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NOVEMBER WORSHIP INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Romans 9:10-24

“What’s So Great About ...Unconditional Election”

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Hebrews 12:2

“What’s So Great About...Limited Atonement?”

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Matthew 9:9

“What’s So Great About...Irresistible Grace”

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

Philippians 1:6

“What’s So Great About...the Perseverance of the Saints?”

NOVEMBER 30, 2014 (Advent 1)

Matthew 24:36-44

“Prepare Ye the Way”

From the Pastor's Desk...

- **Thanksgiving:** Before long it will be time to carve the turkey and fix those wonderful pecan pies...Thanksgiving is upon us! As we make our plans to celebrate Thanksgiving, let remember to take time not only to be thankful for the many blessing we have received but for the One who bestows those blessings upon us. We worship a God that not only created us, but who also loves us enough to send His only Son to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. And because of this we are a new creation and have received the gift of eternal life in the presence of our Heavenly Father...what better blessing for which to be thankful!
- **Community Thanksgiving Service:** On Sunday, November 23, we will once again join with some of our brothers and sisters in Christ to give thanks to God for all of his blessings. At 6:00 p.m. we will gather here at Culdee Presbyterian Church for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service of worship. The evening will include worship, special music and a reception following the service.

This opportunity for worship offers us a beautiful picture of the Kingdom of God where the divisions we often encounter—denominational differences—fade into the background as our common faith in Jesus Christ rises to the top. I hope you will join us, along with the members of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church and Fairview Baptist Church for an evening of worshipping and giving thanks to the God who created us, calls us to be His, and who promises to accompany us through all circumstances of life. Hope to see you there!

- **Newsletter Format:** We realize that many people prefer to do their reading electronically...via their computer or smart phone. If you are one of those people and would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically please contact the church office (910-295-6685) and we will be happy to send you your newsletter as a PDF attachment in an e-mail rather than through the postal service.
- **Worship CD's:** Did you know that we make CD recordings of our 11:00 worship services and that the audio versions of the sermon are posted on line? If you miss a Sunday, be sure to pick up a CD from the table outside the church office. If you do not find the CD for the particular Sunday you are looking for please feel free to contact the church office. You may also go to www.timewithpj.blogspot.com and listen to the sermons as well. This is also a great way to share a particular sermon with someone you think it might help.
- **Sunday School:** Are you currently attending a Sunday School class? If so, I want to encourage you to invite someone to join you on Sunday mornings...seek to make it a habit each week to invite a friend. If not, let me take this opportunity to encourage you to come give it a try. We currently have a variety of options available to you so one of our classes should meet your needs. I encourage you to give it a try for 2 weeks and see where God is leading you. We look for to see you there!
- **Recharge Bible Study:** The Parables of Jesus...when Jesus taught he often used parables, an ancient tool many teachers have used to communicate important lessons. On Wednesday evenings we are exploring some of the best loved parables that Jesus shared in the hopes that we will not only know them and understand them but will also be guided in our lives of faith today. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the Fellowship. See you there!

- Pastor Joe

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Ladies, upcoming events:

1) Culdee will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 23, 2014. The Culdee Women are responsible for preparing the food for this event. Our planning committee, co-chairs of the circles and any other women of the church that would like to help plan for the event, will be meeting at the Church on Sunday, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. to discuss food preparation for this event.

We will also be collecting canned goods, or money donations for the Food Bank the evening of the gathering which will go to the Food Bank.

2) We will be helping the Barium Springs Children's Home by providing Christmas gifts via the "Angel Tree" for the children at that facility. The tree and names, will be in the Sun Room on November 9th. The gifts need to be at the Church by November 28th. Let us all open our hearts as Jesus has to us, so that others will be blessed.

3) The Men of the Church will be feeding the women and family members Christmas dinner on December 5th.

God Bless All,

Robin McKenzie, PW Moderator

News From The Culdee Quilters

Thank you to everyone that helped with our quilt raffle this year. We stay busy working on lap quilts and various other projects.

We are enjoying having more help in the quilt room and we are glad to have each of you.

We are serving our Lord by helping serve our church, our community, our sick, and our elderly and we enjoy doing it.

Again, thank you for your support.

Using our talents for God's work,
Culdee Quilters

Worship/Choir News

Earlier this week we received notice from Gail Meeks that after much prayer she feels God calling her to make a change in her life. Gail's last Sunday with us will be December 28.

While we are saddened by this news, please know that the Worship Ministry Team is already working on a plan of transition and search for a new Director of Music.

Please keep Gail, and her family, in your prayers during this time. We will be sharing more information in December.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Darlene Valitutto	01
Marion Cote'	16
Luke Howle	27
Janie Taylor	05
Cole Bullard	17
Daniel Jordan.....	27
Caelyn Stewart.....	06
Steven Moon.....	19
Magdalene McKenzie	27*
Robert Dennis.....	07
Blaine Ritter.....	19
Daniel Ritter	28
Don Altman	11
Harold Clayton	20
Bonnie Black	29
Melanie Huffines	11
Steve Carlyle	21
Chris Willcox.....	30
Shaw Oldham	14
Joshua Craven.....	25
Chris Lilly	30
Justin Ritter.....	15
Kristin Lilly	25

**Magdalene will be 99 years young! She is
at Manor Care Health Services.**

CULDEE CEMETERY

In September we added three new benches to the cemetery grounds. Many stones have been repaired, sandblasted, and cleaned.

