTMENT	\$130,176.47
SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	\$ 126.22		
TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS	\$ 356,264.45	TOTAL YTD GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ 3,229.90

May 2016

May 2016							June 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1 Mother/Fathers Off. Senior Adult Lunch 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	2 9:00am Knitting 10:30am Prayer Group 1 meets in the Ladies Parlor	3 6:30pm Circle 3 Lydia & Inglis, Hostess 6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Prayer Group 2 meets at John Blue's	4 10:00am Day Circle 5:30pm JAM/Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	5 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God 7:00pm Circle 2 Church Becky B. hostess	6	7
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