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## **THE CULDEE CONNECTION**

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*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

*Jesus, in Acts 1:8*

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Pentecost at Culdee Church. This is the Sunday each year that we remember God's Spirit made manifest for believers in Jerusalem, after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Spirit showed up in a powerful way at the Jewish celebration of Shavuot, or Pentecost. Thus, as Christians we have inherited the name "Pentecost" for our celebration of the amazing event described for us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts in our New Testament.

I encourage you to wear "the colors of flame;" red, yellow, or orange, for our June 8<sup>th</sup> worship so that these colors of the celebration of Pentecost will be evident in our sanctuary! I also encourage you to read the second chapter of Acts before our June 8<sup>th</sup> worship and consider how God might speak to us through this passage, to inform and empower the witness and work of Culdee Church.

Connie Weaver, Pastor

## NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION OF MAY 12, 2025

**June Stewart, Clerk**

The meeting was held in Room A/Session Room in the Fellowship Hall building at 6:00 p.m. with all Elders in attendance and Rev. Connie Weaver serving as Moderator.

- **Year 2024 in the Session Book** was reviewed and approved by Presbytery on April 30.
- The **Stated Session minutes of April 13, 2025**, were received as amended.
- The next **West Community Presbytery meeting** will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Raeford on **June 14**; Johnie Marion will be our Ruling Elder Commissioner attending this meeting.
- Approval was given to going forward with plans for new **church t-shirts**.
- The **Financial Report for April 2025** was reviewed and received.
- Reminder: **Vacation Bible School with Camp Monroe** will be **June 23 – 27**.
- Reminder: **“South Ridge Band”** and **Ice Cream Party** on Sunday, **June 29** from 4 – 6 in the Fellowship Hall.



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PLANNING MEETING

PW will begin a new year in September. All interested women are invited to attend a planning meeting to be held on **Monday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Session Room. We will be reviewing and updating the present PW's Handbook and considering all suggestions, questions or concerns anyone may bring forth. Please plan on attending!!



John David Privott	01	Leslie Stubbs	10
Alexander Privott	01	Cathy Salargo	12
Iaiden Washington	01	Marshall Sweat	13
Jackson Moricle	01	Lih Burgess	18
Jared Rivas	03	Wayne Burgess	18
Linda Upole	03	Norman Shields	19
Rusty Oakman	04	Taylor Seawell	20
Connie Barber	05	Mills Hodge	25
Gregg Vest	05	Wayne Black	25
Richard Blue	06	Corey Curlee	26
Fairley Cameron	07	Dustin Thamm	28
Joe Weaver	07		
Danielle Pate	08		
Wade Garner	10		



**JUNE**  
*Is My Birthday Month.*  
**Yea, The Whole Month.**

## Congregational Care News

Congregational Care Ministry would like to give "Special Thanks" to Martha and Rick Mathews for our delicious Senior Luncheon which was held on May 4th. We also give many thanks for all their helpers: Mark, Michelle and Riley Seawell, Beverly Furr, Diane Aldridge, Stephanie Barber, Jamie Martin and Matt Williamson. All their hard work for us seniors is very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank those who donated "door prizes" and made the delicious desserts.



## SANDHILLS CROP HUNGER WALK UPDATE

The **2025 SANDHILLS CROP HUNGER WALK** raised \$23,969.36; a wonderful testimony to the many participating walkers and/or donors from across our county!! Twenty-five percent of the total will stay in Moore County; Sandhills Moore Coalition will use the money to provide vouchers for elementary and high school students to buy new tennis shoes for the upcoming new school year.





Thank you for supporting our mission projects for Family Promise and Church World Services. These donations are making a difference in our community and world!

Upcoming projects for the month of June include:

**Church World Service - Travel size deodorant and shampoo**

VOLUNTEERS are needed to stuff bags with the items collected. YOUTH are encouraged to participate. See June, Karon, or Melissa.

**Family Promise - Bottles of Antibacterial spray cleaner**

Family Promise is also requesting donations of small couches (Love seat/2 seater) to use in apartments as residents transition to permanent housing.

Donations can be placed in the sunroom. This is truly appreciated.

