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SERVING

**“For we are his workmanship created in CHRIST JESUS unto good works...”
Ephesians2:10**

As we look ahead to Vacation Bible School and beyond, we see more doors opening to serving GOD in old and new ways. It takes direction from GOD, our time and talents, and our financial resources to do HIS will. All of us can benefit from spiritual encouragement and a greater sense of peace as we seek to diligently live out our faith in our daily lives. What follows is taken from a bookmark provided by the Bible Broadcasting Network; may you find it helpful!

SERVE.....when you feel inadequate (Moses in Exodus 4:10-12)...when you are afraid (Esther 4:13-14)... when obstacles are great (David in 1 Samuel 17:4-10)...when you doubt (Peter in Acts 10:9-23)...when you lack understanding (Joshua 6:2-5)...when no one understands (Noah in Hebrews 11:7)...**ALWAYS!**



Actions from the Stated Session meeting of May 16, 2021

June Stewart, Clerk of Session

The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Rev. Rick Martindale as Moderator and a quorum of Elders in attendance.

- Approved: Beverly Dunlop will resume meeting with “Joyful Noise” in September on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall from 2 – 4 p.m.
- Approved: A paid membership for Beverly Dunlop in The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM).
- Approved: Those attending worship services in the sanctuary are to mask as comfortable or as vaccinated; those who are not completely vaccinated are encouraged to continue using masks. Everyone is encouraged to social distance according to their comfort level.
- Approved: The group going to the Camp Monroe Work Day on Saturday, May 22 will use the van.
- Approved: The Session recommended that the Pastor Nominating Committee move forward with the six current members.
- Approved: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6 with Presbytery Liaison, Oscar Pace as Moderator.
- Approved: To help the transition when Culdee has approved a new pastor, the PNC will ask the congregation to help them create a booklet containing pictures and brief profiles of individuals and families in church.
- Approved: The three recipients of 2021 Doris Moore Scholarships will each receive \$500.00.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

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.

The Doris Moore Memorial Scholarship Committee met on May 16, 2021. Congratulations to Braxton Barber, Emily Marion and Aiden Patterson upon receiving Doris Moore Memorial Scholarships.



Congratulations to Culdee graduates: Madison Adams, Braxton Barber, Aiden Patterson and Jaiden Washington. We would also like to congratulate the graduates who are family members of our Culdee Family: Kaelyn Bass (Audrey's daughter) Linda Upole's granddaughter, Luke Howle (Tim and Nancy's grandson), Morgan Jackson (daughter of Danny and Susan and granddaughter of Jr. And Sharon Moon), Hannah Lassiter (Mills Hodge's granddaughter), Jackson Moricle (Ann Savage's grandson), Aiden Palmerton (Clara and Bill Bailey's grandson) and Camrey Vest (Jewell's granddaughter).

Culdee Graduates and Doris Moore Memorial Scholarship recipients will be recognized during our Church service on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

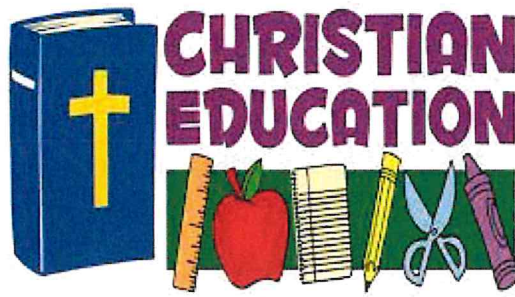
BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Tim Bailey Chair

A BIG THANKS to all who help with the Building and Grounds Ministry. This month we underwent a yearly Fire Inspection and there were a couple of things that had to be fixed/updated, but with all that taken care of we are back in business.

Thanks to Lonnie McKenzie for his expertise on the irrigation system, and Rick Mathews on the wiring in the basement. The part for the damaged timer has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival. Further damage will be assessed after replacement. Certified electricians are very busy and the sanctuary lighting will be checked as soon as one is available.

This is certainly not a one man show, so thanks to all!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Education Ministry currently is focused on Vacation Bible School. Our “cleanup” day at Camp Monroe was Saturday, and we were excited to have twenty volunteers from Culdee. This was a day of accomplishment as well as fun and fellowship.

On May 30th, potential VBS attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a “free day” at Camp Monroe from 2-5 pm. Bring your towels and bathing suits for water fun at the pool, the lake, paddle boarding as well as canoeing and archery. Invite a friend to join you!

Vacation Bible School at Culdee Presbyterian church will be held from July 19th – July 23rd. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, counselors from Camp Monroe will provide unique experiences and begin our weeklong study on Prayer. Thursday campers will travel to Camp Monroe for a day of outdoor fun, experience campfire worship on Thursday night and return to Culdee on Friday afternoon. Campers not wishing to stay overnight will return to Culdee on Thursday afternoon and return to Camp for the day on Friday. Ages for the camp are 6 -14 years of age.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1st.

