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# Culdee Newsletter

## Culdee Presbyterian Church

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### 2017 SESSION

#### Moderator

Rev. Barbara Heden

#### Class of 2017

Danny Aldridge...Finance  
Dannie Jackson...Building and Grounds  
Nelson Pusser...Worship  
June Stewart...Congregational Care

#### Class of 2018

Elaina Aponte...Christian Education  
Robin McKenzie...Congregational Care  
Mark Seawell...Out Reach  
Don Williamson...Out Reach

#### Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey...Building and Grounds  
Bob Beddingfield...Finance  
Amber Clayton...Christian Education  
Janie Taylor...Worship



## 5x5 Reading

Nov. 6: John 21	Nov. 13: 1 Thess. 3	Nov. 20: 2 Thess. 3	Nov. 27: 2 Peter 5
Nov. 7: 3 John 1	Nov. 14: 1 Thess. 4	Nov. 21: 1 Peter 1	Nov. 28: 2 Peter 1
Nov. 8: Jude 1	Nov. 15: 1 Thess. 5	Nov. 22: 1 Peter 2	Nov. 29: 2 Peter 2
Nov. 9: 1 Thess. 1	Nov. 16: 2 Thess. 1	Nov. 23: 1 Peter 3	Nov. 30: 2 Peter 3
Nov.10: 1 Thess. 2	Nov. 17: 2 Thess. 2	Nov. 24: 1 Peter 4	Dec. 1: Rev. 1

## Attention All Ladies!

December 6, at 9 A.M. Breakfast at the Pinecrest Inn in Pinehurst. All ladies are invited. We will order off menu and cost will be \$10.00 plus tip. The Country Breakfast: Choice of eggs, omelets, pancakes, waffles, French toast, bacon, sausage, ham, grits, potatoes, toast, biscuits or English muffin, cereal or oatmeal, juice and coffee. Please call and let me know you are coming so they will have a place set up for us. My number: [910-690-6461](tel:910-690-6461). Hope to see you there. Just a note that we plan to try to do this quarterly. It's a way to get together and fellowship with one another.

-Jewell Vest

## Presbyterian Men's News

We appreciate the help of everyone who came out to make our Harvest Festival Day a success.

On Thursday November 23, at 7:00 am in the fellowship hall the Men's group will serve a delicious Thanksgiving breakfast. Everyone is invited to come out for fellowship and good food. A "Thank Offering" program led by June Stewart will follow the breakfast.

On Friday December 1, the men will be cooking again! All families are invited to come to our annual Christmas dinner at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

There will be no Presbyterian Men's meeting in November or December since we will be cooking for the Thanksgiving Breakfast and the Christmas Dinner. Any questions call

-Wade Garner, PM President

## Session Notes

### MEETING OF October 8, 2017

**The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in Room A of the fellowship hall building with a quorum of Elders in attendance.**

**Lighting of the CHRIST Candle:** Danny Aldridge

**Call to Order:** Rev. Barbara Hedin

**Opening Devotional and Prayer:** Janie Taylor, Elder of the Month

#### **Minutes Approved As Read:**

- Stated Session of September 14, 2017
- Congregational Meeting of September 24, 2017

#### **Clerk's Report:**

- Active Membership is 282.
- Session approved Kathy Harris' request to transfer her membership to Bethlehem Baptist.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion of Chapters 11 and 12 of Autopsy of a Deceased Church.
- Direct Communication is considered a benchmark of a "healthy church". The Session voted to adopt the following as a practice of the Session. Session also approved including said practice in the Culdee Manual of Administrative Operations. "If an individual has concerns relating to the church, she/he should contact a Session Elder directly(themselves) with that concern. The Session will not be expected to respond to or act on "anonymous" feedback and/or information shared through a third person. Direct communication minimizes the need for further clarification of what the concern may be and gives the Session the opportunity to explain why they acted as they did."
- Reports from the Interim Search Committee and the Elder Nominating Committee
- Elders approved a Congregational Meeting on November 19, 2017 for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2020.
- Consensus was given to directing 10% of the 35% which is given to Missions from Harvest Festival will be donated to Hurricane Relief.

**Reports were received from each Ministry.**

**The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2017.**

**Elder of the Month for November is Dannie Jackson.**

## Congregational Care Ministry

Robin and I are deeply grateful to the Culdee Family for the many hours you spent before, during, and after our 2017 Harvest Festival!! It was a beautiful day and a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and hard work!