When placing holiday flowers on the graves (or any time) please remember to secure them so the wind will not blow them to other parts of the cemetery.

We thank Nelson Blue, Lonnie McKenzie, and Norman Harris for their work in the Rose Garden area.

Any concerns or questions about the cemetery call Wade Garner at 295-6990.

Sermons & Bible Studies

Visit www.timewithpj.blogspot.com for recordings of sermons, and Bible Studies, that you can listen to on-line or download to our computer to listen to later.

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

We certainly thank everyone for helping make our yearly Harvest Festival a success. We were blessed with a beautiful day, and lots of people. Thank you.

The Presbyterian Men invite everyone to join them for Thanksgiving breakfast on November 27th. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am, followed by the Thank Offering Program.

Jumping on to Christmas.....On Friday, December 5th at 6:00 pm, the Presbyterian Men will host a churchwide Christmas Dinner. Please plan to join us for a great meal and fellowship.

The Presbyterian Men will not meet on their regular night in November and December.

- Wade Garner, President

THANK OFFERING PROGRAM 2014

After the Thanksgiving Breakfast, we will have the PW Thank Offering Program.

In 1888 Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her LORD". Thus the Thank Offering was born. Presbyterian Women continue that tradition today.

In February of 2014, a committee reviewed 62 grant applications for the funds raised last year through the 2013 Thank Offering. From those 62 applications, 30 projects were chosen for funding. Seventeen projects serve people in America, and thirteen are international.

You will hear more about the chosen projects during our Thanksgiving morning program. I hope you will plan to attend the breakfast and the program!

- June Stewart

HARVEST FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

Once again, a big thank-you to all who participated in this year's Harvest Festival! We were blessed with a gorgeous day that was perfectly made-to-order for fall. It was a very long and busy day with lots of activity going on from early morning until way after the sun went down.

If you took the time to look around during the day, you would have seen tents/tables being set up at various locations around the churchyard, items being moved and arranged (sometimes accompanied by a few grunts and groans), quilt and raffle tickets being sold, craft items and baked goods being sold and enjoyed, hotdogs and fixings along with pinto beans being served and devoured. There were silent and live auction items tagged and displayed for viewing on tables as well as filling the sunroom, and running the length of the fellowship hall.

That led right to the kitchen, one of the busiest places of the day. That's where Culdee's "Flour Power" team works their magic every year, combining chicken and broth, flour, water, and salt/pepper, with years of experience and huge quantities of love, to create our mouth-watering and fairly famous chicken and dumpling dinner. Many people from surrounding communities, as well as our own 'Culdee folks', feasted on that delicious meal!

It was a wonderful day that the Lord made for us to rejoice and be glad in it. And you might be surprised to learn that meetings are already taking place to plan for next year! So get ready! There are only 50 weeks until we get to do it again!

Our GROSS total from this year's Harvest Festival is...\$22,194.34

YOUTH NEWS

- Michelle and I would like to thank everyone that donated drinks and sweet treats at the Harvest festival this year. The youth group sold approximately 230 hot dogs, about 4 lbs. of pinto beans and lots of popcorn.
- Operation Christmas Child is a project that the youth have decided to participate in this year. We have set a goal of 101 completed boxes. This project gives our entire church the opportunity for evangelism. We ask that after each box is packed with school supplies, hygiene items and toys that you and your family pray over the box. Pray that God will continue to direct this gift at the right time and the right place for the glory of His kingdom and His name. May each child and their parents know that God loves them, He cares for them and He wants them to each to be with Him in Heaven.
 - "A small shoe box can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child"
 - Boxes may be picked up at the church and we ask that they be returned no later than November 9th. Please include \$7 to cover shipping for each box.
- On November 8th, the youth are planning on preparing meals for some of our church members, shut-ins and other families in our community again this year. Our menu includes about 15 turkeys with sides. We are in need of drivers to deliver these hot meals. Approximately 10 drivers will be needed to ensure that these plates will be as hot as possible. Plates should be ready to go at 10:30 am. There will be a sign-up sheet for drivers in the sun room or please call (Mark 639-3206 or Michelle 690-1678) to volunteer to drive.

The youth will be accepting donations to help cover food expenses. Last year's receipts for this meal totaled about \$435.00.
- Thank you for all of your support in this ministry. We ask that you please be in continual prayer for Culdee, the members, the leaders and staff. Please pray for the parents, the youth and for me, Michelle, Taylor and Riley.

In Christ,
Mark & Michelle

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

New School Building in Haiti....From foundation on Aug. 11 to School on Sept. 8



During our "Revival Food Drive", 44 bags of food were donated to the Coalition.

Call For Volunteers

Habitat For Humanity needs volunteers to work in the Resale Shop, the main office, and on the construction sites. There is a place for YOU!!

Sandhills Coalition needs volunteers in the main client building to interview clients, stock the shelves and prepare food bags, and help distribute clothing. In the resale shops, they need volunteers to check people out, sort donated items, and help stock the resale buildings. What a great way to serve the community!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
2 Worship Ministry 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	3 9:00am Knitting	4 7:00pm Circle 3 --M. Mathews	5 10:00am Day Circle 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	6 9:00am Quilting 6:00pm Reach Music 7:00pm Circle 1 church 7:00pm Circle 2 Mary	7 Youth Lock-IN	8 Youth/Turkey Day Delivery
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