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# The Culdee Connection

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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

Mark Cole...Finance

Johnie Marion...Worship

Rick Mathews... Building and Grounds

Karon McKenzie...Congregational Care



## **HAITI MISSION UPDATE**

Check out the bulletin board outside the kitchen for recent Haiti pictures and information. Please continue to pray for Pastor Sidor as he serves and shares the "Good News of Jesus Christ" to the poor and lost in Haiti. The mission team witnessed how God is using him in a mighty way. Haitian reality is harsh but Sidor remains humble, servant minded, and focused on Jesus.

The Culdee family has provided the blessing of \$1600 for the school chicken project and \$3000 to help with the new church construction in the Perrier community of Montrouis, Haiti. Be on the lookout for pictures soon of the new church construction site. It is wonderful that God is allowing us to come alongside our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ and help build a house of worship.

We are still collecting any extra change to provide breakfast for the 253 children at Lahai Roi School. Please remember to bring your change and put in the wooden containers (back of sanctuary and beside bulletin board) so the children can eat a meal. Just fifteen cents is all it takes to feed a child breakfast! (Water, roll, peanut butter and now eggs a few times a week.) Let's fill up the container and their hungry tummies!

Bring in your cereal boxes and we will ship to Haiti. They will turn our trash into treasures.

Below is Pastor Sidor's letter of encouragement and appreciation to our church family.

**April 7, 2018**

Dear Culdee Church family, Session, and its search committee,

As the death of Moses created a leadership vacuum among the children of Israel, it is certain that for months there's an important godly position that needs to be filled among you. At this point, I just wanted you to know that you are always in my prayers and our church family in Haiti as well is praying for you. Thanks God for the dedication of the godly men and women in the session and the search committee. May the Almighty God richly bless you with His wisdom. Be strong and of good courage as Joshua was. Please keep in mind, you are not invested your time and resources in an earthly kingdom but in God's kingdom.

Also, I would like to take this moment, on behalf of the Lahai-Roi ministry staff and the children of our school, to say thank you for all your prayers and financial support. The chickens project is going well and the students are really pleased with their meals served with eggs. Church construction in Perrier is going well. Thank you for the money.

May the Lord always make a way to feed His people at Culdee Sunday after Sunday while you keep looking for an interim pastor and a permanent good shepherd.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your brother in Christ, Sidor

### **Pastor Sidor is coming to visit with the Culdee Church family, Sunday, May 20!**

He will share updates about the ministry in Haiti and we will have an opportunity to ask him questions. Please join us in the fellowship hall from 9:30- 10:15. He would love to personally speak with you and thank you for your prayers and financial support for the poor he ministers to in Montrouis, Haiti. Let's give him a warm Culdee Church Family welcome!

**An Invitation!!** Everyone is invited to Open House at Darrell & Karen McKenzie's on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-4:00 pm. BBQ lunch will be served during these hours. Their address is 5548 NC Hwy 22, Carthage, NC 28327.

### **HUGH MARTIN & AGNES SHORT FAMILY REUNION**

On June 2, 12-4 pm, at the home of Darrell and Karen McKenzie (5548 NC Hwy 22, Carthage, NC) the descendants of Hugh Martin and Agnes Short are invited to join together with a covered dish dinner, for fellowship and getting reacquainted, sharing family stories, etc. Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy this special time.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Kenneth Whitesell	01	Mark Nuzzo	11	Darrell Cole	19
Dwight Parsons	03	Alex Prince	13	Brian Gribben	19
Shirley Shields	06	Anna Gallant	13	Evan Rivas	21
Johnie Marion	06	Larry Koster	13	Aidan Palmerton	22
Josh Aldridge	08	Ella Vest	14	Rick Mathews	22
Lydia Caddell	08	JoAnn Cameron	14	Mike Marion	23
Diane Aldridge	09	Emily Adams	15	H.W. Frye	26
Reece Parsons	09	Will Cuff	15	Stan Shields	26
Jene Bowen	10	Emily Craven	16	Matt Gribben	26
Samuel Blue	10	Kathryn Fields	17	Lauren Stone Garner	28
Parker Sims	10	Gail Farmer	18	Dennis Fortune	31
Rebecca Willcox	11	Griffin Clayton	18		
Alston Willcox	11	Adrian Parsons	19		



Clara Bailey enjoying the beautiful quilt, and finally found her name out of the 515 names on it. Thank you to all the people that gave us their name to be added to the quilt. Thank you to Rick Mathews for doing the framing and hanging of it in the hallway. Thank you to Harold Clayton for his generous donation. Monies given for the names went into the Culdee "Family Promise" Fund.

