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## THE CULDEE CONNECTION

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Welcome to this issue of our Culdee Church newsletter. I hope you will take a moment to look at the news and upcoming events noted in this issue. I want to extend thanks to all those who had a hand in my installation service and reception on July 24<sup>th</sup>. It was gratifying to see so many of you present for the service, and to enjoy once again a lovely reception afterward in the fellowship hall.

I'm sorry to have missed worshipping with you on July 17<sup>th</sup> after my husband and I tested positive for COVID. I'm thankful that Kevin Gregory could be present on short notice, to preach and lead worship on the 17<sup>th</sup>. My sermon that day would have been the final message in the series on gratitude, celebrating the fact that we are made to live forever with Christ. Especially in the face of recent loss for so many in our Culdee family, I'm thankful that we can be assured of God's love for us in Jesus Christ, of Christ's sacrifice to secure our salvation, and of Christ's preparation of our heavenly home as we are seeking to serve him.

I pray you will know this assurance in Jesus Christ, and that we at Culdee Church will share this Good News will all whom Christ calls us to serve.

Connie Weaver  
Pastor

**NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF JULY 10**

The meeting was held in Room A of the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of elders in attendance and Rev. Connie Weaver moderating.

The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of June 12 and the Congregational Meeting of June 26 were approved as amended.

Approved a motion to receive Joe Weaver as a member of Culdee Presbyterian by Letter of Transfer from Hebron Presbyterian Church in Manakin-Sabot, Virginia.

The Monthly Financial Report was received into the record, and thanks were extending to those who prepared the report.

The motion was approved to change the Communion date in October to the 9<sup>th</sup> and have Homecoming and Revival beginning on October 2.

The motion to schedule the Harvest Festival Fundraiser ( 35% to Mission Fund and 65% to Buildings and Grounds' projects) on Saturday, November 5 was approved.

The Installation Service for Rev. Connie Weaver will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 24.



**Hygiene Kits for Church World Services**

Please consider donating a hygiene kit in a gallon Ziplock bag or you can donate individual items to help make up the kits. The picture shows the needed items. Three of the items need to be in their wrappers.....the bar of soap, the band aids, and the toothbrush. The other items are to be taken out of their packages (the comb should have 4–6-inch teeth). The lighter weight of the hand towels and washcloths that you can buy at Dollar General or Dollar Tree make them good choices for the kit.

Continuing conflicts, plus natural and man-made disasters around our country and the world create a year-round need for these kits. You may bring them to the sunroom or drop them in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. *Blessings, June*

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

|                |    |                  |    |
|----------------|----|------------------|----|
| Sadie Cuff     | 01 | Lisa Campbell    | 20 |
| Jackie Thamm   | 04 | Myers Buckley    | 21 |
| Sarah Cuff     | 05 | Grace Bowen      | 22 |
| Tracy Vest     | 09 | Deelie Whitesell | 23 |
| Eli Black      | 09 | Jackson Aldridge | 23 |
| Tammy Parsons  | 11 | Nancy Howle      | 25 |
| Wayne Vest     | 11 | Kristy Taylor    | 25 |
| Zach Marks     | 11 | Norman Harris    | 25 |
| Nelson Blue    | 12 | Dana Vest        | 26 |
| Ray Barber     | 13 | Skylar Lilly     | 26 |
| Tony Rouse     | 15 | Sharon Cuff      | 30 |
| Peyton Martin  | 15 | Jed Black        | 30 |
| Eve Williamson | 18 | Lisa Huffines    | 30 |
| Andrew Craven  | 19 | Wyatt Cole       | 31 |



Sunday, July 24 was a very special day for Culdee Presbyterian Church. After nearly 5 years without an installed pastor, we were blessed to install Rev. Connie Weaver as our minister.

The long months of searching by the PNC and waiting and praying by the entire congregation, came to a close with the installation of Pastor Weaver.



God truly did have us in the palm of his hand during the entire process and answered our prayers in a wonderful way.

Pastor Connie welcomed as her installation commission: Rev. Laura Lupton, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina; Rev. Beth Olker, pastor of Macedonia Church in Candor; Ms. Joyce Ray, elder at Ingram Branch Church; Mrs. Diann Fortune, PNC Chair and elder of Culdee Church; Rev. David Speering, honorably retired, Charlotte Presbytery; Mr. Oscar Pace, elder at Barbecue Church; and Rev. Rick Martindale, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Carthage.



**Welcome to Culdee, Rev. Weaver, and thank you for accepting God's call to be our pastor.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Ed Ministry appreciates the support shown by the Culdee Family assisting in our Vacation Bible School. Twenty-two campers attended this year. The partnership we have formed with Camp Monroe provides a unique opportunity for our Culdee youth. Camp Monroe provided four counselors Monday thru Wednesday forming strong bonds with the youth before the overnight camping experience. They provided worship and fun! On Thursday, twenty youth traveled to Camp Monroe. The camper's biblical study for the week focused on being a hero by welcoming others, being a friend, accepting others, giving, rejoicing, and sharing the good news. The highlight of the overnight experience according to the youth was the zip line and the high-flying swing!

