

U.S. Postage Paid
West End, NC, 27376
Permit No. 6



THANK YOU LORD FOR:

THE CULDEE CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2022

Published By: Culdee Presbyterian Church
916 Hwy 73, West End, NC 27376
Phone (910) 295-6685
email:culdeepresbyterian@gmail.com

Volume 43, Issues: 9
Newsletter Committee: Jewell Vest, Mary R. Whitaker
Eve Williamson & Janie Taylor
www.culdeechurch.net

Greetings, Culdee Family! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and aware of the Lord's many blessings in your life. As we face the inevitable difficulties that life brings, it's good to know that we have a faith family to lift us up on prayer and to support us in times of need.

I want to share news about some upcoming worship services at Culdee Church. A couple of years ago, I asked my husband, "If you could go anywhere, where would you want to go?" He replied, "Italy." Joe and I don't often make big trips, but not long after that conversation, we booked a trip to Germany and Italy, scheduled for this September. That time is now upon us, and I will be away for three Sundays in September. I have arranged for guest preachers on Sept. 11th, 18th, and 25th. You can see the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. I look forward to sharing with you our experiences of the Passion Play in Oberammergau and of meaningful sites in Italy.

October 2nd is Homecoming Sunday at Culdee Church. I plan to begin a new sermon series that day on "How to Pray for Your Church." On the evenings of Oct. 4th, 5th and 6th, we'll have Culdee Revival services with Dr. Jim Morgan as our guest preacher. I hope you'll mark these special services on your calendar and plan to attend. In the meantime, may the Lord give you a blessed season.

Connie Weaver
Pastor

NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2022

The Session met in Room A of the Fellowship Hall building at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Connie as Moderator and a quorum of Elders in attendance.

- The minutes from the July 10 Stated Session meeting were approved as amended.
- Michael Money was received as a new member of Culdee.
- Homecoming will be on Sunday, October 2; our Revival will be on October 4th – 6th, Rev. Jim Morgan will be our guest minister.
- An “All Saints Service” will be held during the worship hour on Sunday, November 6.
- The next Sunday Fun Day will be on Sunday, September 18th.
- A special offering was approved for “Haiti, Help and Hope”.
- The next Communion will be on October 9.
- The next Stated Session meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8.

Hygiene Kits

Thank you for donating completed hygiene kits or individual items that are needed to complete a packet. A basket is available in the sunroom for donations!! The need in the USA and around the world is growing!!

Any questions, call June Stewart

Blessings!!!



CULDEE SISTER'S SALAD SOCIAL

Please join us at 5:00 pm

September 11, 2022

Culdee Fellowship Hall

For the Second Annual Salad Social

Let's get together to eat, laugh and visit!!

Ladies from 1-100 are invited!

Bring your favorite salad and join us! Hope to see you there!

On Thursday, **September 22nd** at 7:00 P.M. there will be a **Men's meeting**.

All men, old and young are welcome to come.

A meal will be served. Please fill out the form in the bulletin if you plan to come.

Wade Garner



Congregational Care

How exciting it is to think that our first Harvest Festival in 3 years will be here in less than 3 months! So much to look forward to!

Of all the attractions we have grown to love excitement that the **Culdee Country Store**. treats from those famous Culdee cooks, a talented congregation, and the possibility of thumbed members.



and look forward to, none creates more In it you will find a wonderful assortment of variety of crafts from our immensely fruit, vegetables, or plants from our green-



But it all depends on YOU! So pull out those favorite goodie recipes-breads, cookies, snacks, jams/jellies. Get out those sewing machines, knitting needles, crochet hooks, wood-working tools. Thank you so much for your support in the past years with the contributions of your time and talents.



New ideas are always welcome at the Culdee Country Store. So let's all get busy and we'll see you on November 5th!

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!



For the first time since 2019, there will be a **Harvest Festival at Culdee!** It has been a long time coming, but it will be worth the wait.

Some things will look just the same - some will look a little different. But the need for lots of hands to make it all happen has not changed in the least.

One of the things everyone looks forward to is the beautiful quilt made by our own faithful Culdee Quilters. We were given a preview of it last Sunday during the worship service, and tickets are now available in the office.

The live auction is a long-running favorite with those famous Culdee bidding wars sure to create excitement and applause for those with the winning bids.

Other returning fun-filled activities are the hot dog lunch provided by our youth as a fund-raiser for one of their projects. The country store features a variety of special items from the kitchens of our famous Culdee cooks as well as crafts from our talented members. And who can forget Darrel's Barrels for a fun adventure ride around the church grounds for the younger set.

