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# Culdee Newsletter

## Culdee Presbyterian Church

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### 2017 SESSION

#### 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



## Coalition Food Drive

**HOMECOMING and REVIVAL , September 17 – 20** gives us an opportunity to be fed spiritually and physically! In that spirit, we will once again pass out grocery bags, the week before, with an attached grocery list for the **SANDHILLS COALITION**. Collection boxes in the Sun Room or the church vestibule will be available during the week.

## Presbyterian Women's News

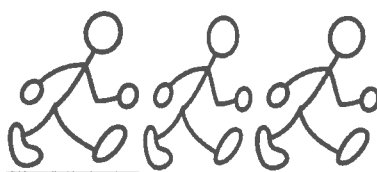
I would like to thank Jewell Vest, June Stewart and Ann Savage for joining me and representing Culdee WOC at the Presbyterian Women of Coastal Carolina Fall Gathering held August 19<sup>th</sup> at McPherson Presbyterian Church. The gathering was well attended. Attendees participated in two workshops after the plenary.

The spring gathering will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Carthage on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information on Presbyterian women, visit the website at <http://www.presbyterianwomenncp.org/>.

Culdee will host the joint meeting September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. All women are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert.

If you are not a member of a circle and would like to join, please let me know.

Kim Cole, Moderator



**Come Walk with Us!**

Walking 101 on Mondays

6:00 – 8:00 here at the church.

Join us for fellowship, fun, fitness.

## Music Notes

### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir has begun work on the Christmas music for their December 10<sup>th</sup> concert at 4:00. It is going to be a wonderful worship service full of the spirit of Christmas. Mark your calendars for this special date.

We would like to thank Jim and Linda Dalton for gifting the choir with a 300 page hole punch. We named it "the Beast"! It will certainly get the job done in the choir room. Thanks again to the Daltons!

### Mountain Lap Dulcimers

Our Dulcimer group is working hard on Wednesday nights. We have a large group doing a fantastic job. We are about ready to separate into musical sections where we will be smaller groups working together on different projects. When everyone is able to come to rehearsal we have 16 players. We are looking forward to hearing from them on Homecoming Sunday and the week of Revival. Our very own Brandon Blue will be playing a dulcimer solo for us during this week. He has done a wonderful job at tackling this instrument. We also have another young man who has done an exceptional job, Austin Aponte has taken the instrument and made it sing. Then there was Mikey who led the entire group in strumming patterns last week....flawlessly I might add too! It is going to be fun to see what kind of musical rides this group will take us on during worship. If you happen to have a dulcimer that you are not using or no longer want we might could find a good

### Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will resume rehearsal on September 5, 2017 with brand new beautifully refurbished handbells. They sound and look amazing. We are looking forward to hearing from this choir during homecoming and revival services.

### REACH Music

Thank you to all of those singers/musicians who have been helping with the REACH music. You are such a valuable member of the team and we couldn't do it without you. It takes a lot of dedication to get to church before 7:30 on Sunday morning but you guys get there with big ole smiles on and ready to work. Thank you for all of your efforts. You guys are amazing! To God Be the Glory!

**Patrick Howle** (Tim and Nancy's son) sang for the 11:00 worship service on August 13<sup>th</sup>. What a glorious voice! It was such a joy to hear his beautiful arrangement of "Blessed Assurance" and "At the River". We are hoping that he will be able to come again in December. We were certainly blessed by his gift and are looking forward to hearing from him in the near future. Thanks again Patrick for sharing!

## Presbyterian Men's News

All men and young men are encouraged to come out to the Presbyterian Men's meeting each fourth Thursday of the month. We carry out the men's business of the church, eat a delicious meal and enjoy the fellowship with one another. See you on September 21st at 7:00 pm.

Wade Garner, PM President

## Culdee Quilters

As of this month we presented our Named Brick Quilt to the church. This quilt has 554 names on it. When you look at it, if at first you don't see your name—keep looking! All of the names were embroidered by Joan Garner and most of the top assembled by Joan. So, when you see Joan, please tell her how much you appreciate her hard work. Later, this quilt will be put in a frame & hung in the hallway of the fellowship building. We would like to thank everybody that participated by giving us your names and your donation.

**QUILT RAFFLE TIME!** On August 20<sup>th</sup> we presented our beautiful fall quilt to the church. This quilt will be raffled at our Harvest Festival on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are “pink” and are \$1.00 each or book of 10 for \$10. They are in the church office or check with any of the quilters. Also, in the office we have made fliers with a picture of the quilt if you would like to display at your job sight. We need everyones help to sell tickets! We love what we do & we thank God for the ability to do this for our church and for our Lord.

THE CULDEE QUILTERS - Joan Altman, Lib Burgess,  
Joan Garner, Connie Marion, Carolyn McKenzie, Judy  
McKenzie, Sharon Moon, and Ann Savage

## Worship Committee

Please be in prayer for our coming revival, beginning Sunday September 17 and continuing through Wednesday, September 20. Our guest minister this year is Rev. Samuel P. Warner, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, NC.