We're excited to announce that our official Culdee t-shirts are available for purchase. These shirts are a great way to show unity, share your faith, and represent our church family wherever you go. Children and youth t-shirts will be provided at no cost. Adult t-shirts are \$11.



Finally, our Outreach meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> right after church in the session room. Please join us!

Please contact Melissa Bailey (813-541-0295) or Karon McKenzie (910-639-7383) to place t-shirt orders and/or to donate a small couch.

**Christian Education**

It has been exciting to see our new Sunday School classes actually begin to happen! There are 2 classes meeting in the basement – a class for 3-4 year olds taught by Karon McKenzie and a class for children Kindergarten up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade taught by Stephanie Barber and Jamie Martin.

June Stewart's JOY class continues to meet in the Session room and the class taught by Johnie Marion meets in the Children's Church Room.

Please come join us at 9:00am as we resume our Sunday School study of God's word.



Bible School is quickly approaching. Invitation letters have gone out to the youth who participated last year, as well as others who attended the Sunday Funday youth activities. This is a great opportunity for our youth to participate in this program provided to us by Camp Monroe staff. The dates this year are June 23-27 and will include 3 days (M-W) of worship and activities here at Culdee. Thursday the campers will travel to Camp Monroe for an overnight stay and return on Friday. We will be asking for donations for lunches and snacks on Monday-

Wednesday, and if you are interested in sponsoring a camper this year, call the office for information.

Please be in prayer for these young people as they experience God in their lives and learn more about Christian living.



## Tuesday Morning Music Group With No Name

Tuesday mornings provide many sounds coming from the fellowship hall. There is the sound of voices calling greetings to friends, sounds of musical instruments being checked out, laughter, and an occasional pleasing melody easy to listen to. Our instruments include piano, ukeleles, guitars, fiddle, autoharp and amazing singing voices.

This Tuesday morning group with no name thrives on making music and searches for opportunities to share it with others. Our hope is that the music we play will bring as much joy to others as it does to us.

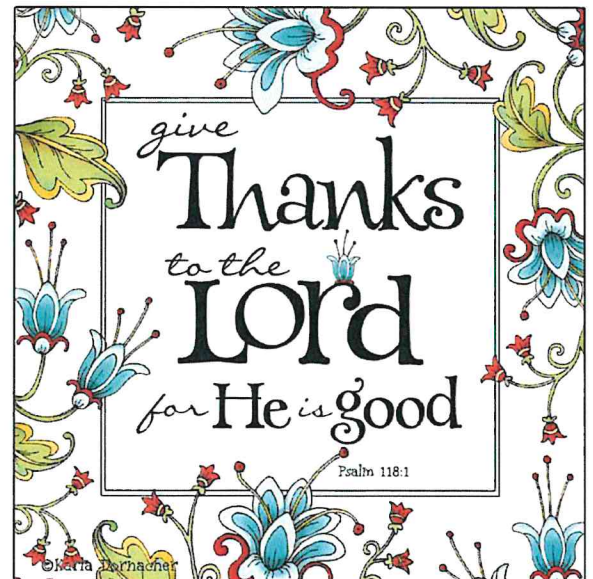


We play a wide variety of music – folk, county, bluegrass, and gospel. Most of the songs were popular before 1980 since that is when most of us were seriously listening to music.

Our mission in sharing our music has given us several opportunities to go into our community to play for others. So far, we have been to Terra Bella Retirement Community and their Memory Care unit, Brookdale Senior Living facility, Fox Hollow Senior Living center, and Southern Pines Gracious Retirement Living. We have been warmly welcomed at each performance and invited to return to each one.

Our wish in sharing our music is that we can bless these individuals as much as they bless us with their smiles, laughter, and singing along with us!

We would love for you to come and listen. Just call the office to make sure the group is at Culdee on that day.



COME JOIN US AS WE SPEND AN  
'AFTERNOON WITH BLUEGRASS'

FEATURING THE BLUEGRASS BAND

SOUTH RIDGE

Culdee Presbyterian Church

June 29, 2025 (4:00 - 6:00 pm)



Come join the fun and fellowship as the musicians of South Ridge share their musical talents while performing traditional, gospel and original bluegrass compositions such as: Fox on the Run, Foggy Mountain Breakdown, Dooley, I'll be no Stranger There, Mansion Over the Hilltop, Nobody Lives Here Anymore, Carolina Moon and many more. Ice Cream will be served during intermission.

