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**GOD**  
IS  
**OUR**  
**REFUGE**  
AND  
**STRENGTH**  
- PSALM 46:1 -

Today, more than ever, we all are **feeling the effects of stress.** However, taking a moment of quiet and finding your own peaceful corner, inside or outside, to read and reflect on God's Word and His promises has been shown to increase emotional health, aid with stress relief and improve sleep. Today, as our weather

improves and nature is bursting with color and song, we are encouraged to take a deep breath and thank GOD for all our blessings past, present, and future! HE is big enough to handle ANYTHING!!

## NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION of APRIL 14, 2021

June Stewart, Clerk of Session

The meeting was held with all Elders in attendance; the **Moderator** was **Rev. Rick Martindale**.

- Elders approved the revised **Newsletter Policies**.
- The **Newsletter Committee** is comprised of Eve Williamson, Janie Taylor, Jewell Vest and Mary Ruth Whitaker. Citing the demands of other church responsibilities, Diann Fortune has resigned from compiling the newsletter. Appreciation was extended to Diann for her time and efforts these last months.
- Citing privacy concerns, the Session made the decision to no longer include the **Monthly Financial Report** on the website.
- The **Monthly Financial Report** was reviewed and accepted.
- Diann Fortune will be the **Elder Commissioner** for the **May 17<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting**.
- **Motion approved:** Complete the stated manse renovations listed on the Finance Renovation Worksheet. Any projects not on the list would need to come back to Session for approval. Funding sources available....Building/Renovation Savings and Reserves.
- By **Common Consent**, Christian Education received approval to move forward with plans for Vacation Bible School to be provided by Camp Monroe and Sunday School to begin in September.
- The **Pulpit Supply List** for **May** and **June** was approved.



### FROM THE PNC

The PNC continues to meet. We are still reviewing Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) of matched candidates from the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection (CLC). In addition to PIFs, we have also received resumes from interested pastors.

One positive of the pandemic is that many churches have online services. Because of this, we are able to view sermons online and not have to travel. As we find pastors that are a potential match for Culdee, we continue with the next step of a phone interview or Zoom meeting. During this meeting, or series of meetings, we have an opportunity to get to know each other better.

No matter the type of meeting: Zoom, phone, or in-person, we always have a prayer asking for God's direction throughout the process. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Stephanie Barber, PNC Secretary

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

1 Corinthians 12:7 *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*

May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. Doris Moore Scholarship Committee Meeting

In the absence of a pastor, a Newsletter Committee has been created. The Newsletter Committee shall serve as the Editor over all content. The members are Jewel Vest, Mary Ruth Whitaker, Janie Taylor and Eve Williamson.

Do you know of someone who would benefit from a phone call, our card ministry or a helping hand? If so, please contact Edith in the Church Office (295-6685).

Eve Williamson, Chairman



## NEWSLETTER POLICIES

- The Pastor of Culdee shall serve as the Editor over all content. **In the absence of a pastor, the Newsletter Committee and Administrative Assistant will serve as editors.**
- The articles from each committee shall report only actions taken and events and actions which will occur in the future.
- Due to stewardship of resources, all reports shall be a single page with double space using a Times New Roman font and for **editing purposes** in Word format, so articles may be edited for clarity or space.
- Exception for the Finance Committee Report – one page or less for the committee's report; however, all numeric pages needed for the monthly report are to be used.
- Exception shall be granted for the Pastor's article; though every attempt should be used to keep to the one page limit.
- There shall be a **Newsletter Committee** to insure grammatical content.
- Committee's should make their reports by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to offer sufficient time for formatting and proofreading.
- The Pastor, **Newsletter Committee**, and Administrative Assistant shall have the right to cancel the newsletter production or adjust the date of publication due to work load or paucity of reports.

\*Approved by the Session on December 9, 2019

**\*Revised on April 14, 2021, Approved by Session**



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Ed committee continues to serve Culdee in various areas. An Easter Egg hunt was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and bags were prepared for the children attending the Easter Service.

