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The Culdee Connection

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2019 SESSION

Moderator

Rev. Jane Love

June Stewart. . .Clerk of Session

Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey
Jim Dalton
Amber Clayton
Janie Taylor

Class of 2020

Wade Garner
Johnie Marion
Rick Mathews
Karon McKenzie

Class of 2021

Tim Bailey
Eve Williamson
Brandon Blue
Nelson Pusser



From the Pastor



Coming into a new place, meeting new people is always exciting, and in the case of my coming to Culdee, warmly welcoming and just simply fantastic! I just want to thank all of you for all you've done to insure I feel that Culdee is home for the time God has for us to be together. Handshakes, hugs, smiles, spaghetti dinner, desserts, leftovers, invitations to "Share the Love," invitations to tea, to call if I need help, cleaning the manse, colorful pansies to greet me, each of you whether with prayers or some practical caregiving have made me deeply grateful and appreciative. Thank you!!!

Please feel free to ask me questions, share your suggestions- the positives and the challenges. I will try to be in the office from 10 until 2 Monday through Thursday if you want to drop by to visit. The hours of 10-2 (Mon.-Thurs.) may not fit all of you who work, so give me a call and we will set up a time that works for you. My cell phone is 919-818-7708. I'd ask that you call only from 7 am- 7pm for all non-emergencies, but call anytime for emergencies. Help me protect my day off - Friday's by not calling at all, of course, call if there's any kind of emergency. You can also reach me at pastorlove@embarqmail.com. I want to be available to you and care for you as your temporary Shepherd, so please let me know when anything is happening that you want me to be in prayer about or involved in some other way.

I believe God has drawn us together and as we work together with prayers, sharing ideas, missions and ministries already begun, God will guide and provide for new visions and a new partner in His perfect timing. Let us be in prayer for all things.

Blessings dear faith family,

Pastor Jane.

Christian Ed Ministry

On Sunday, January 27th, the Christian Education Committee met to begin planning for 2019. Monthly meetings will be held on the last Sunday of each month beginning at 12:10. We encourage members of the congregation to join us and help in our effort for growth at Culdee. Bring a bag lunch!

On February 10th, a "Share the Love" event was held in the Culdee Basement. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the fellowship with each other.

Upcoming events are planned for Culdee. Please mark the dates on your calendar!

- EGGSTRAVAGANZA: April 13th, 2019 2:00-4:00 we will be asking the congregation to volunteer for parts in the passion play and to donate ice cream and toppings for the sundaes we serve to those attending.
- Easter Egg Hunt for Youth and children will also be held from 2:00-4:00
- VBS for 2019 June 17th-June 21st, VBS will be "Farm Fresh Faith" by Bogart Press. This is a study of God's faithfulness to Joseph. It was decided we would have Bible School Monday-Friday in order for families to celebrate Father's Day. We will be asking for some donations.

NEEDS SO FAR: Green indoor, outdoor carpet; 2X4(s) to construct a barn skeleton and fencing; burlap material, red and white checked tablecloths (plastic is fine)

Our committee wishes to serve Culdee and offer as many opportunities for growth as possible, to be good stewards with our allocated funds, and to include as many people as possible in our efforts. We hope you will attend our meetings and offer any support as well as ideas.

Wade Garner, Chair
Brandon Blue, cochair

Cemetery News

Please remove any Christmas items from the graves by March 12th. Any questions about graves contact Wade Garner at (910) 295-6990 or cell (910) 638-3139.



Congregational Care

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Here is an update on Congregational Care. March 10th there will be a Mission Luncheon after the 11:00 o'clock service of Baked Spaghetti. Also, March 30th from 2 to 4 p.m. we will have music and singing from our very own music department starting with our youth songs of praise and worship to our Lord! We will be serving desserts at intermission. Please plan to come and enjoy the music and fellowship with us.

Our next meeting will be on March 3rd at 4 pm in the children's church room.

Just a reminder the Doris Moore Scholarship applications are outside Mrs. Edith's office. Please have them completely filled out and delivered back to Mrs. Edith by April 30th.

May you have a blessed month and we pray that we will see each other every Sunday through out the month of March.

God Bless!

Congregational Care Committee

LEGACY NEWS!!!



New T-shirt!!!

What an awesome first month for LEGACY!! We have been working hard on plans for this year including a fundraiser (stay tuned for more details!) that will make it possible for us to take a weekend trip to the mountains. This trip will include a cleanup day at Wilson Creek, where we will explore and fish after we serve by caring for the environment in one of the most beautiful places and important water source's in our state. Our goal for the trip is to grow closer to each other and to God! We have enjoyed spending time together this month watching the Super Bowl on the big screen in the fellowship hall, having dinner together each Sunday, and making Valentines that we sent to some of our sweetest Church members! We will soon be getting new t-shirts for the youth that will also be available for the congregation to purchase. We will be sharing more details on how to get your t-shirt soon!