The Culdee Quilters



## **Presbyterian Women's News**

The Presbyterian Women of Coastal Carolina met Saturday April 14 at First Presbyterian Church in Carthage for their annual Spring Gathering. This year celebrates 30 years of services as PW. A total of 119 PW, seven Coordinating Team members and five visitors were present including nine Culdee PW. Mary Ruth Whitaker, Jewell Vest, Nancy Howle, Martha Mathews, Gail Farmer, Pearl Frye, June Stewart, Robin McKenzie and Darlene Valitutto attended.

Moderator Jeanne Anderson led the Plenary and Business meetings. Helene Warren Church brought the

message "Run the Race." Helene is a nominee for the 2018-2021 Churchwide Coordinating Team serving as Secretary/Historian. Our Lorna Clark Piner PW Scholarship Recipients this year are: Maya McNeill of Bethany United PC, Wallace Robinson of First PC, Wilmington, Tyler Sellers of Laurinburg PC, Peyton Shephard of Beulaville PC, Morgan Shelton and Trey Samuelin of Westminster PC, Fayetteville. Morgan and Trey were present and expressed their appreciation for PW.

Attendees also got a preview of the 2018-2019 Horizons bible Study entitled "God's Promise: I Am With You." Reverend William (Bill) Rheinhold, General Presbyter for the past five years for Coastal Carolina was recognized with an Honorary Life Membership to Presbyterian Women. He expressed that his mother had been a lifelong member of PW and influenced his appreciation of and involvement with PW.

On a last note, do you have bookkeeping or accounting skills (banking maybe) and some time on your hands. If so, Coastal Carolina PW is searching for treasurer willing to serve in this capacity. Please prayerfully consider what gifts God has given you and how you can use them to glorify Him! If interested or for further information, contact Mary Ruth Whitaker.

Darlene Valitutto

### **Culdee Finance Ministry News**

The Finance Committee is in hopes that we are enjoying much better weather recently than we experienced in the first quarter of 2018. Although we are to be thankful in all situations, it is hard sometimes. Weather, sickness, loss of a loved one, *not having a full time Pastor*; it is easy to find something to be upset about. Fortunately we have each other and our Culdee Church Family is hanging in there, helping and praying for each other.

Your Finance committee is hanging in there also. Our last meeting was on April 8, 2018.

The March expense report continues to reflect that Culdee remains in a relatively financially stable position. Each ministry has continued to keep its budget within very satisfactory ranges, remaining under budget, or in an aware and strategic position to maintain their budget numbers in the next one to three months.

As of March 31, 2018, we were \$9,108 short of where we need to be to meet our outlined budget. This is significant in that we are still not even half way into the year. We are well under our expenses budget however due the fact that we are not compensating a full time Pastor. At some point in time we will be compensating an interim Pastor and then a full time Pastor which will change our expenses situation drastically. As a congregation, we therefore need to be diligent with our tithes and offerings such that we can insure the funding of our interim and full time pastors.

The Finance Ministry thanks you for your continued support and would like to extend an open invitation to any member of the congregation who would like to attend one of our meetings or even join our ministry. We wish you and your families a beautiful Summer 2018.

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: Mark Cole, Jim Dalton, Danny Aldridge, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Dannie Jackson, Ann Savage, and Jim Stewart.

### **CULDEE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Endowment Fund Committee held its second quarterly meeting for 2018, on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

The following is an excerpt from the Endowment Fund Policy and Procedure document:

Subject to the direction of the Session, the Endowment Fund Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) As authorized by the Session, the Committee shall have responsibility to act as fiscal agents for the Endowment Fund, including receipt of endowments, safekeeping, investment, transfer, disbursement and general management of the assets of the Fund, as it deems appropriate to achieve the purposes of the Endowment Fund. The Committee shall review any gifts with restrictions or designations and decide whether the gift should be placed in the Endowment Fund or should instead be placed in an alternate fund.
- b) The committee shall undertake due diligence and objective researching selecting which investments to recommend for purchase, monitor investments on an ongoing basis, and implement changes when necessary in accordance with the asset allocations stated herein.