Of the 35% to be appropriated to Missions from the Harvest Festival monies, 10% of that amount will be donated to the ongoing Hurricane Relief. Also, when you see folks from the surrounding communities who donated to and/or attended any of the Harvest Festival activities, please be sure to personally thank them for doing so!

-Blessings, June and Robin

## Culdee Finance Ministry News

Budget budget budget budget budget budget budget. 2018 budget. Yea we got budget on the brain. We are getting there but still have a ways to go. In October, the Finance committee reviewed the budget proposal worksheet and again there will be some refinements made. Our plan is as follows, Session gets copy of the proposal at the first of November and it will be or has been, depending on when you are reading this, discussed at the November meeting. If things go well, the budget could get agreed upon at that meeting. If not, we will work on it some more and hopefully pass it the first of December.

No one ever wants to cut a budget and this year is no different. We have a dilemma though. The problem is that we have not been funding the 2017 budget enough each week to meet the amount needed. So if we keep even the same budget for 2018 without any increases, are we the congregation going to be willing and able to fund this budget in 2018? 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.

Again, we ask that you say some extra prayers for the members involved in the budget process. We need all the help we can get. It is the Finance Committee's hope that you have a great November.

**Hey there. Want to help?** 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, Bobby Beddingfield, Vice-Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, and Jim Stewart.

## Culdee Endowment Fund Committee Meeting

The Endowment Fund Committee held its quarterly meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2017

The Culdee investments in Vanguard through the Endowment Fund Committee continue to yield a profitable return, with a total gain of \$7,439.00 as of September 30, 2017. The Vanguard funds include the Church Liquid Asset; Cemetery; Doris Moore Scholarship Flower Garden; Missions; Youth; Building & Renovation; Paint & Wallpaper; Parking lot paving; and the Sarah Ann Fortune Fund. All of the Vanguard funds are in a good and stable position, and overall have yielded a significant positive return.

Vanguard monies are invested conservatively in different accounts including markets such as treasuries, and the Wellington and Wellesley Funds. The Vanguard accounts are ‘growth’ accounts, whereas traditional CD’s and savings accounts used primarily in our designated funds, accrue interest. The Vanguard Funds are easily accessible as needed and as approved by the Session. The Endowment Committee continues to examine and welcome ideas for all avenues of investment.

Since our last meeting in July, the most significant transfer of monies was from the regular designated Doris Moore Scholarship Fund to the Vanguard Doris Moore Scholarship Fund. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Doris Moore family and your donations to this worthwhile cause.

The next tentative quarterly Endowment Fund Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Questions, comments, or information on opportunities for investment may be addressed by contacting any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members: Chairman Danny Aldridge, Bobby Beddingfield, Teresa Cole, Dannie Jackson, Tim Lea, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson, and Diane Aldridge.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Danny Aldridge

## **Presbyterian Women News:**

Everyone is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service. Doubs Chapel UMC will host this year on November 19th 2017 at 6:00pm. Don't forget, bring a can(s) of food for the food bank!

The church will be decorated for Christmas by the women of Circle 3.

The Angel Tree will go up shortly in the sunroom to benefit the children at Barium Springs (Children's Hope Alliance)! Please choose one or more. Thank you.

Kim Cole, Women's Moderator

## **November Birthdays**

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





**CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**32nd HARVEST FESTIVAL & AUCTION**

**Saturday, October 21**

<b>Quilt Raffle.....</b>	<b>\$2,170.00</b>
<b>Gift Shop.....</b>	<b>\$ 257.00</b>
<b>Youth Lunch.....</b>	<b>\$ 677.00</b>
<b>Country Store.....</b>	<b>\$1,729.85</b>
<b>Dinner Dine In.....</b>	<b>\$4,091.00</b>
<b>Dinner Take Out.....</b>	<b>\$3,377.00</b>
<b>Auction.....</b>	<b>\$6,750.50</b>
<b>PM Gift Cards.....</b>	<b>\$ 932.00</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$19,984.35</b>



# November 2017

November 2017							December 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	9:00am Knitting	6:30pm Handbells	6:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Circle 3 M.Mathews 6:30pm Circle 1 / church 7:00pm Circle 2 / church		
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8:20 Reach Svc. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 pm Cong. Care Min. 4:30 pm Finance Ministry 6:00 Session Meets 6:00pm, The Youth meet	9:00am Knitting	6:30pm Handbells	6:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilting		
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