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The **VBS Bible Study** in **July** is going to be about **PRAYER**. The following thoughts are taken from a recent internet article; may it motivate us to deepen our prayer life!

There are lots of reasons why people pray: it makes us feel good, it gives us a sense of calm, it helps us to deal with our problems, etc. While these are all good reasons to pray, they all rely heavily on our feelings and emotions that are too often self-centered and changeable. The **BIBLE** gives us at least 3 stable, consistent **GOD-centered** reasons to pray.....**God Cares! Psalm 103** paints a picture of God's compassion and **HIS** personal concern for his

people. "The **LORD** is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. HE does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities." **God is Powerful! Psalm 104** leaves no doubt about who is in control over this world. "He set the earth on its foundations, and he continues to look after the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and raises each blade of grass from the earth and every plant." **God is Our Father! Romans 8** describes privilege of the Christian life..."the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him, we cry, "Abba, Father and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And **HE** who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."



NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING of JUNE 13, 2021

June Stewart, Clerk

The Stated Session meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall with a quorum of Elders in attendance and Rev. Rick Martindale serving as Moderator.

- Motion Approved....Give a one-time bonus (2% of their base salary) to church staff: Beverly Dunlop, Edith Martin, Celeste Marino, and Jewell Vest in deep appreciation of their hard work, during this pandemic and the extended period we have been without a full-time stated pastor.
- Motion Approved....As directed by our Presbyterian policy of regularly reviewing church rolls and to support continuing efforts to fully reopen all our church services and programs, a letter will be sent to all active and inactive members to give each person an opportunity to share your wishes in regard to your participation in the life of Culdee Church. ****Please prayerfully read the letter and respond as soon as possible using the self-addressed, stamped envelope that will be provided with the letter.**
- Motion Approved....The REACH Service will resume on the first Sunday in August. It will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the Traditional Service will be held at 10:30 a.m.
- The Session gave the Worship Ministry its blessings to go forward with finding a minister to hold Revival in September.
- The Session approved the list of guest speakers in our pulpit during July.



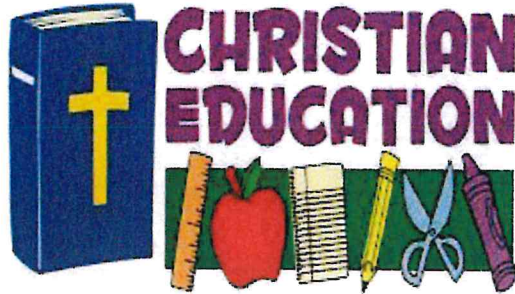
Culdee's "Cook's" Cookbook Swap

Calling all of Culdee's cooks to bring any unwanted cookbooks to the church to be shared with one another.

Where and how?.....Place all cookbooks on the bookshelf in the classroom beside the ladies parlor. Feel free to browse and take what you want and leave what you don't. If you find outstanding recipes please share with the office at

culdeepresbyterian@gmail.com and your recipe might make the next newsletter.





As Wade tells me, "You've got to have faith!" Having all the plans for the hybrid Camp Monroe/VBS in place, the waiting begins. Registration for the camp will be accepted until June 30th and we will then make the decision if we can fill the camp or need to negotiate for more space. Camp Monroe will be held July 19-23 with Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at Culdee from 9-1 with lunch provided. On Thursday, they will be off to Camp Monroe for two fun filled days with the opportunity for an overnight camp experience. Please register any children interested in attending by calling the office. Forms for registration with more information are available.

Our next endeavor needs great doses of faith! In September, we launch our Culdee Comeback for Christian Education. We have all paused in the last months due to the Pandemic, but with the pause came time to evaluate and reflect. Plans are being made for a complete Culdee family experience for four Sunday afternoons in September/October. (Dates and time to be approved by session this month). Each Sunday, we have something planned for everyone!

- For young children, we hope to have two classes. One for ages 5-8, another for 9-12. We will have a study of Daniel with crafts/science experiences.
- For Jr High and High School. Youth group will be meeting.
- For women interested in crafting, we have Christ, Crafting and Conversation.
- For men, we will begin with a Chili Cook Off. Hopefully, we will have chili entered by local fire and police departments as well as other cooks. A winner will be determined, and we will all get to taste for ourselves!

The second week, we have planned corn hole tournaments and will finalize plans from there.

- For those wishing to have a Bible study, there will be a four-week study of Daniel offered.

As you see, this adventure will require our church family working, worshipping and playing together. Please be in prayer as we plan this. Hopefully, this Culdee Comeback will provide an opportunity to invite our community to join and enjoy fellowship as a church family.