As we begin to move forward and explore ways to emerge from the Covid pause, our seven committee members discussed ideas and voted to move forward with a new and exciting approach both to VBS and Sunday School. The committee is made up of a good representation of our congregation. It was decided now was the time to try something new with the assurance we can return to our former ways if we are not successful!

Camp Monroe needs the support of churches, so we have an opportunity to assist them on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hopeful our youth as well as members will assist in their efforts to prepare the camp for the busy summer. Gene Joiner, Camp Director, feels sure he has a job for all ages! The workday will be held from 9-2 and his wife will prepare our lunch.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Open House will be held at Camp Monroe from 2-5. This is an opportunity to enjoy the paddle boarding, swimming, archery, and other camping opportunities the summer campers will enjoy!

This year VBS will be offered July 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>. We will accept only 25 campers ages 6-14 due to Covid and the experience we wish to offer. Camp Monroe will be providing us with “youthful” counselors and a fun filled program designed for our church. The campers will attend M-W from 9-1 at Culdee and on Thursday, campers will enjoy a day at Camp Monroe with worship included. At Camp Monroe, campers will be swimming, paddle boarding, competing in Archery and engaged in games and may stay at Camp Monroe Thursday night to experience the campfire worship. If you attended Camp Monroe as a child, you may remember the outdoor sounds, the large star filled skies, smoky smelling hair and singing Kumbaya. Some things you never forget! If the parents or the campers do not wish to stay for the night, they may be returned to Culdee on Thursday and go back to Camp on Friday morning for a day of fun. Culdee will pay for the camp. The cost for the entire week is \$65 a camper. If you wish to sponsor a camper, please indicate this in your giving. We are hopeful this camp as well as the new Sunday School will bring more children to Culdee. So please take advantage of the Open House in making your decision to enroll and to invite others to VBS.

The new Sunday School format is still in the planning stage and will be introduced in the next newsletter. It will begin in September. The session supported our ideas and planning will become a little more detailed by next month. Stay Tuned!

Wade Garner and Patti Burke  
Christian Education Co-Chairs

## UPCOMING CULDEE MISSIONS AND FUN



### CULDEE MISSION

On MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, Culdee and other surrounding churches have been asked to assist Camp Monroe as they prepare for the Summer. The workday will be held from 9 -2 and lunch will be served. They assure us they have a job for everyone and all ages! Bring your gloves and tools will be provided. Join us as we serve others and enjoy fellowship and fun! Transportation will be provided for those wishing to ride together. We will need to know if you plan to attend in order to reserve lunch. Please call the church to reserve your lunch.



### CULDEE FUN

MAY 30 is a FREE DAY AT CAMP. Please bring your children and grandchildren for a day of fun. The camp activities include paddleboarding, archery, swimming in the pool, and other outdoor activities. We will partner with Camp Monroe for VBS this year offering a M-W half day camp at Culdee and two full days at Camp Monroe with an optional overnight stay on Thursday night. May 30<sup>th</sup> offers the opportunity for you to tour and enjoy the Camp before reserving your spot for VBS in July. We plan to serve 25 campers. Sign up will begin soon!



Hello Church Family!

This month, we focused on what Easter really means and how the events and sacrifice that occurred around the Easter story is the reason for what we believe as Christians. Most of our youth has gone back to in-person instruction at school five days per week. Please continue to pray for our students and school staff as they have been through quite the challenging academic year. I am so proud of our youth and how they have handled all of the obstacles!

Please join us on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the workday at Camp Monroe from 9:00am-2:00pm and the Camp Monroe open house on May 30 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Camp Monroe has been such a wonderful ministry for many of us over the years!

