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The Culdee Bulletin is now on our website. This allows those not attending to access the weekly prayer list, scheduled events and to follow along with the service when watching online.

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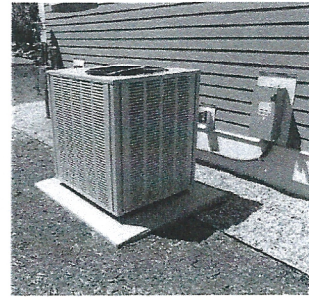
April brings an explosion of rebirth in nature. As wonderful as it is, the beauty of nature pales in comparison to the spiritual rebirth mankind can experience because of CHRIST's birth, life, death, and resurrection. Believers are not to keep the truths of the Gospel to themselves, but to share those truths with those around them by our words, deeds, and motives. It has been said that believers need to speak to



JESUS about an unbeliever before we speak to that unbeliever about JESUS. Prayer brings us into HIS presence and HIS ability to make things happen. Humble recognition that we cannot force others to come to the SAVIOR, opens the door for GOD to accomplish what we cannot. Because we are in CHRIST, we can pray for HIS Spirit to draw others near. Loving others with our prayers, we can take joy in knowing that our SAVIOR is also interceding for us. Blessings!

Building & Grounds

Building and Grounds continues to work to keep things running at the church and manse. We have the manse almost ready for a new minister (when we get one). Heat and air has been repaired in the Fellowship Hall. The unit that heats and cools the offices is being evaluated at present to be fixed soon.



Some pruning and planting around the church and fellowship hall has been done, and the commodes have been repaired. Handrails have been added to choir loft. Other things will be looked at and fixed as needed.

Thanks for your prayers and patience,
Lonnie McKenzie, Vice-chair

Doris Moore Scholarship applications are available on the table outside the office door. They are due in the office by April 30th.

Doris Moore grew up here at Culdee and was a missionary to the Belgian Congo, later Zaire, from 1952-1972. She greatly valued education and spent her life working half a world away to bring education to those for whom opportunities were very limited.

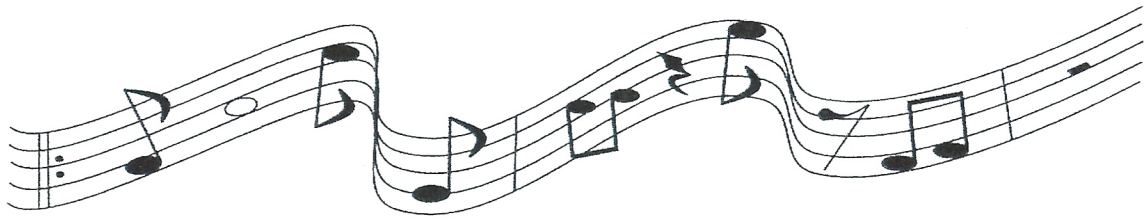
Graduates

Spring is here so can graduation be far behind?

If you know of a high school or college student who will be graduating this spring, please turn their name into the office for recognition later in the spring.

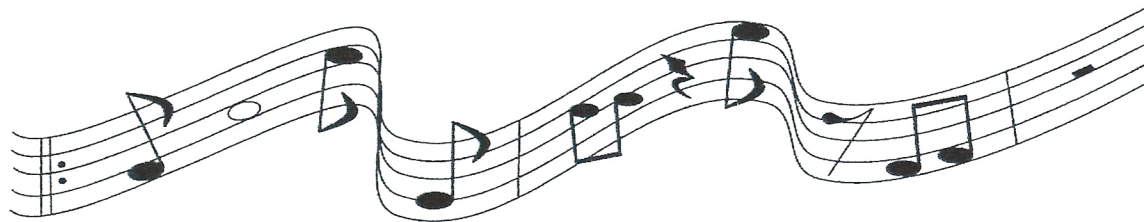


Janie Taylor

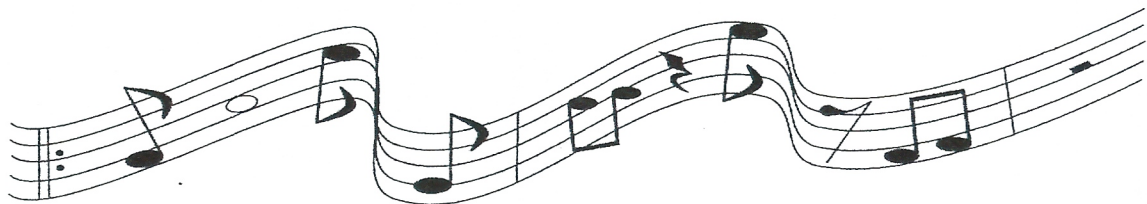


Mark your calendar, this date has changed

The Carnegie Choir sendoff concert date has been changed to Sunday, May 15th at 4:00 at Brownson Memorial Church in Southern Pines, the concert will include the Carnegie Choir and a Moore County Chamber Orchestra. Please join us for this concert to encourage this group of musicians as they journey to New York City May 25-29, 2022.