The most noticeable difference will be the absence of our traditional chicken and dumpling dinner. This year we are venturing into the world of Barbeque with our very own Pitmasters working their magic on dozens of Boston butts on the grills. There will be the dine-in and take-out options as always.

So with all this going on, the need is tremendous for willing volunteers with helping hands to join the fun to make it all happen. You will begin to see sign-up sheets posted around the church so be thinking about the spot you would like to fill.

So grab your calendar, mark November 5th for Harvest Festival, and we'll see you there!

HARVEST FESTIVAL November 5th, 2022

The session appreciates the willingness of Karon and Darrell McKenzie to lead the group as we prepare for the Harvest Festival. Their experience in hosting an event this large is evident! They share the necessary items and workers we need to be successful. Please read and find a place to be involved in this church wide endeavor.
Please see an Elder or Darrell and Karon to volunteer!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The family of Culdee has the honor of hosting the Harvest Festival on November 5th! We are going to need every one of us to ensure that this event will be a pleasurable event for our Lord and fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The following areas in the **serving line** need volunteers:

Dine -In service starts at 3:30 and last until 7:30.

3:30-5:30: 6 people to serve

5:30 – 7:30 pm: 6 people to serve

VOLUNTEER



The **Takeout** line needs:

3:15 – 5:30: 6 people to prepare plates to go early and serve in the line

5:30 – 7:30: 6 replacement people to serve in the Takeout Line

There will be a **second Take Out** line to fill large orders to go and to help as needed in the Takeout or dine in line.



RUNNERS:

We will need 8 runners

3:15 – 5:30: 2 runners place all food on the dine in line, refill tea, water, etc
2 runners to run plates out to cars

5:15 – 7:30: We will need replacement runners for each of the above running positions

Please sign up! Remember *“many hands make light work.”*

Another way you can help is to give a **monetary gift** toward the supplies needed to ensure a great meal with blessed fellowship. We will be purchasing:

Spices (\$315);

Baked beans (large cans total \$359)

Paper goods and utensils (\$543.88)

Total: \$1217.88 with tax to be added.

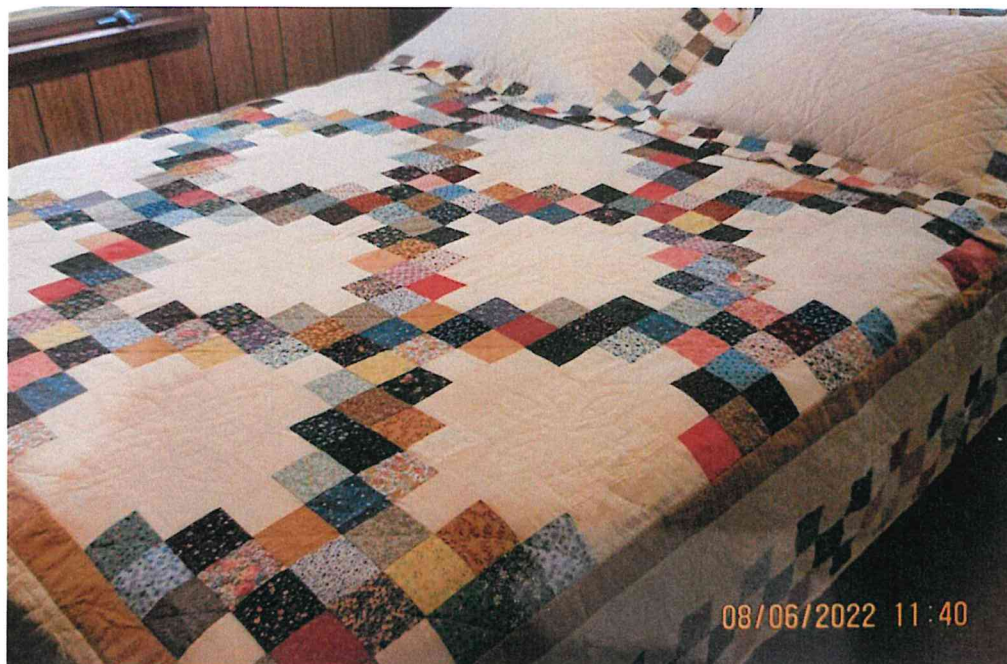
This will ensure we have all needed supplies for the meal.