As we continue this mission in Christian Ed, we are amazed at how easily youth bond together, nurture each other and share their faith. A lesson for us all!

We will resume planning for September's Sunday Funday and how to move our program forward. We would appreciate any ideas and assistance anyone has to offer!

Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke



# VBS 2022





## Going to Camp Monroe





## Learn, Engage, Give, Act, Connect, & Yearn

Hey everyone! I wanted to update everyone on some exciting things that we have discussed this month when we have met. Starting in September, I will have a calendar for each meeting and activity that we will have each month! We have some exciting things to look forward to and memories to make together!

Please remember that next Sunday, [July 31st](#), we will be meeting at the home of our new pastor, Connie Weaver, (across the street from the church at the manse) at 5:30pm for pizza and games! Connie would like for us to make this a regular thing every other month or so. I think I shall call it "Party with the Pastor." Haha!

On [September 24th](#) we will be going on a day trip to the Navy vs. ECU game in Greenville, NC! We will be seeing Austin and Jaiden that day! Please let me know by [August 7th](#) if you are planning to attend so that I can purchase group tickets and make sure we have travel arrangements.

We will have a day at Lake Tillery on Saturday, [August 27th](#) to celebrate the beginning of our year together as well as the start of our school year! We will meet at the lake at 10:30am and have food, fun, and fellowship until 5:00pm! Please let me know if you will be attending and if you will need a ride!

We will continue Jaiden's Eagle Scout Project by keeping "Fleece for Peace" alive! We will have an event this fall where we invite members of our church and community to donate fleece and come together for a day of making blankets to give to an agency in our community that serves those in need. More information to come!

Other activities that we would like to do include bowling, community service projects, escape room, zipline, canoe trip, ski trip, hosting luncheons after church every other month, fundraisers, and participating in the church services.

I know the last few years have been tough in so many ways. I want us to work on getting back together and spending time with each other Learning, Engaging, Giving, Acting, Connecting, and Yearning for the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus and each other! Please call me any time at 910-638-9190. Love you!! Celeste

## Outreach/Worship Ministry

### New Member

Mr. Joe Weaver, husband of Pastor Connie, joined with us as our newest member of Culdee. Mr. Weaver was born and raised in Valdese, NC. Growing up, he was active in sports and later graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in Accounting and Business in 1974. He operates an accounting firm in Asheboro. He enjoys playing instruments and has already played with our dulcimer group. He is the father of three sons, all married.



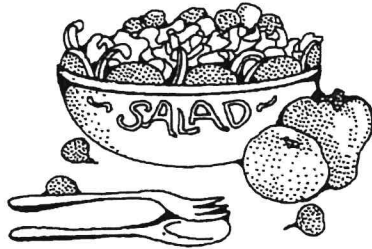
### Ice-cream Social

On Sunday, **August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm** we will celebrate Culdee's Ice Cream Day as a way to raise money for Outreach Missions. Ice Cream has been donated by Highlander's Farm. Our ladies will be bringing cookies and toppings. Michael Money will be providing our music on the grand piano. Please come prepared to make a donation to our worthy missions.

### Sound Class/Training

Anyone who is interested and or willing to operate the sound system, please see myself or Brandon Blue. We are hoping to get enough people so that we can set up a rotation either by week or by month. Retirees welcome as we may have needs during weekdays.

## CULDEE SISTER'S SALAD SOCIAL



Please join us at 5:00 pm

September 11, 2022

Culdee Fellowship Hall

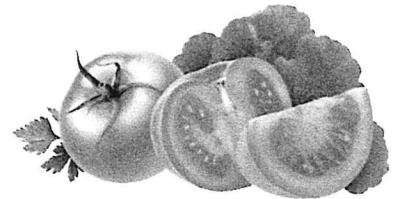
For the Second Annual Salad Social

Let's get together to eat, laugh and visit!!

Ladies from 1-100 are invited!

Bring your favorite salad and join us!

Hope to see you there!



### Homecoming/Revival

This year we plan to have a traditional Homecoming Meal to celebrate 136 year of Culdee's faithful service to God. The date is different but there is always plenty of food and fellowship. Homecoming will be held on Sunday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. More information is to come.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is returning this year! What we can tell you at this time is the date will be Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Unfortunately we will not be serving chicken and dumplings. We have our session ministries in charge of various area:

Auction – Finance Committee  
Country Store – Congregational Care  
Advertising, trash take out – Christian Education  
Servers, food – Building & Grounds and Outreach/Worship

Hopefully our youth will provide hotdogs at lunch and of course, our quilters will be busy selling raffle tickets. **Save the date.** More information will be provided soon.