Patti Burke and Wade Garner

Presbyterian Women's News



The Coordinating Team of PW met on June 7 to review our handbook and plan our new year. The following were present, Darlene Valitutto, Moderator, Gail Farmer, Vice-Moderator, Mary Ruth Whitaker, Circle 2 chair, Jewell Vest, Circle 3 chair, Nancy Howle, Circle 3 co-chair and Pearl Frye, member-at-large. We certainly hope that all circles will plan to resume this fall. We plan for a Salad Dinner on August 29 to kick-off our new year. More exciting news to come!



Romans 8:28 *God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

On June 20th our Culdee High School graduates were recognized and presented with leather Bibles engraved with their name. It will be exciting to see what the next chapter in life holds for these young men!

We would also like to congratulate the high school and college graduates who are family members of our Culdee Family!

This year's Doris Moore Scholarship recipients: Braxton Barber, Emily Marion and Aiden Patterson were recognized and were awarded \$500.00 each toward their educational endeavors. These young folks have been working part-time jobs, participating in school activities/sports while maintaining a high GPA. The Scholarship Committee had the pleasure of interviewing these applicants and were very impressed. They are all well-spoken, had their goals set and are well on their way to success. We are excited to see what these young folks will accomplish!

Please remember to keep all of our young men and women in your prayers. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Eve Williamson, Chairman

Please be encouraged that it shouldn't be as long as it has been! Culdee's PNC is contacting potential pastors and having conversations. The PNC's members ask for your continued prayers and patience as they work together to discern who God is preparing for Culdee. A new pastor will be a new start; so, prayers are also requested that Culdee's family and friends are preparing for a fresh, new start as well.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Whitesell	02	Beverly Dunlop	11	Avery Martin	20
Rhonda Ritter	03	Tim Adams	12	Ashley Blue	21
Cooper Cox	03	LeAnne Waschsen	13	Owen Whitesell	22
Karen McKenzie	04	Jewell Vest	14	Tom Gribben	22
Anna Rae Kemp	04	Anne F. Garner	14	Blair Moricle	24
Elise Palmerton	05	Doug Sullivan	17	Wesley Cole	24
Sharon Moon	08	Pierson Tolbert	17	Stuart Fields	24
Larry Black	08	Rhonda Whitesell	18	Judy McKenzie	27
Ethan Rivas	09	Mason Parsons	19	Bill Bailey	30
Kent Black	11	Riley Story	19	Connie Marion	31
				Dannie Jackson	31



Outreach Ministry

Robert Barber

The Sandhills Coalition is a local ministry
that Culdee supports!

2020 Community Impact

2020 was certainly a year like no other! Through appointment-only services, drive through options, and limited operating hours, the Coalition continued to fulfill our mission to alleviate hunger and financial strains of struggling households!

\$195,242

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance with utilities, rent/mortgage, heating fuel, and medical or dental emergencies.

3,289 people

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Comprehensive food package including perishable and nonperishable items designed to feed a family for one week.

\$320,050

TOTAL SERVICES

The estimated value of food, clothing, and financial assistance provided to Moore County families in need.





Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune

Luke 14:28 *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?*

Meeting Schedule:

The Finance Ministry meets in the Session Room at 4:30 following its regular schedule of the second Sunday of the month. The Session meeting follows at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Church members are welcome to attend. Any changes to meeting times will be listed in the bulletin.

Financial Status:

The attached Sandhills Accounting Services May 2021 Financial Report shows that the church is holding steady financially. Currently there are 10.29 months of reserve funds available, 6 months of which are for emergencies.

At the April Session meeting, the Session approved finishing the following repairs to the manse:

1. Restoring the heat and exhaust vent to the master bathroom.
2. Properly replace the ¼” thick board portion of the ceiling above the shower in master bath.
3. Assess and repair the mold still on the remaining wall near the basement fireplace.
4. Replace sheetrock and trim and paint the bedroom in the basement.
5. Add a toilet to the partial bath in the basement making it a full bath.

The Finance Ministry has offered to assist Building and Grounds with gathering bids from licensed contractors.

Lightning Strike & Insurance Update:

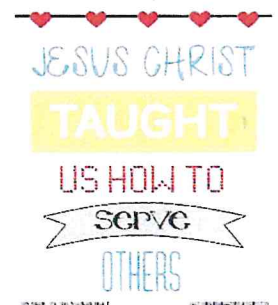
Currently the claim is closed with all known repairs having been made.