For our **desserts**, we are counting on the Culdee families' donations of desserts which are packaged for serving.

Karon and Darrell McKenzie

Queen Size Quilt "Double Irish Chain" With Matching Shams

Yes,
it is quilt raffle
time again!



On August 21st we presented our beautiful fall quilt to the church. This queen-sized quilt will be raffled at our Harvest Festival on November 5th. The pink tickets are \$1.00 each or book of 10 for \$10 are in the church office and can be picked up on Tuesday or Thursday. Also, beside the tickets are fliers with a picture of the quilt if you would like to display at your job site. We need everyone's help to sell tickets! We thank God for the ability to do this for our church.

The Culdee Quilters

News from Outreach and Worship Committees

Ice Cream Social Report

Culdee's recent Ice Cream Social was a HUGE SUCCESS! Highlander's Farm donated three containers of ice cream: Pecan, Chocolate and Butter Pecan. Our ladies provided toppings and cookies. Michael Money played many hit tunes on the recently donated grand piano. He's very talented and we all enjoyed the fellowship time. Thank you to all who attended and assisted in every aspect. A HUGE THANK YOU to those who supported missions as this event raised \$2185.00. This money goes to local missions.

Offering and Communion Changes



As of September, we will return to passing the offering plates. If you are asked to be an usher, please ask two additional people to assist with just passing the offering plates and checking for attendance records.

As of **October 9**, we will be returning to passing the elements as we have before. Remaining individual element packs will be utilized for home and/or hospital communion.



Homecoming and Revival

This year, **Homecoming** has been postponed until **Sunday, October 2** when we will have a picnic style lunch in the fellowship hall following worship service. All ladies are asked to assist with preparation and clean-up. We look forward to seeing you there!

Revival will be held **Tuesday, October 4-Thursday, October 6** with Rev. Jim Morgan as guest minister.

Rev Weaver will be away on a long-planned trip with her husband in September. Covering our services during that time will be:

September 11 Rev. Laura Lupton

September 18 Rev. Kevin Gregory

September 25 Sandy Stewart

Again, we look forward to seeing you at these services!

Culdee Welcomes A New Member

On Sunday, August 14, **Michael Money** met with the Session and confirmed his desire to join with Culdee. After the confirming questions, he was accepted into the membership. Michael is the son of Acel and Wilma Money (Harold Clayton's sister) who were married here at Culdee in 1955. While he grew up in Norwich, NY, he has memories of coming to Culdee as a child while visiting at Easter. Michael moves his membership from First United Methodist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. He had the opportunity to retire early having served as a Chaplain's Assistant with the Veteran's Administration (VA). He is quite musical, plays piano and other instruments and has joined the Chancel Choir. He currently lives outside of Aberdeen. His mother is a resident at Quail Haven.

Michael states he received a very warm welcome and feels very comfortable here at Culdee. Welcome Michael!



Presbyterian Women

The first meeting of Coastal Carolina Presbyterian Women since Covid was held Saturday August 13 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen. Representing Culdee was Pearl Frye, Member and current Moderator Darlene Valitutto. Present were 77 women representing 189 churches. Registration was held in the fellowship hall with light breakfast items offered. During this time, poster boards were available to review including Children's Hope Alliance (Barium Springs), Interfaith Women's Prison Ministry, Horizon's Magazine among others. The plenary session was held with a Mission Moment video from Rev. Sue Hudson who serves as a missionary in Japan. She and her husband David work through Yodomachi Hospital that was built with PW Birthday Objective seed money in 1955. We also enjoyed an introduction to the 2022-2023 PW Horizons Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath" provided by Gracie Williams, QRE from Blandonia Presbyterian Church. Workshops followed on various topics. See below for upcoming dates to remember.

- Coastal Carolina PW Annual Spring Gathering/Business Meeting will be hosted by Red Springs PW April 22, 2023.
- PW in the Synod of Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering will be held at Massanetta Springs, Conference Center on June 9-11, 2023 Massanetta Springs, Va.

