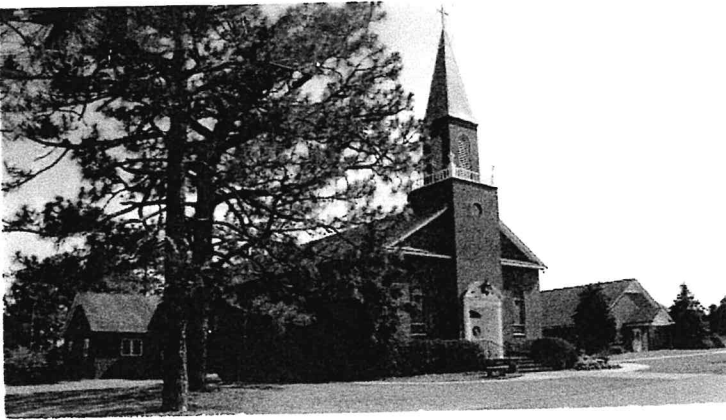


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Rooted in God's Promises

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:16-17

As you receive this newsletter, we will be in the early days of the season of Lent. I hope that you are finding meaningful ways to mark this time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Lent in the church year is an ideal time to consider our rootedness in the promises of God. We have claimed those promises recently on behalf of several loved ones who have departed this life and our Culdee Church family. Losing people we care about is painful, and these losses leave a void in families and in the life of our congregation. How grateful I am to know that life continues beyond our earthly passing and that God's steadfast love never leaves us! When God chose to enter our human condition in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, it was for the purpose of extending God's steadfast love for us into eternity. As we move through the season of Lent, I echo Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, *that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love for you.*



Connie Weaver, Pastor

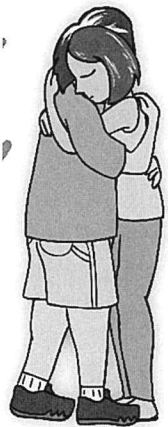
NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The new Elders were examined and approved for service in 2023 and 2024.

Approval of the 2022 Statistical Report was given, and the report was submitted to the PCUSA.

Placement of an irrigation system in the area between the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Building has been completed.

Pastor Connie Weaver has been asked to serve on the West Community Commission on Ministry. This will meet once a month.



Congregational Care

The last few months here at Culdee have shown just how much ‘caring’ this congregation is capable of. Anytime there is a loss of a family member, cards, calls, visits, food, and prayers are ways of showing care and concern.

It has been encouraging to see the nurturing that has taken place with each loss, and the continued support provided to each family. Let us continue to share each other’s joys and sorrows in Christ as we all try to walk our Christian walk.

If you have a care or concern that Congregational Care can help you with, don’t hesitate to get in touch with Don Williamson or Janie Taylor.

Project “Faure Requiem”

The Cancel Choir has been invited to join a combined community choir representing several churches throughout Moore County. The combined choir will join together for a spring concert presenting “Faure’s Requiem” on Sunday, May 21st at 6pm. The final concert will be with orchestral accompaniment.

If this is an opportunity that you would like to join in on, we would love to have you. Please contact Beverly for the scores and a Spotify link to the Requiem. This should be a wonderful opportunity for the choir and a beautiful piece of music to work on.

Combined Choir rehearsals (10AM)

March 4

March 18

April 1

April 22

May 6

**Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, May 20th at 11AM

** Concert: Sunday, May 21st at 6pm



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Ed ministry begins a new term under the leadership of Marshall Sweat (Chairperson) and Darrell Cole (Vice Chair). We plan to build on some of the successes of the past and continue to find ways to grow the youth and adult programs in the church. We ask that you share any ideas you may have to help us.

We begin on **February 26th** with the **ribbon cutting** on the basketball court. This has been such a long journey and we appreciate the support of the church family in this endeavor. Our first **Sunday Funday** of the year will be that afternoon. We hope to regather the youth and enjoy a "game night" and tailgate party! We will complete our afternoon with worship and song.

March 25th will be our **Community Family Fun Day**. We are inviting the community to Culdee and hoping to attract young families. There will be a bouncy house, Darrell's Barrels, sack races, live music, Firetrucks, Police Cars, Hot Dog lunch, and finally an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children. We will be asking the congregation for candy donations for the Easter bags. We hope you will join us as we welcome these families to Culdee!

Marshall Sweat and Darrell Cole

Upcoming Worship Information:

March 5th - We will celebrate Communion during worship.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Please make a note to "Spring your clocks forward" before you go to bed on Saturday night. We want everyone to be up in time for worship on Sunday!