## Meet your Session Members



**Audrey Chacon:** During the week, Audrey works at Pinehurst Medical Clinic where she is employed as a Cardiac Electrophysiology Device Nurse and Lead Nurse over Cardiology. On the weekends, she works as a Medical Examiner for North Carolina, primarily in Moore County. Audrey enjoys working in her yard and garden and spending time with family and her two German Shepherds. She feels blessed to have her mother living with her and her daughter building a house next door. She is very thankful for Culdee Church, Pastor Connie and the wonderful church family.

**Danny Aldridge:** Danny Earl, as his mother called him, was raised in Caswell County, North Carolina, where he learned a lot about farming, especially tobacco. While growing up, he played in a rock band for 7 years. After graduating from UNC Chapel Hill with a degree in business administration in 1975, he moved to Moore County. He is also an Auto Body Technician graduate of Sandhills Community College where he learned skills that allow him to restore classic vehicles which he loves to do in his shop. Currently a happy, grateful, busy retiree, his career consisted of over 40 years in Human Resources with three manufacturing companies. He and his wife Diane have four children and nine grandchildren. He also enjoys working and entertaining at their lake house and serving as an Elder.



A MERRY HEART  
DOETH GOOD  
LIKE A MEDICINE.  
PROVERBS 17:22

## Finance Ministry

The May Finance meeting was very productive and informative with several items that were discussed.

A special Thank You to Diann Fortune, Faye Ritter, Catherine Sears, and Green Haven Landscapes, LLC for their commitment and time that was placed into the parking lot landscaping project. The willow oaks, helleri holly, centipede sod, and pine bark mulch look great and will be enjoyed for many years to come.



Every three years, your Finance Ministry receives quotes from several different insurance companies to make sure that we have the best insurance with the best rate. This was completed last year, and our annual renewal has been processed with North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Moore County Tax Department sent out the AV10 Property Tax Audit. These forms are required to be filled out for each property the church owns to make sure that the property is still eligible for tax exemption. The forms were received by the Moore County Tax Office and the properties will still maintain the tax exemption.

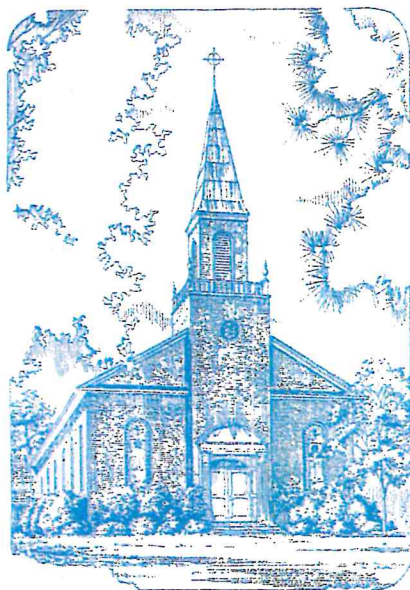
On your April Finance Report, the Stifel Nicolaus Investments are showing a total year to date realized and unrealized loss of \$1,248.21. Please know that your Finance Ministry watches this and understands that this has been a rough start to the year and the best course of action is to stick with the current investments.

The annual Harvest Festival is quickly approaching. Your Finance Ministry oversees the auction and yard sale. We need your help with gathering items for both the auction and yard sale. If you need help with getting items to the church, please reach out to anyone within the Finance Ministry. This includes Shannon Bullard, Danny Aldridge, Faye Riggsbee, Roy Anderson, Ann Savage, and Stephanie Barber.



We are all committed to what is best for Culdee. Please know that if you have questions or concerns, we are always open for questions and suggestions.

Your Finance Chair,  
Shannon Bullard



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*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what He has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8*

### **Culdee Presbyterian Mission**

Culdee Presbyterian Church will build caring relationships with our local and global community while proclaiming the Word of God and building up our faith community.

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