Robert Barber and Darlene Valitutto

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ian McRae	01
Ethan Pate	02
Patti Burke	03
Crystal Carrico	05
Joshua Carrico	07
Wally Burke	07
Adam Kemp	07
Floyd Black	08
Pearl Frye	09
Laine Lea	10
Macey Craven	12
Bruce Hamilton	13
Lauren Palmerton	14
Eli Carrico	14



Melanie Thompson	14
Ryan Marino	14
Emily Marion	15
Elaina Aponte	15
Haven McRae	16
Lauren Tierney	19
Lonnie McKenzie	20
Lauren Bobo	23

Ashley McKenzie	23
John Sherard	23
Mark Seawell	25
Jimmy Lea	26
Lindsey Williamson	26
Smith Young	26
Harold Tolbert	27
Becky Bowen	28
Larry Furr	28
Robin McKenzie	28
Camden Vest	28
Sarah Cole	29
Teresa Cole	30
Cheryl Smith	30



Chancel Choir for the Colony

The Chancel Choir is filling a need in the community with their "Choir For The Colony" clothing donation drive. The Samaritan's Colony, an organization that restores lives to men who have struggled with addiction, has clients who need our help. Please bring all of your gently used or new men's clothing to the choir room where we will send it to its new owners. If the choir room is locked please leave your donation in the sunroom and it will be moved into the choir room. The organization is also in need of toiletries, shaving supplies, soap, deodorant, socks and underwear.

Please pray for this endeavor that the music department of Culdee can be a blessing to this facility.

CHRISTIAN ED MINISTRY



The Christian Ed Ministry has been busy planning for our FALL. On **September 18th**, we will resume our **Sunday Funday** Youth ministry with an **End of Summer Water Splash** (weather permitting). Once again, we will have the water slide and obstacle course. We have invited the counselors from Camp Monroe to join us for the event. If they are there, I am sure we will have at least one game of "Grab the Bacon"! This will be a time of joining together for fellowship, fun and worship. Please invite your neighborhood youth and come as well!

On **October 16th**, our **Sunday Funday/Youth** will gather for our Fall adventure to **Kawali Farms corn maze**. The group will meet at the church at 3:30 pm, travel to the farm, and return for pick up by 6:30 pm. We may worship there if we have an opportunity and space to gather. Mark your calendars, *invite others and join us!!*



On **November 5th**, Culdee will host the **Harvest Festival**. Each of our session ministries are working on a different component of this event. The Christian Ed ministry is responsible for advertising, take out dining and trash haul off. The takeout line needs quite a few people, please volunteer to join **"TEAM TAKE OUT"!!!!** See Patti or Marshall and we will be **HAPPY** to add you to the list.

WE appreciate the support you have given to us!!!

Patti Burke and Marshall Sweat

Culdee Finance Ministry News

September 2022

Well here we are in September of 2022. Lots of things are going on now. Children and parents are getting back into the routine of going to school, young people are returning to college or attending for the first time, and we celebrate Labor Day. On that note, the Finance Committee is in hopes that you all had a great summer and will continue to be blessed in the future. And yes, as a reminder, since we know that many of us will be out of town during Labor Day weekend, please remember to be safe and tithe accordingly.

The recent monitoring of economic conditions by the Finance Committee revealed that interest rates on CD's have been climbing considerably. This led to the determination that it would be financially beneficial to cash out some of our current CD's and establish new ones at the higher rate. All of this work has been completed which will further improve the financial position of Culdee.

The Finance Ministry will be responsible for the auction during our Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We are currently requesting new or slightly used items from individuals, companies, and organizations. For more information contact Danny Aldridge at 910-638-3002.

Our choir is working on getting a Baby Grand piano for the sanctuary. To resolve some questions regarding the monies being donated, at the request of Pastor Connie Weaver, a meeting was arranged during which Danny Aldridge, Finance Ministry Chairman, made a presentation to the choir and answered questions. The presentation was very well received. The Finance Committee is very appreciative for this opportunity.

The process for creating our budget for 2023 has begun. The Finance Committee will be providing each ministry with a proposal worksheet to help them establish their individual budget for next year. These worksheets will be consolidated by the Finance Committee and then presented to the Session for their input and final approval. Our July Finance report indicates that all though we are in an unusually positive position regarding our year to date expenses, we are \$5,343.70 year to date short of where we need to be for meeting our current budget. Given this situation, our budget process for 2023 will definitely be challenging.

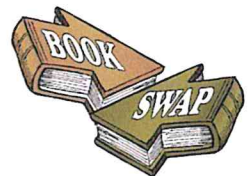
The Finance Committee wishes you the best as we enter into our fall season. We sincerely hope it will be a great time for everyone.

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: Danny Aldridge, Chairman, Diann Fortune, Vice-Chairman, Tim Lea, Art McKenzie, Ann Savage, and Jim Stewart.

Culdee's "Cook's" Cookbook Swap

Calling all of Culdee's cooks to bring any unwanted cookbooks to the church to be shared with one another.