*Robert Barber & Darlene Valitutto*

## Congregational Care

Have you heard the news? **HARVEST FESTIVAL** is coming back! **November 5** is the new date, so mark your calendars. Some things will remain the same, some things things may look quite different.

The main thing is that this is the first time we have been able to do this since 2019! So come on Culdee, start talking it up to your friends and neighbors, and begin planning how you can participate.

For those of you who have so faithfully worked to stock the Country Store, stand by for more information to come.

If Congregational Care can do anything to assist members of the congregation, just call Janie-603-5594 or Don - 295-4975.

*Join Us!* **5TH ANNUAL**  
*Haiti Help and Hope*

**Four Tenors**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**Hammer-n-Song**

**SouthRidge Bluegrass**

**Rubicon Farm**  
**570 Rubicon Rd.**  
**West End, NC**

**Saturday**  
**August 27th, 2022**  
**4:00pm-7:30pm**

All proceeds sent to feed  
the children and support  
Pastor Sidor's ministry.

*Available For Purchase*  
*Boston Butts - Home Made Ice Cream*  
*- Crafts - 50/50 Raffle - Auction*

*bring a chair or blanket*

*Enjoy a fun filled afternoon of music, food, shopping, kids activities & games*

*For details call - 910-639-7733*

**\$20**  
per person

**KIDS**  
*free*



Presbytery of the Coastal Carolina

*For ALL Presbyterian Women  
2022 Fall Gathering*

# *Celebrating Sabbath*

*Saturday, August 13*

*Bethesda Presbyterian Church*

*1002 North Sandhills Blvd, Aberdeen, NC 28315*

*Registration Opens at 9am; Gathering 10am-1pm*

**Keynote Speaker: QRE Gracie Williams – Blandonia Presbyterian Church**

**45 min Workshops/ Six (6) sessions:** Being Matthew 25; Diabetes; PW Mission

Work; Tea Pot Ministry; Bible Study; Chair Yoga.

Required Officer Training for Moderators, Treasurers and Historians

**Door Prizes**

Nursery/childcare available RSVP by Monday, Aug 8: [leslieschampion@gmail.com](mailto:leslieschampion@gmail.com)

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<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>; <https://presbycc.org>



**Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune**

**Proverbs 21:20** *In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil;  
but foolish man devours all he has.*

### **Supporting Missions and Building & Grounds:**

The Session has agreed that Culdee can host a Fall Harvest Festival this year!! This **NOVEMBER** event will bring a measure of relief for both the Missions and Building & Grounds accounts. Two years without a Fall Harvest Festival, when expenses have not ceased, have caused both accounts to be depleted. The Fall Harvest Festival will be not only be a great event for Culdee but will be a great building block for these two Ministries.

The responsibilities of the Fall Harvest Festival have been divided between Culdee's different ministries- since many hands make lighter work! As a refresher note, the Fall Harvest Festival usually includes a silent and live auction during the day before the delicious meal. This year the Finance Ministry is responsible for the Harvest Festival's auctions and would appreciate your donations of new and/or gently used, easily portable items. If you are willing and/or able to contribute a service, rental or package of some sort, letters for tax deductions will be gladly provided. Please contact a member of the Finance Ministry concerning donations.

Not only does the Fall Harvest Festival provide a great opportunity for Culdee's family and friends to work together and accomplish wonderful work for God's glory, but it is a great community event as well. It seems to be viewed by some as another Homecoming as so many former Culdee folks return to enjoy the fellowship. **Please jump in and find a way to be part of this extraordinary event!**