Most of our Vanguard funds have done well with an overall gain in excess of \$5,650.00 since our initial investment. Some of the funds as of late have not been performing as well as we would like so as a result of the Endowment Committee's due diligence, some of the monies from these funds have been reallocated from Vanguard to 12 month certificates of deposit mostly with Live Oak Bank where we are getting a 2.1% return. We

will continue to monitor the performance of both the Vanguard funds as well as the certificates of deposit and make changes in accordance with our investment policy.

The members of the Endowment Fund Committee express our sincere gratitude for the trust you have placed in us to manage the generous gifts we as a church have been bestowed. We welcome your input, as we eagerly seek to fulfil His purpose.

The next quarterly Endowment Fund Committee meeting will be held in July 2018.

Questions, comments, or information on opportunities for investment may be addressed by contacting any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members: Mark Cole, Jim Dalton, Tim

Lea, Teresa Cole, Dannie Jackson, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson, Danny Aldridge, and Diane Aldridge.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

The Memorial Day Celebration will be on Sunday May 27 after our morning worship service. Please join us at our Veterans Monument to honor all our veterans. Flags will have been placed on each Veteran's grave and their name will be read. Any questions call 295-6685 (Wade Garner)

### **PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS**

We will not have a Presbyterian Men's meeting in May. The men will prepare the hotdogs for the churchwide fellowship at Cannon Park in Pinehurst on Sunday May 20. The event goes from 2-6-pm. The ladies are asked to bring desserts, chips and/or drinks. If you want to play ball, bring gloves, balls and bats. Food will be served at 5:00 pm. We hope everyone will plan to come out.

## **Music Notes**

### **Music Theory**

The Music Theory class has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00. This will be an introduction to Music Theory class. It will be a wonderful time for anyone who has always wanted to learn how to read music to take advantage of this offer. You are asked to bring your own laptop, Ipad, or whatever device you prefer to navigate the internet with. This class will simply put you on the road to where you need to be to work independently. All choir/ensemble members are encouraged to participate. This class will meet in the fellowship hall. There will be no other musical rehearsals on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Handbells**

The handbell choir is in need of a fourth octave of handbells for the choir. We are also purchasing more stands and gloves for our ringers to rehearse with. We have been offered these bells at a substantially lower cost than full price by our refurbisher. We are asking for help in making this need a reality for the handbell choir. If this ministry sounds like something you would be able to help with we would be so blessed by your gift to the handbell fund.

### **"Joyful Strings Dulcimer Ensemble"**

"Joyful Strings" has begun a new set of music for the Spring season. We have a few members who are going to the Winston Salem Dulcimer Festival on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It is an all day Sat. event of attending classes by top notch instructors. We are anticipating on learning a lot during this festival.

We rehearse on Tuesday nights at 6:00 and Wednesday mornings at 11:00. If you would like to join our group please meet us in the choir room during one of these rehearsal times.

### **REACH Praise Team**

At 7:30 on Sunday morning you will find the coffee pot brewing and the praises being lifted in the fellowship hall. This happens every morning before our 8:20 contemporary worship service. Our praise team is busy trying to learn new praise and worship songs. We have been working on songs from Zach Williams, Chris Tomlin,

Mercy Me, Rend Collective, and many others. It has been a fun process to bring Zach Williams "Old Church Choir" to the congregation. Please pray for this group of musicians as they work throughout the week and on Sunday mornings to bring new songs to this worship service. If you have a song on your heart that you sing throughout the week, on the radio in the car, while you exercise,....it might be fun to sing in REACH! Please drop Beverly an email at [culdeemusic@gmail.com](mailto:culdeemusic@gmail.com) and we will see if we might could get your songs on the screen to sing.