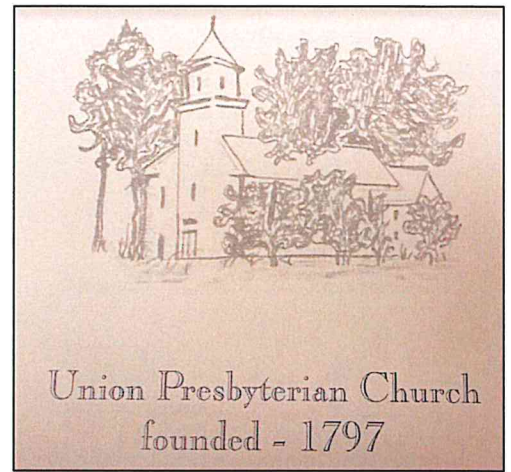
Where and how? Place all cookbooks on the bookshelf in the **sunroom**. Feel free to browse and take what you want and leave what you don't.

If you find outstanding recipes please share with the office at culdeepresbyterian@gmail.com and your recipe might make the next newsletter.



**You're Invited To: The 225th Homecoming
of Union Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

It may not be common knowledge, but Culdee Presbyterian Church shares a rich history with Union Presbyterian Church in Carthage. Culdee's first pastor, Reverend Martin McQueen, was a traveling pastor who began his work in this area at Union Presbyterian Church. According to the book "The History of Union Presbyterian Church" written by Reverend John Roberts, Union was the first Presbyterian Church in Moore County. Rev. McQueen traveled to Culdee on Saturdays as his Sundays were so busy. During his time, it is reported that 400 people joined Union and 500 members were brought into the churches of Carthage, Buffalo, Bethesda, Cameron and Culdee. Reverend McQueen was known as quite the evangelist.



Union Presbyterian Church is celebrating a wonderful milestone and since there are so many familial ties to Culdee, the Culdee Family has been invited to "come home" for the celebration. Below is the formal invitation and information on the pastor holding this special service. Diann Fortune

Union Presbyterian Church
2000 Union Church Road
P. O. Box 898
Carthage NC 28327

August 5, 2022

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again - **time to "come home" to Union Church for Homecoming!** You are invited to join us and help **celebrate 225 years of ministry** and tradition at Union for **Homecoming Sunday, September 11, with worship at 11:00 a.m.** followed by a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. Our pianist will be the talented Amy Ivey.

We are delighted to welcome guest preacher Reverend Howard Lucas who currently teaches Old Testament and Hebrew at Carolina College of Biblical Studies in Fayetteville.

Reverend Lucas was born in West Virginia where he met his high school sweetheart, Sharon. They both graduated from Concord College (he with a degree in French and she in math and library science). They moved to Tennessee where he graduated with a Master of Divinity in Old Testament from Temple Baptist Seminary and she achieved her Master of Library Science from the University of Tennessee.

After moving back to WV, Reverend Lucas joined the Army Reserve. He retired from the Army at the rank of Colonel after over 25 years of service as a chaplain with deployments in the Middle East. He received a Master of Theology from Liberty Baptist Seminary in 2015. He pastored churches in WV, TN and NC, and has taught at Temple University and Campbell University.

Howard and Sharon celebrated 47 years of marriage in January. They have a daughter, Meredith and two grandchildren, Raegan and Cameron.