*There is a task for every hand so please don't be left out!*

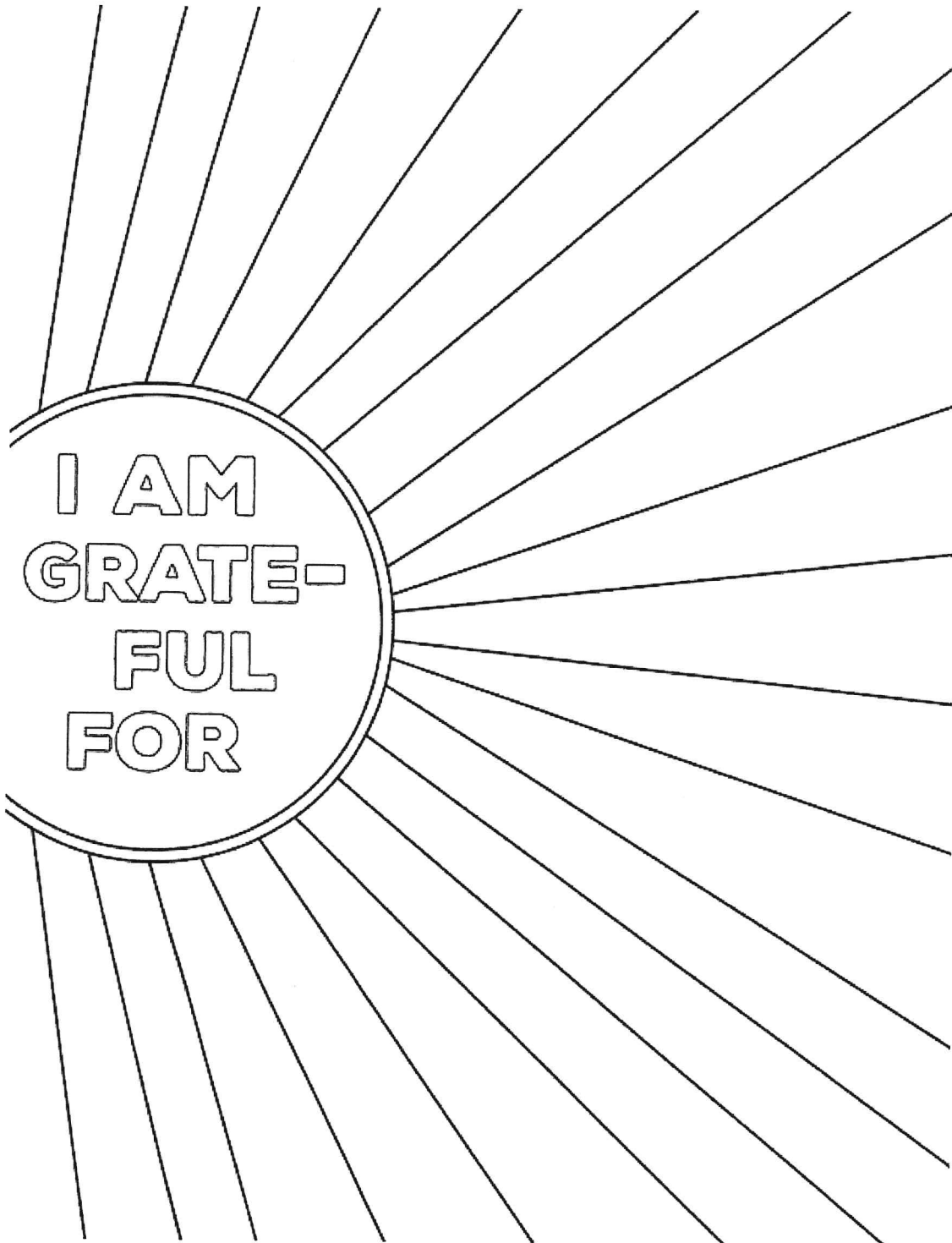
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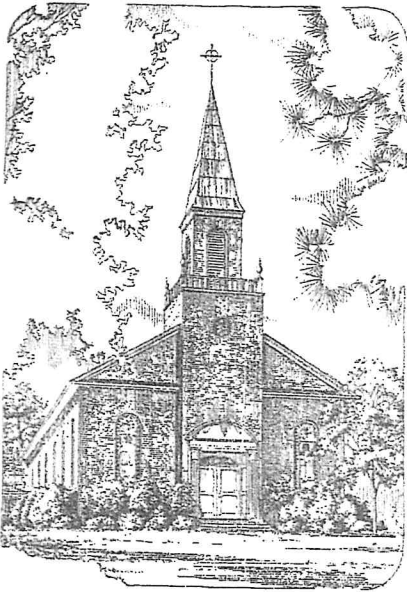
The Financial Report from Sandhills Accounting Services for June 2022 showed Year-to-Date contributions were \$97.76 over budget needs and Year-to-Date expenses were under budget by \$26,292.95. For the month of June, contributions were \$1,233.55 over the budgeted needs while expenses continue to be under budget, this month by \$2,644.31.

As far as investments, Culdee's funds are invested with minimal risk as recommended by Stifel for non-profit organizations. While investments accounts are moving up and down almost hourly as the market changes, there has been no actual loss and there won't be unless Culdee is forced to tap into those funds immediately. Fortunately, these investments are for long-term, like the Sarah Ann Fortune Fund and Parking Lot Fund, and aren't immediately needed.

The interest rates on CDs have increased to the extent that Culdee was advised by Live Oak Bank that if current CDs earning less than 1% were cashed in early and new CDs taken out at the new rate of 2.20%, earnings would be significantly higher, even with the early withdrawal penalty. After discussion and reviewing the figures, the Finance Ministry has made the changes with the CDs and is now earning 2.20% on the Live Oak Bank CDs.

**Thank you for your continued support!**





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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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