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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



## The Ideal Preacher



He preaches exactly twenty minutes and then sits down. He condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8:00 am. to 10:00 pm in every type of work, from preaching to taxi service. He makes three hundred dollar a week, wears good clothes, buys books regularly, has a nice family, drives a good car, and gives three hundred dollars a week to the church. He also stands ready to contribute to every good work that comes along. He is twenty-six years old and has been preaching for thirty years. He is tall and short, thin and heavysset, plain looking but handsome. He has one brown eye and one blue, hair parted in the middle, left side straight and dark, the other side wavy blonde. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and spends all his time with older folks. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes fifteen calls a day on church members, spends all of his time evangelizing the unchurched, and is never out of his office. He is truly a remarkable person....and he does not exist.  
(THE ANTIOCHERNEWS)

## Culdee Finance Ministry News

September 2018

Well, here we are in September of 2018. Lots of things are going on now. Children and parents are getting back into the routine of going to school, young people are returning to college or attending for the first time, and we celebrate Labor Day. On that note, the Finance Committee is in hopes that you all had a great summer and will continue to be blessed in the future. And yes, as a reminder, since we know that many of us will be out of town during Labor Day weekend, please remember to be safe and tithe accordingly.

The process for creating our budget for 2019 has begun. The Finance Committee has provided each ministry with a proposal worksheet to help them establish their individual budget for next year. These worksheets will be consolidated by the Finance Committee and then presented to the Session for their input and final approval. Our July Finance report indicates that although we are in an unusually positive position regarding our year to date expenses, we are \$19,417 year to date short of where we need to be for meeting our current budget. Given this situation, our budget process for 2019 will definitely be challenging.

The Finance Committee wishes you the best as we enter into our fall season. We sincerely hope it will be a great time for everyone.

**Would you like to make a difference?** 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: Mark Cole Chairman, Jim Dalton, Vice-Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart, and Danny Aldridge.

The next Finance Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

## Homecoming and Revival

Mark your calendars for September 16 -19.....Get ready for a delicious Homecoming Covered Dish Lunch and Rev. Jim Morgan will be our Revival speaker. Come and bring someone with you!

## Congregational Care

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ. Can you believe that school has started? Wow! Where has the summer gone? You know what that means, Culdee; we are starting to get busy.....Rally Day, Homecoming and Revival, and the Harvest Festival. Congregational Care met on August 5<sup>th</sup> and started talking and planning the 2018 festival. We looked at each area of the festival; especially the number of kitchen helpers needed to prepare, serve, and cleanup the chicken and dumpling dinner. We talked about the Take-Out issues we had last year while serving at least 600 take out dinners. The drive through line was backed up to the highway. We decided that this year we would set up two preparation stations for take outs and special orders. The two stations will start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 6:00 p.m. Only one station will run from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To do this, we will need HELP! HELP! If you can spoon up the plates, walk to the cars or talk to people, we need YOU for this "mission". Please, pray and seek our Lord's will as to where and when He would like you to serve in our Harvest Festival "mission field" at Culdee. The sign-up sheets are in the sunroom!!

Robin McKenzie and Karon McKenzie

## All Culdee Ladies

The women of Cameron Presbyterian Church have invited us to begin our new Bible study with them. We will meet with them at 6:00 pm. on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Cameron Presbyterian Church located on Carthage Street in Cameron. Each lady is to bring either a salad or dessert; everything else will be provided. Their interim pastor, Rev. Katherine Dudley, will give an introduction to our 2018/19 Bible Study: GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU. In this study we will be tracing the repetition of God's most frequent promise from Genesis to the end of the gospels. Our 2018/19 PW officers will be installed at this gathering. The church van will be leaving from the church parking lot at 5:30p.m. if you would like to ride together. This outing should be a time for good food, fellowship, and learning more about the wonderful promises our God has for each of us. I hope everyone will be able to attend.

On behalf of the Culdee PW and Culdee Church, I would like to thank Kim Cole for her service as President of the PW. It takes a lot of behind the scenes planning and just plain work to coordinate the duties for which our ladies are responsible. Thanks Kim, you made it look easy and fun for us! I have some big shoes to fill! Mary Ruth



### HOMECOMING/REVIVAL FOOD DRIVE

Once again we will be collecting food bags for the **SANDHILLS COALITION** during our Homecoming and Revival! Paper bags with a list of “**most needed items**” will be available before and during the services that week. It is always a good opportunity to “feed” ourselves spiritually and to help fight hunger in our community!!

