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The Culdee Connection

Culdee Presbyterian Church

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2018 SESSION

Moderator

Rev. David Hudson

June Stewart...Clerk of Session

Class of 2018

Elaina Aponte...Christian Education

Robin McKenzie...Congregational Care

Mark Seawell...Outreach

Don Williamson...Outreach

Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey...Building and Grounds

Jim Dalton...Finance

Amber Clayton...Christian Education

Janie Taylor...Worship

Class of 2020

Johnie Marion...Worship

Rick Mathews... Building and Grounds

Karon McKenzie...Congregational Care



"A FEW SESSION NOTES"
STATED SESSION OF OCTOBER 14

5:00 p.m.

Quorum of Elders were present. Rev. David Hudson served as Moderator.

Active Membership Roll: 275

Minutes from State Session of September 20 and Called Session of October 7 were approved as read by Common Consent.

Mark Cole's resignation letter from the Session was received and accepted by the Elders with regret and deep appreciation for his time of service on the Culdee Session.

The 2019 Proposed Budget was received by Elders, with appreciation extended to the Finance Committee for its work. Further discussion on the budget proposal will be held at the next Session meeting.

The purchase of a new heating/air unit for the manse was approved.

****A copy of each month's Stated Session, Called Session, and Congregation meeting minutes are available to the congregation or review in a notebook that resides in the Ladies Parlor.**

FOOD BAGS FOR COALITION

Nearly 40 bags of food were given to the Coalition from the Culdee Congregation. Our Revival provided much spiritual nourishment for all who attended and great physical nourishment for the needy in our county and community. Blessings!!!

THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST AND PW THANK OFFERING PROGRAM

We are in November and Thanksgiving is not far away. Come and bring friends to the Thanksgiving Breakfast to be held on Thursday, November 22 at 7:00 a.m. Following the breakfast is the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Program. The dollars raised through our donations and those across the United States will help fund many worthy projects.!! Plan to be there! Good Food, Good Fellowship, Good Information, and a Good Opportunity to Give.



Worship Committee

Thank you Rev. Jim Morgan for the inspiring messages you brought to us during the revival! Your message on God's calls, plus your own personal experiences, was something that we all can relate to. Let us all continue to look for and accept God's call in our own lives.

The Worship Committee is talking with Rev. Jane Love regarding our interim position. She served as Interim Pastor at West End Presbyterian Church, and is now in Danville, Kentucky in the same capacity. The Session is considering the compensation package that she presented to us and will continue discussing it at our next meeting.



Worship Team

We have been in touch with Presbytery regarding Rev. Love and are working with them on this. If discussions proceed and she accepts the call, we are hoping for a starting date in January.



REVIVAL WAS AWESOME!

What a fabulous time it was as Rev. Jim Morgan led us in worship every night. We averaged 100 people in each service. There was a lot of

special music during the week as well. Sunday night, Community Presbyterian from Pinehurst, Directed by Terri Sinclair. Monday night was our very own Chancel Choir. Tuesday night we had Jim Dalton, Gail Farmer, Beverly Furr and Carolyn Lea for our special music. On Wednesday night we finished the week off with Johnie Marion and his "South Ridge Blue grass Band". Of course the week had Jim Morgan's music intermittently throughout the week. What a blessing revival was for all of those who participated and those in the congregation. Thanks for everyone who helped make this revival a reality. To God Be The Glory!



BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



A "**Community**" **THANKSGIVING CHOIR** will be rehearsing for the Community Thanksgiving service to be on Sunday, November 18th, at 6:00. Culdee will be hosting this event this year. We are asking **everyone** who would like

to sing with this community choir to come for a special rehearsal in the choir loft on Wed. November 7th, and November 14th at 7:00-7:45. The churches involved in this community effort are Fairview Baptist, Doubs Chapel UMC, Bethlehem Baptist and of course our very own Culdee Presbyterian. This would be a great opportunity for you to participate if you have been thinking about all of the fun that the Chancel Choir has been having. The Community Thanksgiving Service will be accompanied by several guest musicians.



Mark your Calendars

There will be No Presbyterian Men's regular Thursday Meeting in November or December.



A Church Wide Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday Dec. 7th at 6:00. This will be a delicious,

traditional dinner cooked by the Presbyterian Men. Please mark your calendar for this wonderful traditional dinner with our church family.

A CULDEE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held on Sunday afternoon Dec. 9th at 4:00. This will be a church wide musical and pageant for the children. There will be a cookie reception following the Christmas pageant with a "special guest" following the program in the fellowship hall.



Children's Christmas Program



CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

November brings us cooler weather, colorful fall foliage, and **opportunities** to show our thankfulness to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Culdee Church, it's members and friends, have been blessed through both of the recent hurricanes, as we did not lose homes or family members.

In October we had a day of fun and hard work at our Harvest Festival once again bringing in funds to be used for many needs. Trunk or Treat brought members and the community together to entertain the children in our families and community.

This **month** finds our Culdee members busy once again, sharing our wealth and blessings. First we will be hosting our Community Thanksgiving Service on the night of Sunday November 18th. As hosts we will be providing the meeting place and reception following the service. We have a group of Circle members that will be planning the reception . Look for a sign-up sheet in the sun room if you will be able to provide assistance in this area. This night gives us a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Christians in our neighborhood and show them some Culdee hospitality.