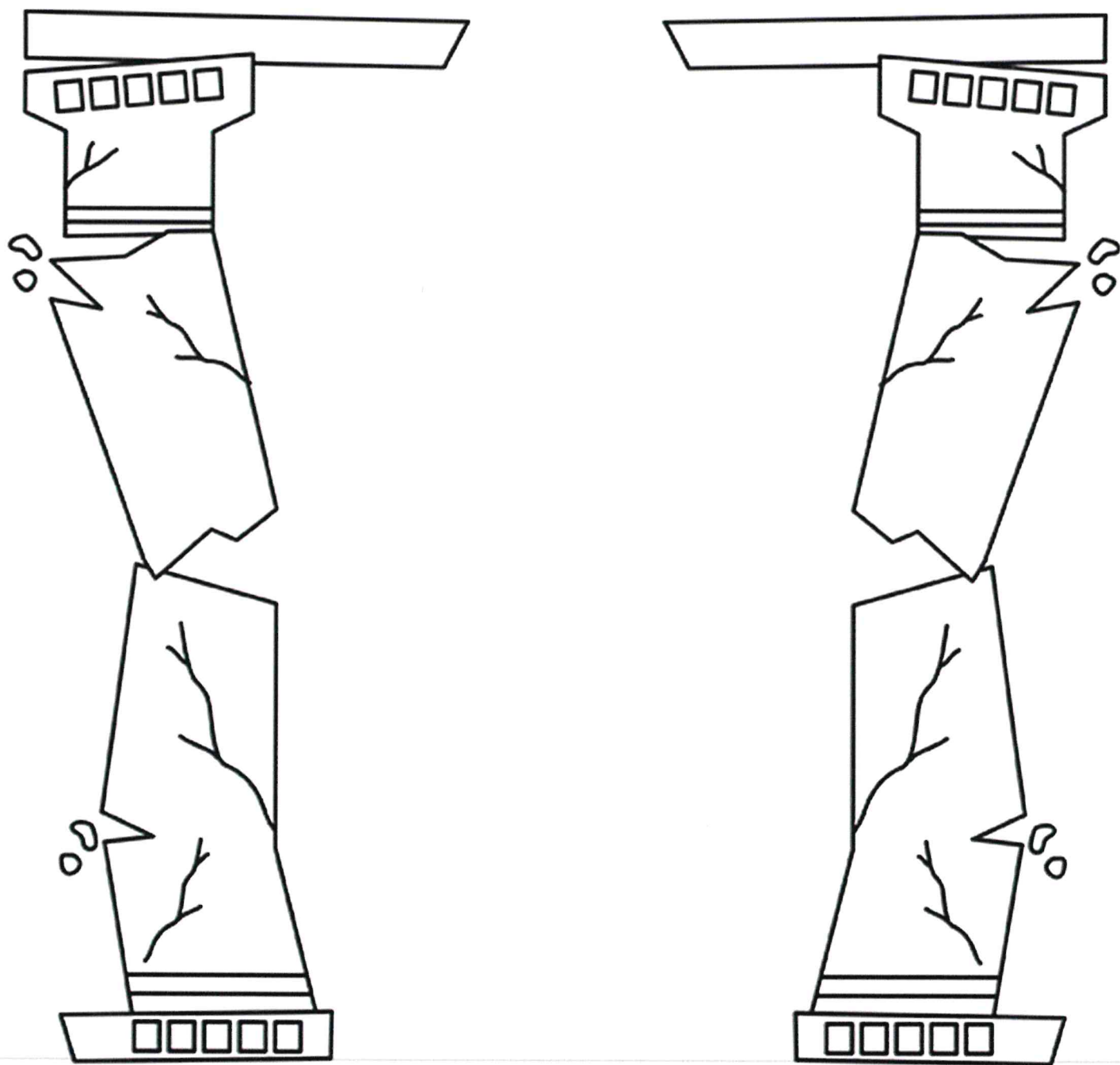
We sincerely hope that you can join us for Homecoming this year! We look forward to seeing you on September 11th! Please feel free to contact Jody Ritenour at 937-974-8467 with any questions.

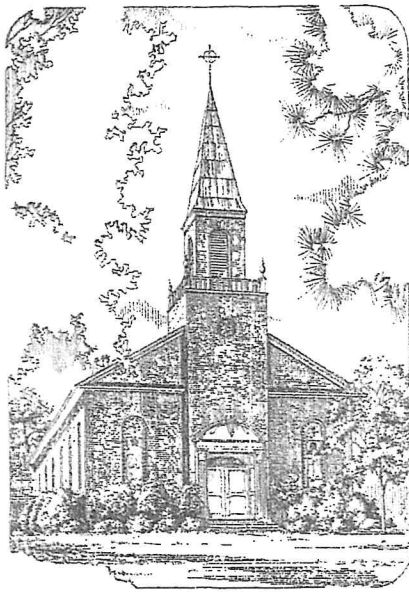
In Christ,

The Session of Union Church

SAMSON DESTROYS THE TEMPLE

Read Judges 16. Draw Samson between the pillars at the Philistine temple.





Culdee Presbyterian Church

916 HIGHWAY 73, WEST END
NORTH CAROLINA

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.

September Preaching Schedule

Sept. 4th - Rev. Connie Weaver

Sept. 11th - Rev. Laura Lupton

Sept. 18th - Rev. Kevin Gregory

Sept. 25th - Dr. Sandy Stewart

Contact Us: Phone (910) 295-6685

www.culdeechurch.net

culdeepresbyterian@gmail.com