### HARVEST FESTIVAL 2018

We ask you to be praying for the **2018 HARVEST FESTIVAL** coming up on **October 20**. Please consider the way(s) that **GOD** may be calling you to volunteer to help make this the most successful one yet!! It is a most wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship, and raising money for missions and projects around the church.

We look forward to expanding the offerings in the **COUNTRY STORE!** Folks arrive early to purchase coffee and ham biscuits and fried apple pies, and stay around to buy from the great selection of other baked goods, plants, arts and craft items, canned goods, and fresh produce!! We need everyone to get creative so we can have lots of different items to offer our shoppers!!!

Once again, we want to quality items in the **AUCTION** and **GIFT SHOP** that any one of us would like to bid on or purchase. If every family donated 1 or 2 newly purchased/gently used or handcrafted items, it would be super!!! To let everyone know ahead of time what items will be offered, please try to bring in your donations by the **end of September** so we can advertise them on the **CULDEE FACEBOOK** page and the **CULDEE WEBSITE** ([www.culdeechurch.net](http://www.culdeechurch.net)).

We **WILL NOT** be having a yard sale this year. We appreciate you donating such items to your favorite local charity.

The **YOUTH** will offer their **HOT DOG LUNCH!!** **Special activities for children** are being planned!!! The **QUILT RAFFLE** and the **MONEY CARD RAFFLE** are always favorites each year. The day closes with our wonderfully delicious **CHICKEN AND DUMPLING DINNER!!**

Let's all get on board and help! Blessings!!



### CHANCEL CHOIR GOES TO CARNEGE

The chancel choir has been invited along with the Community Presbyterians in Pinehurst to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 28, 2019. The choir is excited about this opportunity to be a part of the "Choir of the Carolinas" in NY. Dr. Terri Sinclair will be the conductor for this event. The musical selections will be Leavitt's *Missa Festiva*, Joseph Martin's arrangement of *God Bless America*, Wilhousky's arrangement of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and Mulholland's arrangement of *How Can I Keep From Singing*. The choir will be accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble, along with world-class soloists.

Please help support the choir.....

The choir would like to invite you to a fundraiser for this trip on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 worship you are invited to a church wide salad and stuffed potato luncheon with all the trimmings (including homemade deserts). Please mark your calendar and come hungry.

### Dulcimer Ensemble

The Culdee Dulcimer Ensemble played for the 11:00 worship service on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The group is working on music with 2 and 3 part harmonies. It is obvious they are putting in some real rehearsal time on their instruments. Sunday the congregation enjoyed 5 "Gilmore dulcimers", along with Ben Dunlop on guitar, and Brandon Blue unveiling his "banjammer", plays like a dulcimer but sounds like a banjo. They are sounding AMAZING! Please encourage these musicians as we grow our ministry in the church and in the community.



### REACH has musical kids in training

REACH has some “new” percussionist’s. Taylor, Macy, and “Little James”, are keeping the beat with Harold Thompson for the REACH praise team. They are eager and willing to help sing and “shake, rattle and roll” with the music. What a blessing it is to hear these young people use their talents to praise the Lord! Be sure to cast a glance toward the front and look for the “little ones”, they sure will bless your day and make you smile! Keep up the good work kiddos! You are sounding GRRRRRRREAT!



B I N G O was a blast! The church family gathered to play BINGO Sunday afternoon July 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone brought their “trash” to become someone else’s treasure. It was a lot of fun! Culdee folks are very competitive about their games with really cool prizes. There were treasures of all sorts.....beautiful jewelry, hats, knives (for the guys), Thank you for everyone who wonderful afternoon. We cream supper.....vanilla, vanilla fudge swirl, sherbet. What a wonderful all who helped organize everything and thank you to Jim Stewart for calling the Bingo game.



candles, housewares, crocheted books, great toys for the kids. participated. It was a were also treated to an ice chocolate, cookies and cream, neopolitan, and rainbow time everyone had. Thanks to



## Right Now Media

With the approval of the session, Culdee will launch Right Now Media for use by our congregation in their homes as well as Sunday school classes, Children's church, women's circles, men's meetings, Bible Studies and many other possibilities. Right Now Media is the Netflix of Christian materials offering the following:

- Over 2000 Christian curriculum videos that are updated and produced constantly
- Resources for daily walks with God for individuals in their homes
- Bible studies for varying ages and groups
- Studies of each book of the Bible as well as video guided group studies of the Bible
- Opportunities for clips to use in Bible studies (Circle meetings, Men's meetings, etc.)
- Children's materials for church as well as home such as 2500 animated Biblical stories for children, Biblical cartoons for children, animated parables, downloadable materials
- Studies for leadership, Outreach, Evangelism, as well as studies on Parenting and marriage
- Youth studies and videos are available for Sunday School and Youth Groups
- These topics are designed to enhance our current curriculums not replace them

This opportunity will be made available to members of our church by submitting your email address. Once we submit these emails to Right Now Media and our official launch takes place, an invitation to join Right Now Media will appear in your email. Follow the instructions given in the email and you can immediately access the available materials. Right Now Media can be streamed using Wi-Fi on a Firestick, Roku, Chromecast, iPad, cell phones and other streaming devices. Firestick and Roku devices typically cost about \$30 - \$40. We are excited about this opportunity to explore the materials and utilize them to enhance our walk with God.

Please SUBMIT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS to the office by September 2<sup>nd</sup> in order for Right Now Media to be available by mid-September.

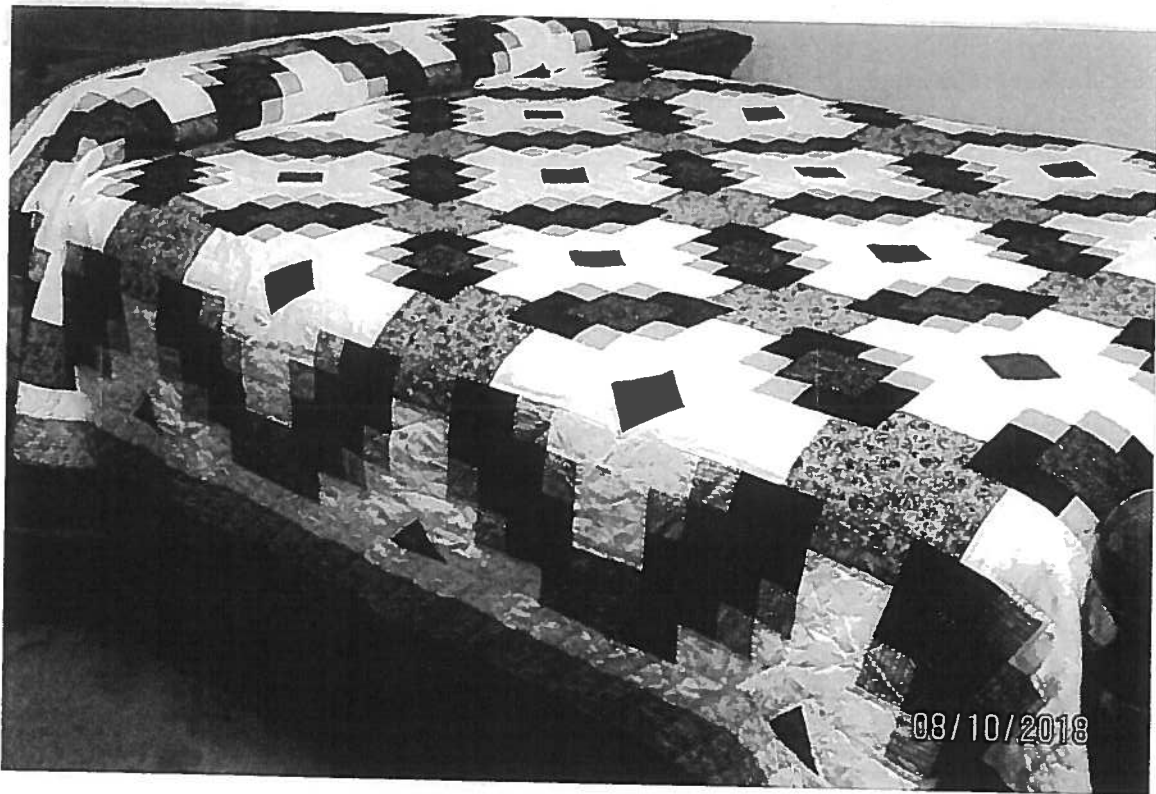
If you have expertise in the technology field, we are in need of your help as we begin to install Right Now media on member's devices and in our classrooms. We are sure there will be many problems that can be solved easily with your knowledge. Please let Vickie Metha or Patti Burke know of your willingness to help.