Culdee is partnering with Union Presbyterian Church, and we have reserved 20 slots for participants. Packets will be available at the Culdee Church office with more detailed information and the registration forms. Please do not wait to register so everyone wishing to attend has a slot! Invite your friends to enjoy this experience with you.

Members of the Culdee family can assist us by sponsoring a camper for the week for \$65.

Our new church wide Sunday School will begin in September. Volunteers will be needed for four Sunday afternoons. Activities are planned for everyone. For the women there will be crafting and conversation, the men will have a chili cook off, the children can enjoy a Bible lesson with arts and/or science, and the youth will meet at the same time. This is an opportunity to invite new families to Culdee and for us all to enjoy fellowship in God’s house. Working together with each of us doing a small part can make a big impact! So please be in prayer for God’s guidance and ways you can be of service.

Patti Burke and Wade Garner

CAMP MONROE WORK DAY

Culdee was well represented with twenty volunteers at the Camp Monroe Work Day on Saturday, May 22! All the volunteers signed up for tasks that included cleaning in the dining hall kitchen, cleaning and organizing the Arts and Crafts cabin, picking up sticks and pinecones around the cabins, painting projects, and building seating outside behind the dining hall. Along with the hard work, we all enjoyed the lunch and a lot of wonderful fellowship with each other, the other volunteers, the camp staff, and the youth summer counselors. We are so thankful for a good safe day!!





MISSIONS UPDATE

Culdee Supports 12 mission groups on a quarterly basis and many other missions groups on an "as needed" request. This past quarter you have supported the Food Bank, Sandhills Children's Center, Family Promise, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Through the Christian Education group, Culdee sent 20 workers to help prepare Camp Monroe for opening in June. Camp Monroe has been in a relationship with the Presbyterian Church USA since

1954. It has a covenant partnership in ministry with the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Camp Monroe's mission statement is "Responding to God's love, our mission is to invite people to a place and time apart where relationships with God, others and creation are nurtured and where Christ's call to discipleship is discovered." Culdee's partnership with Camp Monroe is an example of how missions can be more than financial support and be a mission of action.

Thank you,
Robert Barber

PNC UPDATE

The PNC is continuing to meet regularly. Despite having a resignation on the committee, we continue to make progress. On June 6, there will be a congregational meeting to decide whether or not the PNC may continue working with the 6 current members.

Pastor Search Committee Update



In preparation for the incoming pastor, we would like to create a Welcome book. Each page of the book will contain a family photograph and any information you'd like to share about your family. This will help the pastor with putting names to faces and to acclimate to Culdee much quicker. Nancy Howle and Stephanie Barber will lead this effort and more information will be forthcoming. Additionally, we will want to ensure that all addresses, phone numbers, and birthdates are correct. If there are any updates or changes, please be sure to contact Edith in the church office.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



Daytime Dulcimer/Psaltery Ensemble

There is a new opportunity for you to grab your mountain instruments and come to the fellowship hall beginning June 15th, Tuesday morning at 11:00. We are currently using mountain lap dulcimers and bowed psalteries for this ensemble. If you play another string instrument and would like to join in, you are more than welcome to come. We will surely find you a spot and an instrument if you do not have one to use. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly for more information. Hope to see you there!

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir is excited to be back in worship again! We are rehearsing on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the sanctuary. It has been a tough time for our choir not being able to sing safely. We have had choir practice in a lot of different places, from Zoom to the front porch of the sanctuary. We have room for interested singers to come and join us. We are wearing face shields during rehearsals and worship to keep safe while we are singing. We have discovered a shield that does not fog up when we sing. It is working out well for the choir. Please pray for all the musicians as we move forward trying to keep everyone safe and well while we worship.



A Big music department "Thank You" goes to Brandon Blue who has been here for rehearsals, and hours early for worship to help navigate the new sound system. He is helping our musicians with the sound and helping the congregation be able to enjoy worship. He is such a wonderful asset to our musical team, and we certainly want to thank he and Ashley. **WE LOVE BRANDON!!!**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John David Privott	01	Richard Blue	06	Norman Shields	19
Alexander Privott	01	Fairley Cameron	07	Taylor Seawell	20
Jaiden Washington	01	Danielle Pate	08	Linda Gallant	21
Jackson Moricle	01	Wade Garner	10	Mills Hodge	25
Inglis Fowler	02	Leslie Stubbs	10	Wayne Black	25
Jared Rivas	03	Cathy Salargo	12	Corey Curlee	26
Rusty Oakman	04	Linda Dalton	13	Jim Stewart	27
Connie Barber	05	Lib Burgess	18	Dustin Thamm	28
Gregg Vest	05	Wayne Burgess	18	Jennifer Parsons	28
				Logan Parsons	30

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS



The PW's Coordinating Team (Officers and Circle-Chairs) will meet Monday, June 7 at 7:00 PM for our annual planning meeting. We will review our current workbook and membership. We will also be planning our new year. Please come prepared with ideas on how we can serve our church family best.