UNC Hospitals Stock the Playroom Project-One of our very own, Ariana Maness, has shared with us a new mission that she hopes to complete. In her own battle with leukemia during hospitalizations at UNC, she has discovered that one of the playrooms there is in need of new toys. LEGACY wants to help by asking church members to donate Walmart gift cards. We will use the gift cards to go shopping together for the list of requested items and then visit UNC Hospital to deliver the toys! If you would like to help, you may get your Walmart gift cards to a LEGACY member or to Celeste Marino! We will be collecting them until Sunday March 17, 2019.

Thanks for supporting our LEGACY, the youth of our church are our gift and our future!



Mark Your Calendar!!!



Presbyterian Women of Coastal Carolina

Annual Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 6, 2019

**College Heights Presbyterian Church
1809 Seabrook Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301**

**8:30-9:30 am Registration, Refreshments and Display Tables
(No workshops for this Gathering)**

10:00 am Plenary begins in the Sanctuary

**Guest Speaker: Elaine Alderman, Moderator for Synod of the Mid-
Atlantic PW Coordinating Team**

**Offering Recipient: *"Educate a Child, Transform the World" Initiative*
<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child>**

Transportation will be available. Please let the office know if you wish to ride with the group.



Culdee Finance Ministry News

For March

The following article was not included in the February newsletter. It was published as a bulletin insert during February. Since then, some of our financial data has been revised so this article is being included with the March newsletter with updated information on the weekly budget needs and the overall increase in the 2019 budget.

Well here we go with another new year. A chance for a new start, a new beginning. Your Finance Ministry is in hopes that your new year has been good so far. We are all welcoming our new interim pastor, Rev. Jane Love and look forward to working with her throughout her time with Culdee. The Finance Ministry is also welcoming Tim Bailey as our new Finance Ministry Vice-Chairman and Diane Fortune as a new member to the Finance Ministry.

We would like to take this opportunity to review some information regarding the 2018 and 2019 budgets. In 2018, we needed \$4,876 every week in order to meet our budget. As of December 31, 2018, we were \$13,854 short of meeting our 2018 budget requirements. In that we were not having to pay a full time minister or finance the normal operation of the manse, our expenses however, were abnormally good.

The 2019 budget as approved by the Session was presented to the congregation by Finance Ministry Chairman Jim Dalton in December. This new budget indicates that our weekly needs have increased from \$4,876 per week to \$5,443 per week. This represents an 11.63% increase over 2018.

With Rev. Jane coming on board, which we are very excited and happy about, our financial situation for 2019 will be changing in that our *expenses* per month will be increasing significantly over what they were in 2018. The only way we should be meeting the new requirements of the 2019 budget will be through increasing our tithes and offerings either through new members, our current members, or both. It is the Finance Ministry's sincere hope that we will be able to meet the 2019 budget needs through our personal tithes and offerings. Again, we welcome input from the Congregation at any time. The Finance Ministry remains fully committed to serve our Lord and the needs of Culdee Presbyterian Church. With your help and prayers we'll have a successful 2019.

Would you like to make a difference? Attend one of our meetings or even join the Finance Ministry. The next Finance Ministry meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Session room of the Fellowship Hall. 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, Chairman, Tim Bailey, Vice-Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart, Dannie Jackson, Diane Fortune, and Danny Aldridge, Finance Ministry Secretary.

Happy

Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!

Carson Dennis	01	Mitchell Whitesell	14	Bailey Blue	22
Lydia Craven	02	LeAnn Bailey	15	Greg Bohlander	23
Carolyn Smith	03	Mary Ruth Whitaker	16	Timothy Patterson	23
McKenzie Cox	03	Sylvia Balboni	17	Erica Tolbert	24
Haley Dick (Cuff)	04	Sue Black	17	Debbie Halverstadt	24
Vickie Blue	05	Carter Cuff	18	Scott Bullard	28
Amber Clayton	06	Evelyn Caddell	19	Beverly Furr	28
Steve Cox	07	Richard Dunlop	19	Georgia Blue	29
Carolyn McKenzie	12	Addie Bailey	20	Kimberly White	29
Debby Fields	12	Natalie Cox	21	Payton Savage	30
Molly Sims	12	Noreen Oakman	21	Scotty Pate	30
Morgan Jackson	13	Chad Smith	22	Jonathan Craven	31
				Riley Seawell	31



Presbyterian Men

All men are invited to join the Presbyterian men on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and a meal. All Men, sons and grandsons are all welcome!

Wade Garner, President

March 2019

April 2019

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March 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
Communion Sunday 8:20 Reach Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Cong. Care Min.	9:00am Knitting 2:30pm Joyful Noise	6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	Ash Wednesday Service	9:00am Quilting	8	9
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