### **"Sight for sore eyes"**

On Aug 21st it was a awesome sight to see Ann Savage walk through the office door. She looks GREAT! We have missed seeing her around so much. She said she could "wallpaper the wall with all of her get well cards". She also said she felt the prayers of everyone here at church. We love and missed you Ann. Welcome back!

### **KING SIZE QUILT**

On Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> the Culdee Quilters unveiled their beautiful creation for the harvest festival. "Walk Around the Block" is the name of this exquisite black, white, grey and red quilted masterpiece. Please consider buying some raffle tickets with the chance to win this beautiful work of art. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10.00 per book. The quilt will be given away on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The Culdee Quilters are Judy McKenzie, Joan Garner, Lib Burgess, Sharon Moon, Carolyn McKenzie, Joan Altman, Ann Savage, and Connie Marion.



***BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY !***



# Haiti Help and Hope

*\*Making a difference to the lost and broken in Haiti\**



## Fundraiser

*for the Children at  
Lahai Roi School  
in Haiti*

*Featuring*  
**The Sand Band**



**Food & Drink Available  
for Purchase...  
Bring a lawn chair  
or blanket!**



**September 9, 2018**

**4 PM - 7 PM**

**Rubicon Farm**



**Rain Date  
Sept. 30, 2018**

**564 Rubicon Road, West End, NC  
(off NC Hwy. 73)**

**Advanced Tickets \$20.00**

♥ **Children 12 & under FREE**

**Family Event -  
No Alcohol  
Please!**

Tickets available at -  
First Bank at Pinecrest Plaza  
Kalawi/Ben's Ice Cream • Highlander Farm  
or Call Sylvia Pusser (910) 639-7733 • Nancy Howle (910) 947-2306  
All Proceeds will go to feeding & educating the children  
at Lahai Roi School in Haiti  
Haiti Help and Hope is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Organization



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Ian McRae	01	Elaina Aponte	15
Ethan Pate	02	Haven McRae	16
Gavin Sims	02	Lauren Tierney	19
Patti Burke	03	Kara Jordan	20
Crystal Carrico	05	Lonnie McKenzie	20
Joshua Carrico	07	Lauren Bobo	23
Wally Burke	07	Ashley McKenzie	23
Adam Kemp	07	John Nelson Sherard	23
Floyd Black	08	Mark Seawell	25
Pearl Frye	09	Jimmy Lea	26
Laine Lea	10	Lindsey Williamson	26
Hannah Whitesell	10	Harold Tolbert	27
Angelia Washburn	11	Becky Bowen	28
Macey Craven	12	Larry Furr	28
Bruce Hamilton	13	Robin McKenzie	28
Lauren Palmerton	14	Camden Vest	28
Eli Carrico	14	Sarah Cole	29
Melanie Thompson	14	Louise Cox	29
Ryan Marino	14	Teresa Cole	30
Emily Marion	15	Cheryl Smith	30



### **Happy Birthday Edith**

On August 10<sup>th</sup> the quilters surprised Edith with a birthday cake in her honor. It was a delicious celebration shared with really good friends. A great time was had by all. May God bless Edith for all she does for our church family. Happiest of Birthdays Edith! We love you!

### **Thanksgiving Community Service**

On the evening of Nov18th at 6:00 the community will gather at Culdee Presbyterian to hold their Thanksgiving service. There will be a community choir being represented by all of the churches in the community. Please be on the lookout in the bulletin for rehearsal times for this choir. It is sure to be a lot of fun and a wonderful thankful experience for the community.

### **Special Thanks!**

The Chancel Choir was on a summer sabbatical during the month of July. We had several soloist take the choirs place during worship in order for this to transpire. Thank you to Mike Marion, Gail Farmer, Richard Dunlop, Jim Dalton and Lionel Bryson for all of your hard work during July. It was such a blessing to hear from you all. The choir certainly enjoyed their break!



### **Homecoming and Revival**

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> will be the 132<sup>nd</sup> Homecoming for Culdee. We will alter the times of the services that morning with Sunday School at 9:45, and 11:00 Worship followed by dinner on the grounds. Our minister will be Pastor Jim Morgan. He will also be bringing our Revival messages beginning on Sunday night the 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Please plan on being here for this special week in the life of our church. You will be glad you did.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 26	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1
2 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	3 9:00am Knitting	4 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	5 6:30pm Choir Practice	6 9:00am Quilting	7	8
9 4:30pm Finance Min. 9:30am RALLY DAY 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	10 9:00am Knitting	11 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Handbells	12 6:30pm Choir Practice	13 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Session Meeting	14	15
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