Here is a picture of our youth hiding Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt this month!  
Love, Celeste Marino and LEGACY Youth



# happy birthday

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Dwight Parsons	03	Anna Gallant	13	Brian Gribben	19
Shirley Shields	06	Larry Koster	13	Evan Rivas	21
Johnie Marion	06	Ella Vest	14	Aidan Palmerton	22
Josh Aldridge	08	JoAnn Cameron	14	Rick Mathews	22
Diane Aldridge	09	Emily Adams	15	Mike Marion	23
Reece Parsons	09	Will Cuff	15	Layton Barber	24
Samuel Blue	10	Duncan Fowler	15	H.W. Frye	26
Parker Sims	10	Emily Craven	16	Rev. Jane Love	26
Rebecca Willcox	11	Gail Farmer	18	Stan Shields	26
Alston Willcox	11	Griffin Clayton	18	Matt Gribben	26
Mark Nuzzo	11	Adrian Parsons	19	Lauren Stone Garner	28
Alex Prince	13	Darrell Cole	19	Dennis Fortune	31

### THANK YOU!

We received a total of \$1,581.00 for our mission offering on Easter Sunday which will go to provide breakfast for the children at Lahai Roi School in Haiti. Pastor Sidor and the children say "God Bless" and "thank you". We will continue to collect coins in the "coin towers" which will be out each Sunday. Thank you for your support!

*Thank you*



### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Sunday May 30th, after the morning worship service, we will remember our Veterans who are buried at Culdee with a short Memorial Day Service out at the flag poles. Please plan to stay for this meaningful service.

### FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a special Sunday in memory/honor of a loved one, or just because you have some beautiful homegrown flowers in your yard, you will find the Flower Calendar posted by the Pastor's study, or you may call the church office (295-6685). Thank you.





**Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune**

**Luke 14:28** *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?*

**Meeting Schedule:**

The Finance Ministry is still meeting in the Session Room following its regular schedule of the second Sunday of the month. The Session meeting follows at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Church members are welcome to attend.

**Financial Status:**

The attached Sandhills Accounting Services March 2021 Financial Report shows that the church is holding steady financially. Thank you all for making this possible. The Liquid Asset accounts indicate 9.69 months of operating funds, 6 months of which are reserve funds for emergencies. Reserves are growing currently because the salary for a full-time pastor is not being paid.

**Actions:**

- Maturing Missions CD roll back into CD at Live Oak Bank.
- Maturing Liquid Asset CDs moved to Stifel.
- Recommend to Session maturing Doris Moore Scholarship CD be moved to Stifel based on the following data concerning earnings from Live Oak compared to Stifel for January-March 2021.
  - **Live Oak:** Invested \$40,086.11 Earned \$142.77. **Stifel:** Invested \$13,518.46 Earned \$379.53.

**Lightning Strike & Insurance Update:**

The sounds of Culdee's chimes are ringing beautifully again since the amplifier has been replaced. No additional damage to the chimes system has been detected yet. Recently discovered, the CD recorder that records worship service also suffered damage and will have to be replaced.

Buildings and Grounds has consulted with a plumber and electrician regarding the sprinkler system and the lights in the Sanctuary. Hopefully the claim will be concluded soon.

**Copier:**

The new copier from Copiers Plus should be installed by end of May 2021 with training occurring soon after.





# Fruit of the Spirit



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 GOD  
 HEART  
 KINDNESS  
 PEACE  
 SELF

CONTROL  
 GALATIANS  
 GOODNESS  
 JESUS  
 LOVE  
 POWER  
 SPIRIT

*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.

### **Filling the pulpit at 10:00 am for Indoor Service the Months of May & June will be:**

May 2 Mr. Sandy Stewart  
May 9 Ms. Kathy Haynes  
May 16 Rev. Fred Goins  
May 23 Mr. Charles Wentz  
May 30 Dr. Tanner Capps

June 6 Mr. Joe Robinson  
June 13 Rev. Jim Morgan  
June 20 Dr. Tanner Capps  
June 27 Rev. Tom Currie



### **Weekly Worship Services**

#### **Sundays:**

In the Sanctuary and Drive-In Service – 10:00 a.m.

Online Service-At your convenience

#### **Wednesday Evening:**

Brief weekly devotion and prayer

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