I have not received any information from Presbytery about future gatherings but when I do, I will let you know.

Moderator, Darlene Valitutto



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 April 2021 Financial Report shows that the church is holding steady financially. Thank you all for making this possible. Currently there are 9.96 months of reserve funds available, 6 months of which are for emergencies. Please understand that reserve funds continue to grow because Culdee is not paying a pastor's salary.

Of interest was the significant difference between the interest earned on accounts at Culdee's banks, BB&T and Live Oak, compared to the earnings of funds invested with Eastman, Palmer, Davis and Vaughan-Stifel. The included financial analysis shows that **BB&T & Live Oak's \$193,795.90, earned a total of \$618.42** in interest while **Stifel's \$214,986.17 grew by \$8,906.83** for the same time period.

Lightning Strike & Insurance Update:

Progress continues to be made regarding the damage from the September 2020 lightning strike. The damaged CD Recorder has been replaced. This concludes the repairs to the sound system.

Copier:

The new copier has been installed in the church office and seems to be working just fine.

Manse Renovation and Repairs:

The following action approved by the Session in April was reported to the Finance Ministry.

Building and Grounds will continue the interior renovation and repairs including:

1. Restoring exhaust vent to the master bathroom.
2. 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.

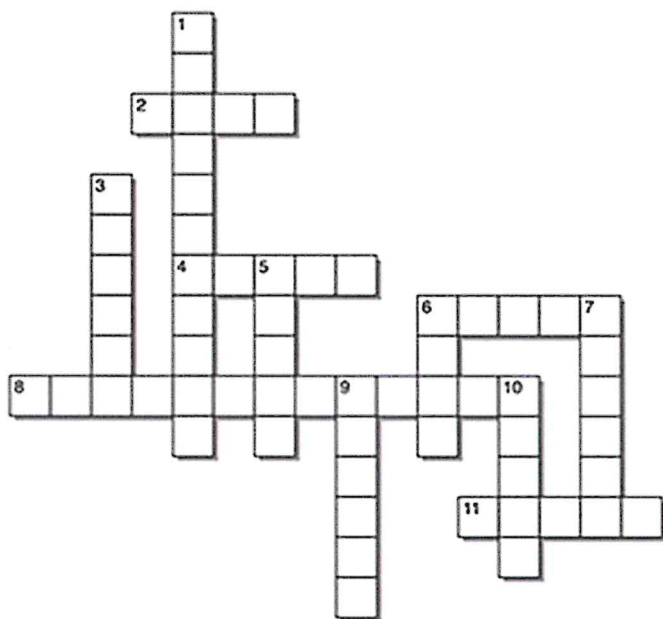
Once completed, the manse will be ready for occupation by a pastor.



Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

ARMOR OF GOD



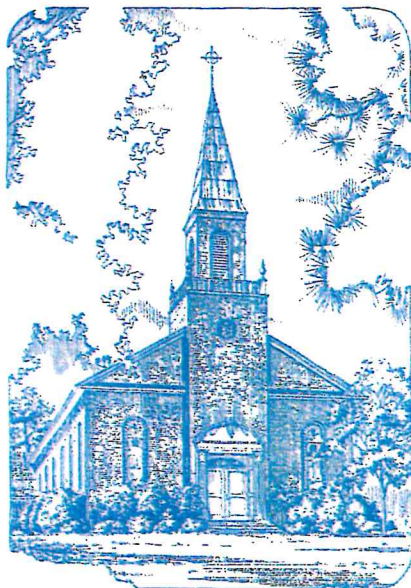
ACROSS

- 2) A flexible band or strap worn around the waist.
4) "...have your feet fitted with the preparation of the gospel of ____." (Eph 6: 15)
6) Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
8) "...put on the breastplate of ____." (Eph 6:14)
11) "Stand therefore, having the utility belt of ____ buckled around your waist..." (Eph 6:14)

DOWN

- 1) A piece of armor that covers the breast and chest.
3) "Finally, be ____ in Yahweh, and in the strength of His might." (Eph 6)
5) "Put on the whole ____ of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day..." (Eph 6: 13)
6) Body part at the end of a leg, below the ankle.
7) A hat that protects the head.
9) A piece of metal or another material to protect the body.
10) "...and the ____ of the Spirit, which is the word[of God..." (Eph 6:17)

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www.biblepathwayadventures.com



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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 Months of June will be:

June 6	Mr. Joe Robinson
June 13	Rev. Jim Morgan
June 20	Dr. Tanner Capps
June 27	Rev. Tom Currie

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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