### **"Spring Music Fling"**

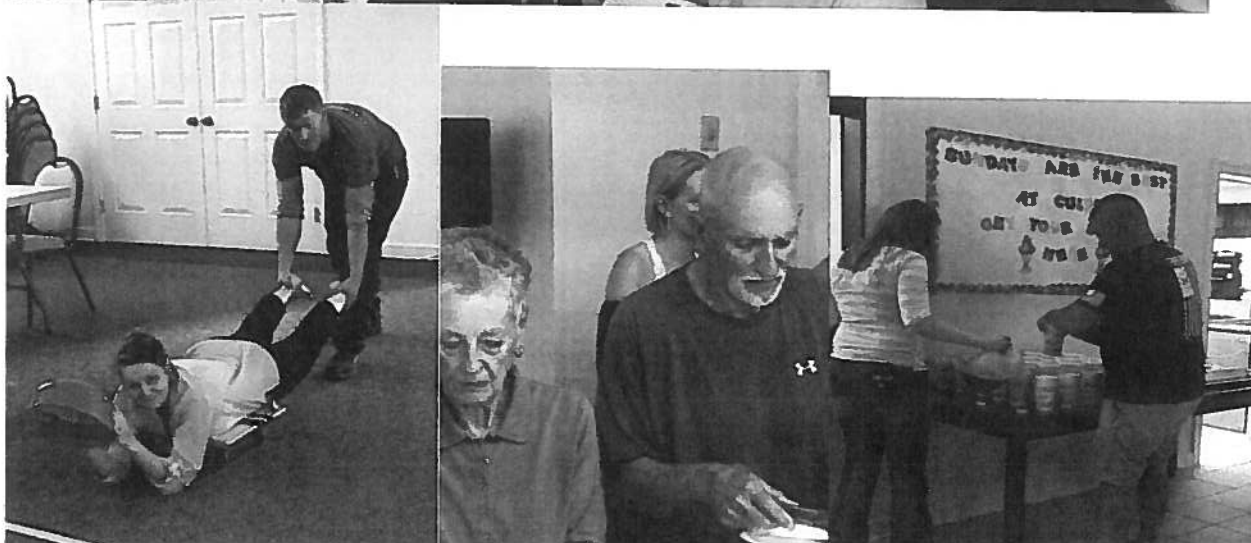
Wednesday night, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, the fellowship hall was transformed in to a wonderful event for the musical teams of the church. "Thank you" to everyone who rehearsed and put in all of the practice time since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. These choirs worked hard....now it was time to play hard. We started the night out with Smithfields chicken and BBQ with all of the fixins. After dinner, the night was turned over to "Games by Gail". The entire group enjoyed playing, but most of all the thunderous laughter in the room was fabulous. We had an exceptional time with "Human hungry Hippo", "blindfolded cotton ball scoop" (the Marion brothers were cheating, along with Lionel and Larry Furr) I have the video to prove it, and a wackadoo version of "Watch Ya Mouth?" The competition was fierce! The fun was endless! It was a wonderful night for everyone. Thanks again to this gracious group of people who give of their time so freely to make each and every rehearsal a reality. Your efforts are never taken for granted. I appreciate everything you do to make the music happen. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful group of Christian musicians. Thanks again guys!

### **Mother's Day Men's Choir**

Mother's Day is Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. In the Culdee tradition we will have our all men's choir perform for the ladies on Mother's Day. Special rehearsal times for the men to rehearse will be posted in the bulletin. We are looking forward to a wonderful sounding men's choir this year.



*Pictures  
from  
the  
"Choir's  
Spring  
Fling"*





# May 2018

June 2018

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May 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 29	30	May 1 6:00pm Dulcimer's 7:00pm Handbells	2 11:00am Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	3 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Circle 1, at Church 7:00pm Circle 2, at Church	4	5
6 Mother/Father's Day Off. 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00am Youth meet	7 9:00am Knitting	8 6:00pm Dulcimer's 7:00pm Handbells	9 11:00am Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	10 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Circle 3 meets Lydia Craven	11	12
13 Mother's Day 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	14 9:00am Knitting	15 6:00pm Dulcimer's 7:00pm Handbells	16 11:00am Dulcimer Practice 6:00pm Finance Ministry 7:00pm Choir Practice	17 9:00am Quilting 6:00pm Session Meeting	18	19
20 Pentecost Sunday Doris Moore SS Off. Picnic Cannon Park 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	21 9:00am Knitting	22 6:00pm Music Theory Class	23 11:00am Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	24 9:00am Quilting	25	26
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