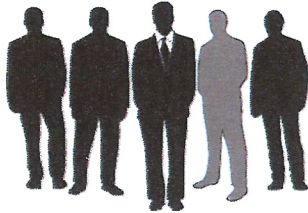
The Chancel Choir will be hosting a luncheon of soup/chili and salad on Sunday April 3rd at 11:00 after the morning worship service. There will also be a silent auction available for you to choose gift baskets for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, or any occasion. These baskets have been designed by our Carnegie Choir and will be available at the luncheon. We hope to see you there for a delicious meal. We are asking for a donation of any amount for your meal that day to help the choir with expenses for our trip to New York City in May



Cemetery Committee – Wade Garner

Notice: Christmas flowers on graves must be removed by April 8th. If not removed, they will be picked up and thrown away.

Men's Club



Mark your calendars: The men will resume their monthly meetings, *Thursday, April 28* at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there. This is for **all** men, young or not so young.

Blanket Fund

Many thanks to everyone for their generous for Blanket Fund. A total of \$2,755.00 was collected.

With all the needs in the world CWS will be there to help because **you** made a difference

Jewell Vest



NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 13

Linda Upole and Audrey Chacon were received into membership of Culdee by Letter of Transfer.

Approved two fundraisers for the choir's trip to Carnegie Hall.

Approved the scheduling of "Community Family Fun Day" for April 2.

Approved the scheduling of the "Cannon Park Church Gathering" on May 15.

Approved a "Movie Night" in the Fellowship Hall for April 10.

Approved a "Culdee CROPWALK" for April 24.



Kelly Curlee	01	Tim Lea	18
Blake Lea	02	Ronald Bowen	20
Faye Ritter	05	Robert Barber	20
Rhett Cole	05	Joshua McKenzie	23
Hunter Cox	07	Margaret Holman	23
Roger Craven	08	Matt Howle	23
Michelle Seawell	09	Matt Williamson	25
Larry Sears	09	William Nuzzo	26
Asher Shields	09	Anthony Nuzzo	26
Susan Jackson	11	Rick Halverstadt	28
Darrell McKenzie	12	Jamie Martin	28
Aemon Barber	12	Ian Stewart	28
Alston Willcox	14	Heath Caddell	30
Steve Carrico	16	John David Cuff	30
Mark Cole	18		

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, March 13 Linda Upole and Audrey Chacon requested to transfer their memberships to Culdee and were unanimously accepted. Both had previously been members of Culdee.

Linda Whitesell Upole began attending Culdee at age five when her family moved to this area. She joined the church at age nine and attended for many years being active in church activities. She graduated from Pinehurst high School, married Larry Upole from West End. They are parents to Larry "Sonny" Upole and Audrey Upole Chacon. Linda has sung in the choir and been active for many years in Presbyterian Women. She worked for Whitesell Brothers Store and at the Pinehurst Medical Clinic. Linda and her family had been attending Pinehurst United Methodist Church. Linda says she has now "come home to Culdee."

Audrey Chacon grew up in Culdee and was active in all activities. She graduated from Pinecrest High School and later Central Carolina Community College becoming a Registered Nurse. She has one daughter, Kaelyn Bass who graduated from East Carolina University in May 2021 and is currently completing her Master's online through Liberty University. She is married to Vic Chacon and he has two children, son Sam and daughter Ricki. Audrey currently sings in the choir and works at Pinehurst Medical Clinic. She too says returning to Culdee is "like coming home."

Presbyterian Women's News

The first Spring Gathering of Coastal Carolina Presbyterian Women since Covid hit will be held in person on Saturday, April 30 at Raeford Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 9:00 am and worship/meeting at 10:00 am. The speaker will be Rev Jerrod Lowery. Anyone interested in going, contact Jewell Vest. She is planning on driving the van if we have enough interested.

Worship Committee News

Sunday, April 10 at 6:00 pm, will be Sunday Night at the Movies featuring the 1953 Classic "The Robe" for adults and an age appropriate movie for children from Right Now Media. Admission is one can of food or one box of nonperishable food. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Food will go to the Food Bank.