FAMILY PROMISE

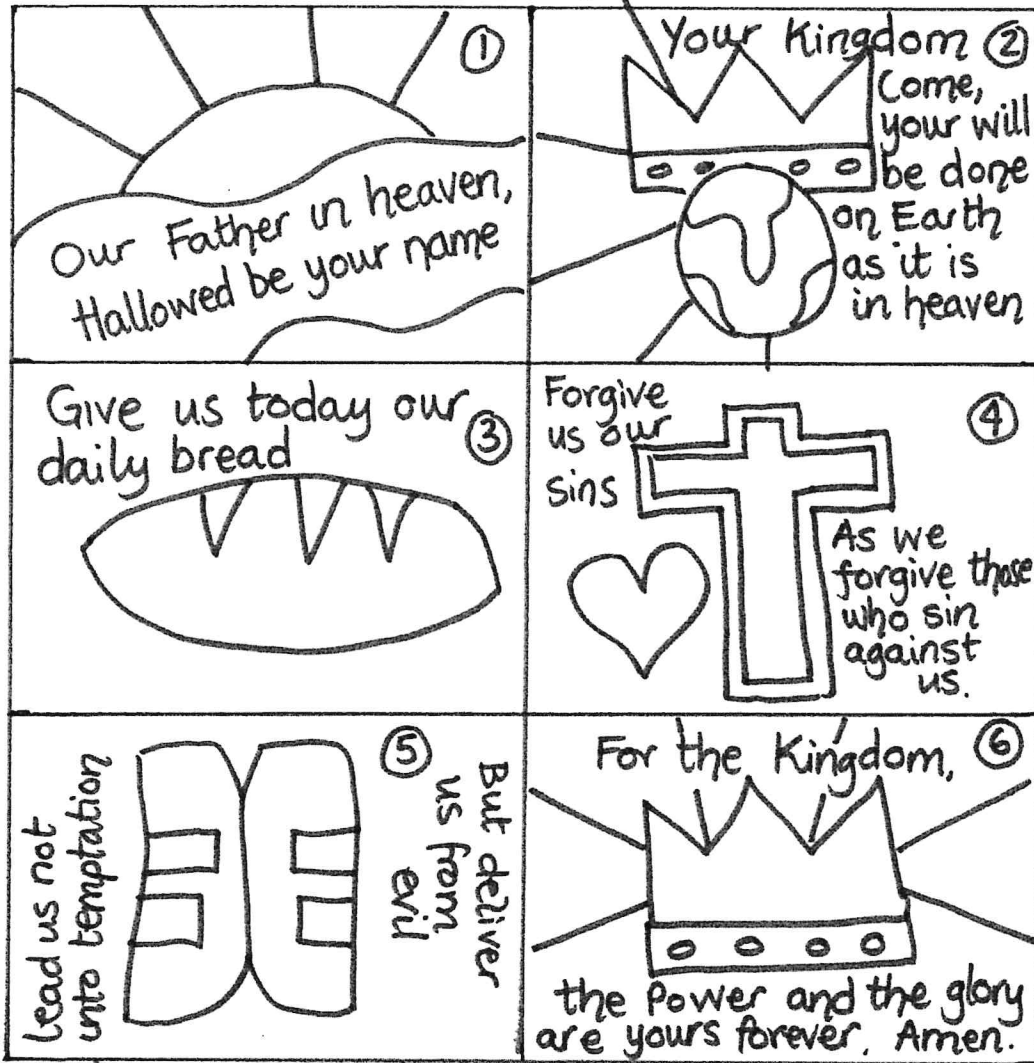
As many of you know, Culdee was in the charter group of host churches when FAMILY PROMISE was established in Moore County in 1999 (Culdee’s first host week was February 13, 2000). Susan Bellew was the director until her retirement on June 14 of this year. In honor of her service, Culdee presented her a lap quilt made by our own Culdee Quilters; she was thrilled with it!!

Susan is replaced by Peggy Hendrix. Peggy is a native of Richmond County and a graduate of Richmond Community College and Gardner-Webb University where she earned a degree in business administration. She comes to Family Promise with nearly 40 years of financial management experience ranging from Comptroller with Ellerbe Telephone to, most recently (2012 to the present), Chief Financial Officer for the Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills, where she oversaw a budget of over 1.1 million. We welcome her to the FAMILY PROMISE family!

If you have questions about volunteering during our host weeks, please contact June Stewart or Ann Savage.



Lord's Prayer Cards



- * Colour
- * cut out
- * order
- * play matching games
- * discuss the pictures

→ Picture 5 is a high visibility jacket to put across the idea of God keeping us safe!



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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.

Filling the pulpit at 10:00 am for Indoor Service the Month of July will be:

July 4 Kevin Gregory
July 11 Sandy Stewart
July 18 David Dudley
July 25 Sandy Stewart

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays:

In the Sanctuary and Drive-In Service – 10:00 a.m.

Online Service-At your convenience



Wednesday Evening:

Brief weekly devotion and prayer

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