Invite friends and neighbors to join us as we enter into this time of worship.

Also, please continue to keep our Culdee family in your prayers as we enter into this time of change in the life of our church. There is sadness, and there is excitement as we seek God's will while we move forward. We know that we are a part of God's perfect plan and our charge is to carry out His work through sharing His word with others.

Nelson and Janie

## Session Notes

### MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2017

The Session met on Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 with a quorum of Elders in attendance.

**Guests:** Cathy McRae, West Community COM Liaison

**Lighting of the CHRIST candle:** Mark Seawell

**Moderator of Session:** Rev. Barbara Hedin

**Call to Order:** Rev. Hedin

**Devotion and Opening Prayer:** Amber Clayton, Elder of the Month

**Clerk's Report:** Active Membership Roll is 282

**Consent Agenda:** Approved as read.

- Stated Session of July 9; Congregational Meeting of July 16; Called Meeting of July 23

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Elders discussed Chapters 7 and 8 in Autopsy of a Deceased Church.

By motion and second (Don Williamson/Bob Beddingfield) the Elders approved the formation of an Interim Pastor Search Committee. The members will be Nelson Pusser, Janie Taylor, and Mark Seawell.

By Consensus, it was agreed to schedule the September Stated Session meeting for Thursday, September 14 at 6:30.

**REPORTS** from the Session Ministries were received.

Meeting was adjourned and the closing prayer was given by Rev. Hedin

## Congregational Care Ministry

September is here; cooler weather is in our thoughts! Lots of special events are coming our way!

The **HARVEST FESTIVAL** is one of those events!!! Hope you have looked on the CULDEE website [www.culdeechurch.net](http://www.culdeechurch.net) and the CULDEE Facebook page and seen some of the items that will be available in our AUCTION; in the GIFT SHOP, or in the COUNTRY STORE. It is exciting!!! In particular, we are asking each family to donate at least 2 new or gently used prospects for the auction. Think about things that you would be willing to bid on

yourself....home goods; gift certificates; rounds of golf; services (car wash, hair, manicures); handcrafted wood and metal items, etc. All will be appreciated!!

**REMEMBER**...we will NOT have a yard sale (donate those items to your favorite charity).

The **HF** sign-up sheets listing all the needed food items and **VOLUNTEERS** will be up very soon! It is **never TOO early** to let us know where you would like to serve. We need **EVERYONE** to take part any way they can!!

Call the office, June Stewart, or Robin McKenzie if you have something that needs to be stored in the trailer!!

As always, thank you to all who have contributed to and/or served the families after a funeral.

June Stewart and Robin McKenzie

## Culdee Finance Ministry News

Do you have a budget for your household and/or yourself? Sometimes it's hard to manage, isn't it? It can be like a diet which you start with the best intentions but somewhere along the way something comes along and all of a sudden, you realize the weight you have lost is on its way back! Unexpected things just happen!

As you know, Culdee has a budget which is managed by your chosen Ministries who are tasked with monitoring expenses and keeping them within their particular budgets. As we have mentioned in earlier articles we are experiencing a shortfall in tithing. The fact that we remain in a stable condition is because each ministry is sticking to its diet!

Continuing our diet analogy, we need to be thinking of any surprises/temptations that may loom ahead before year end. It's obvious that we must be concerned about our tithing.

The Finance Committee has begun the budget process for 2018. After some initial work, the Ministries are preparing their individual budgets and then the Session will make the final approval. The budget will then be presented to you.

The monies in our regular designated funds and our Vanguard investments continue to be monitored and adjustments made as needed. Specifics regarding these monies can be found on the monthly finance insert in the bulletin.

**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: Danny Aldridge Chairman, Bobby Beddingfield, Vice-Chairman, Tim Lea, Jene Bowen, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Ann Savage, and Jim Stewart.

## September Birthdays

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

## 5 x 5 Reading Plan

9/4 2 Cor. 9	9/11 1 Tim. 1	9/18 1 Tim. 6	9/25 Titus 1
9/5 2 Cor. 10	9/12 1 Tim. 2	9/19 2 Tim. 1	9/26 Titus 2
9/6 2 Cor. 11	9/13 1 Tim. 3	9/20 2 Tim. 2	9/27 Titus 3
9/7 2 Cor. 12	9/14 1 Tim. 4	9/21 2 Tim. 3	9/28 1 John 1
9/8 2 Cor. 13	9/15 1 Tim. 5	9/22 2 Tim. 4	9/29 1 John 2

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
3 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth meet	4 LABOR DAY	5 6:30pm Handbells	6 6:00pm Finance Min 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	7 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm PW Joint Mtg.	8	9
10 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Haiti Fundraiser	11 9:00am Knitting	12 6:30pm Handbells	13 6:00pm Dulcimer Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	14 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Stated Session Meeting	15	16
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