Union Presbyterian Church would like to invite the Culdee congregation to join their Maundy Thursday service. The service will be held in their historic sanctuary at 7:00 pm with communion and Rev. Dr. Douglas Kelly preaching. Location: Union Presbyterian Church 2000 Union Church Road, Carthage NC.

In return, we have invited Union Church congregation to share in our Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 am followed by eat-in breakfast by the McKenzie's and company. Sandy Stewart will be holding this service near the Rose Garden behind the fellowship hall.

Our Easter service will be Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 am and will be an outdoor service. Rev. Dr. Douglas Kelly will hold the service. We have a Scottish Heritage Sunday service planned complete with bagpiper. Please bring a lawn chair. Anyone who has Scottish attire is encouraged to wear it!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- April 2
Family Fun Day
Fun for young families including a bouncy house, Darrell's barrels, hot dogs, cornhole, Fire Truck, Police Car, Live music, and an Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 pm.
Fun for your entire family!
- April 10
Palm Sunday
Movie: THE ROBE and Popcorn
6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- April 14
Maundy Thursday
Union Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm in the Historic sanctuary
- April 17
Easter Sunday
Sunrise service at 7:00 am including breakfast
- April 17
Easter Sunday
Outdoor Scottish/Heritage service 11:00 am
Rev. Dr Douglas Kelly
Bring your chairs and join us on the church lawn.
- April 24
Culdee CROPWALK
- May 15
Church Picnic 4:30 pm -6:30 pm
Cannon Park.
Food, fellowship and fun for all.
- May 21
Camp Monroe Service Day
Meet at the church at 8:30 am. We will be leaving at 9:00 am. We will be painting, organizing crafts and kitchen cabinets, cleaning grounds, etc. We will return around 2:00 pm. More information to come!
- June 27- July1
VBS 9:00am to 1:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at Culdee. On Thursday morning, campers will travel to Camp Monroe for the overnight camping experience. Campers will swim, play games, canoe, sit by the campfire and return on Friday. We can carry twenty campers ages 6-14. Please call 910-295-6685 to place your name on the list.





Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune

Proverbs 21:20 *In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil;
but foolish man devours all he has.*

Joint Ventures:

Building and Grounds and the Finance Ministry have once again teamed up to put a bit of polish on Culdee. Lonnie McKenzie and Richard Blue have planned a list of tasks, both indoors and outdoors, that will be worked on throughout the year that were discussed at the March Finance Ministry meeting. Some jobs will need to be bid out; there may be opportunities for tax write-offs for those able to provide materials or labor, and some tasks will require plain old elbow grease. There will be opportunities coming for everyone to offer support physically, financially and/or through a word of encouragement, which makes work less like work. Please stay tuned and hopefully offer assistance as you are able.

Financial Status:

Thank you for your support of Culdee! Culdee continues to be in good shape overall. The Financial Report for February 2022 showed contributions were \$263.55 over the monthly budget needs and expenses for the month were \$6,420.33 under budget. This is good news.

Now for Paul Harvey's "the rest of the story". If Culdee had to pay a pastor at the amount budgeted for 2022, then another \$7,122.14 would need to be added to the monthly expenses. Please understand that once a pastor is engaged and the congregation votes on the pastor's Terms of Call, then that monthly amount is likely to change. It could go higher or lower, but it will likely change.

Even with the uncertainty facing the world, Culdee's investments and savings continue to grow. Savings and CDs at Truist and Live Oak Banks have gained \$99.81 of interest included in the balance of \$188,183.24 through February. January and February earnings under Stifel's management total \$538.19 included in the balance of \$342,422.08.

Additional Tidbits:

Sandhills Accounting Services, the company engaged to oversee Culdee's financial documentation and non-profit status, has new owners. Culdee appreciates the professional expertise and support from Pat Shenkle who retired and looks forward to developing a relationship with the new owners, Cherelle and Derrick James. Thankfully Culdee's direct accountant, Sandra Lankford, will remain working with the church.

The church van which was hit by a deer in December has finally made it to its repair shop appointment and should soon be back to its normal condition soon and be ready for new adventures.

The annual renewal/rewrite to the church's insurance with Farm Bureau has been completed.

Finance Ministry members are always available to answer questions.

Finance Ministry meetings are held monthly, usually the second Sunday evening.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Funday Sunday
on
March 20th, 2022**



Congregational Care News



Congratulations to **Carolyn Smith** who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 3rd.

Evelyn Welch Caddell celebrated her 97th Birthday on March 19th. She is Culdee's oldest living member. She resides with her daughter, Marilyn and her husband Kemp Baker.