Also, an Angel Tree will once again be placed in the Sunroom throughout the month of November. As in the past each angel will have the sex and age of a resident of Children's Hope Alliance (formerly Barium Springs) and their gift wish. New Angels have been added to the tree this year. These Angels represent the house parents that live with these children. The administrative staff has asked that we honor their service with a \$5 gift card to a local fast food restaurant. This is a ministry that even the youngest member of the church enjoys. Your gifts will need to be delivered to the Sunroom by the first Sunday in December.

“At Thanksgiving and always, Lord, thank You for a lifetime of blessings.”

Mary Ruth Whitaker
PW Moderator





The Joyful Noise that you are hearing on Monday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 is a choir of adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. They range from age 21-68 with all ranges of disabilities represented. We gather

in the fellowship hall to make a “Joyful Noise”. This choir has been invited throughout the community during the Christmas season. They will sing for the Culdee Congregation on Dec. 9th at 4:00 along with the Culdee Music Department and children’s choir. Please pray for this group as they sing and rehearse throughout the holiday season.

We would like to thank Joyful Noise for helping to set up the fellowship hall after their rehearsal on Oct. 15th. These students are always eager to help when they are asked. Thanks again Joyful Noise!

The Community Thanksgiving service will be hosted by Culdee Presbyterian on November 18th at 6:00. The Rev. Mike Garner of Fairview Baptist Church will be delivering the sermon. There will be a dinner in the fellowship hall following the service.

Please plan to attend this beautiful Thanksgiving service with our community.



A BIG CULDEE CHANCEL

CHOIR THANK YOU for all of your support on our “DIY Salad Bar”. We raised over \$1000.00 towards our goal to send the Chancel Choir to



Carnegie Hall. It was such an honor to serve the congregation as “culinary experts” instead of the roll we serve in the choir loft every Sunday morning. We had a wonderful time planning and serving in this capacity as we work for this opportunity of a lifetime for our choir. We would also like to thank Texas Roadhouse for their contributions. What a wonderful corporation to work with. They are behind us 100 percent. Thank you again to everyone who had a part big and small in this DIY Salad Bar. It was such a blessing!

Sounds of Children singing can be heard from the choir room on Sunday mornings 9:45-10:00. The children’s choir will be having a program on Dec. 9th at 4:00. We would like to



encourage all children of Culdee and the community to join us on Sunday mornings to sing and practice beginning with singing at 9:45 and “Right Now Media” Sunday School to follow. It has been a fun exciting time for the children. Please drop by and listen in on these kids. They are delightful!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Culdee Finance Ministry News

For November

The Finance Ministry met Sunday October 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The September financial report was reviewed. It was noted that due to us not having to pay a full-time pastor and having to fund the utilities of the manse, Culdee is under budget on expenses by over \$38,000. This is the good news. On the other hand, as of the end of September, we are over \$14,000 below where we need to be with our tithes and offerings to meet the 2018 budget.

So where does this leave us for the 2019 budget? Well, when we get our interim pastor or our full-time pastor, we will not be saving on expenses any more. So if we are going to meet the 2019 budget, even if we keep the increases to a minimum, our tithes and offerings will have to increase. Are we the congregation then going to be willing and able to fund the 2019 budget? Hopefully the answer will be a resounding yes but it is not something that is just going to happen by itself. It is up to us to stay united, pray about it, and support Culdee to the best of our abilities.

You have the Finance Ministry's sincere wishes that you and your family have a safe and great fall season.

The next Finance Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

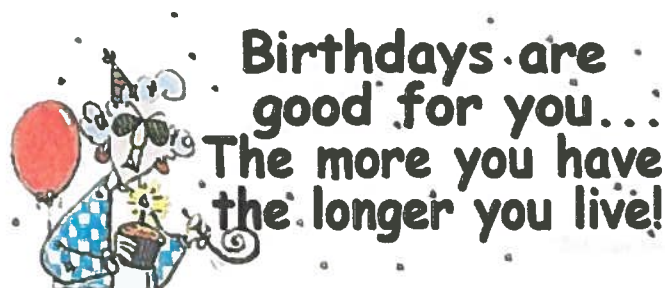
Would you like to make a difference? Attend one of our meetings or even join our Ministry.

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: Jim Dalton, Vice-Chairman/Acting Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart, Dannie Jackson, and Danny Aldridge.



NOVEMBER

Darlene Valitutto	01
Janie Taylor	05
Caelyn Stewart	06
Robert Dennis	07
Stephanie Barber	08
Braxton Barber	08
Melanie Huffines	11
Shaw Oldham	14
Megan Hamilton	14
Justin Ritter	15
Marion Cote'	16
Adin Patterson	16
Cole Bullard	17
Blaine Ritter	19
Harold Clayton	20
Kenneth White	23
Joshua Craven	25
Kristin Lilly	25
Luke Howle	27
Daniel Jordan	27
Daniel Ritter	28
Bonnie Black	29
Chris Willcox	30
Chris Lilly	30



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	9:00am Knitting 2:30pm Joyful Noise	6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	6:30pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Comm. Choir Practice	6:30 Circle 3, M.Mathews 7 pm. Church Circle 2 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Circle 1. Church		Farmlife Class Reunion
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