If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

140 Floral Lane,
Banner Elk, NC. 28604





Pastoral Nominating Committee Members:

Diann Fortune, Chair; Stephanie Barber, Secretary

Amber Clayton; Nancy Howle; Lonnie McKenzie; Janie Taylor

The PNC continues to talk with pastors. The overall feeling is optimistic. Prayers are requested that God's chosen path will be identified and His will be discerned by both the PNC and the pastor God is calling to Culdee. Thank you for your prayers, patience, hope and encouragement!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Ed Ministry continues to seek ways to reach young families and youth in our community. On Sunday, March 20th, twenty youth attended our Funday Sunday. Since Marshall repaired our basketball goal, basketball immediately became the main attraction for our older youth. Others enjoyed Gaga ball and volleyball. After eating pizza, we gathered at our fire pit for worship and song led by Danny Aldridge and accompanied by Marshall Sweat. It was a good night of fun, fellowship, and worship. We appreciate the members of the Culdee family that are always there to lend assistance.

April 2nd will offer our young families a day of community family fun at Culdee. Children will enjoy face painting, Darrel's barrels, a bouncy house, Smokey the Bear and complete the day with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 pm. We will also embrace this opportunity to thank our first responders, enjoy live music as well as a Hot Dog! Thanks to Josh and Ashley McKenzie for their hard work on this event!

Upcoming events include Camp Monroe Service Day on May 21st and VBS on June 27-July 1 (ages 6 – 14). VBS will once again include the opportunity to spend the night at Camp Monroe and enjoy the fireside time there. Please sign-up as soon as possible. Please email or call the church office or call/text Patti Burke at 336-803-3278 to add your name to the list going on the Camp Monroe service day or attending VBS.

Patti Burke and Marshall Sweat



Who's Who

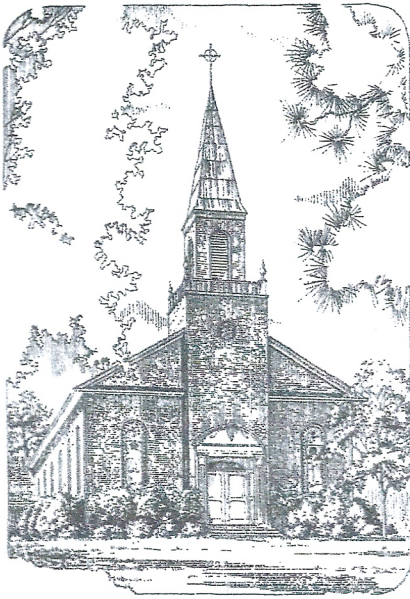
Children's Bible Stories

Match the Children's Bible Story with it's main character on the right.

- ___ Who is the Son of God?
- ___ Who got out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus?
- ___ God changed who's name to Israel?
- ___ Who was swallowed by a giant fish?
- ___ Who was thrown into the lion's den?
- ___ Who built the Ark for the great flood?
- ___ Who went to Heaven in chariots of fire?
- ___ Who parted the Red Sea?
- ___ Who did God choose to lead the battle of Jericho?
- ___ Who's father gave him a robe of many colors?
- ___ Who was promised to be the "Father Of All Nations"?
- ___ Who's strength was in his uncut hair?
- ___ Who was unable to speak until his son was born?
- ___ Who betrayed Jesus?
- ___ Who baptized Jesus in the Jordan River?
- ___ Who defeated Goliath the Giant with a slingshot and a stone?
- ___ Who was the first person to find out Jesus was not in his tomb?
- ___ Who was the greedy tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
- ___ Who's wife turned to a pillar of salt because she looked back?
- ___ Who was blinded on the Road to Damascus and heard the voice of Jesus?

- 1. Jesus
- 2. Jonah
- 3. Noah
- 4. Peter
- 5. David
- 6. Abraham
- 7. Elijah
- 8. Daniel
- 9. Lot
- 10. Moses
- 11. Samson
- 12. Joseph
- 13. Saul
- 14. Mary
- 15. Zechariah
- 16. Judas
- 17. Joshua
- 18. Zacchaeus
- 19. John
- 20. Jacob





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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:

April 3	Kevin Gregory
April 10	Cathy Haynes
April 17	Easter Sunrise Service- 7:00 am Sandy Stewart
April 17	11:00 am Outdoor Scottish/Heritage Service with Douglas Kelly
April 24	Sandy Stewart

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays:

Online Service-At your convenience

Drive-In Service – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening:

Brief weekly devotion and prayer



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