March Scriptures for the "Heart to Heart" series:

March 5 - John 3:1-17 - Jesus & Nicodemus

March 12 - John 4:7-29 - Jesus & the Samaritan Woman

March 19 - John 9:1-12, 35-38 - Jesus & the Man Born Blind

March 26 - John 11:1-6, 17-40 - Jesus & the Sisters of Lazarus



Looking ahead to **Easter Sunday**, April 9th:

7:00 a.m. Outdoor worship in our Culdee cemetery

7:30 a.m. Breakfast in the church fellowship hall

9:00 a.m. Indoor worship in the church sanctuary

Cemetery Committee

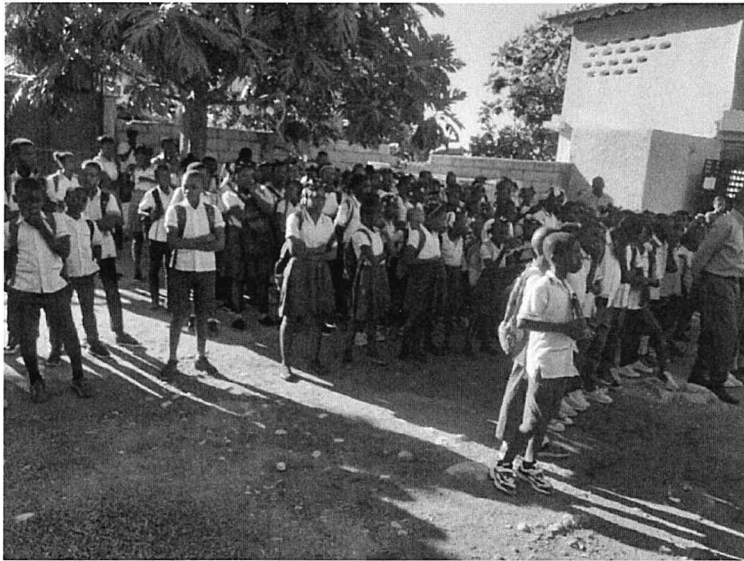


All Christmas or faded flowers should be removed by March 15th. Thank you.

Haiti Help & Hope

Culdee Church has been a supportive partner for some time, of the Christian work of Pastor Dortul Sidor in Montrouis, Haiti. An urgent need has come to our attention, and our Session has given its blessing to an appeal for funds to help meet this need. Due to the ongoing unstable situation in Haiti and increasing gang dominance and violence, the Lahai Roi School has been employing security guards and has begun constructing a wall around the school property. Pastor Sidor has asked for financial assistance for this building project, which will help protect the school and its staff and students; and which will also provide employment for local workers. Pastor Sidor and his wife Lillian are known in their area as humble servants of Christ who often go without in order to help others. In his words, "because we are dwelling in the shelter of the Most High, we are still alive and well; and truly, our ministries are doing well and growing."

If you would like to contribute to the construction of the protective wall around the school in Haiti, you may do so by writing a check to Culdee Church and noting that it is for the Lahai Roi School Project.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carson Dennis	01
Lydia Craven	02
Carolyn Smith	03
McKenzie Cox	03
Vickie Blue	05
Amber Clayton	06
Steve Cox	07
Carolyn McKenzie	12
Debby Fields	12
Molly Sims	12

Morgan Jackson	13
Mitchell Whitesell	14
LeAnn Bailey	15
Kim Lea Hardy	15
Mary Ruth Whitaker	16
Sylvia Black	17
Sue Black	17
Carter Cuff	18
Evelyn Caddell	19
Richard Dunlop	19
Addie Bailey	20
Natalie Cox	21
Noreen Oakman	21

Chad Smith	22
Bailey Blue	22
Greg Bohlander	23
Timothy Patterson	23
Erica Tolbert	24
Debbie Halverstadt	24
Scott Bullard	28
Beverly Furr	28
Kim White	29
Payton Savage	30
Scotty Pate	30
Jonathan Craven	31
Riley Seawell	31



Finance Ministry: Chairman Tim Lea

Proverbs 27:23 *Be diligent to know the state of your flocks,
and attend to your herds.*

Thanksgiving:

Appreciation for the life and service of long-time Finance Ministry member Jim Stewart was expressed by Danny Aldridge at the February 2023 Finance Ministry Meeting. His contributions will be missed.

Finance Ministry Leadership:

There will be a change in leadership in the Finance Ministry for 2023. Danny Aldridge, whose most recent assignment was Chairman of the Finance Ministry, will be stepping down but will continue to serve on this ministry. Tim Lea is welcomed as the new Chairman. Diann Fortune, who has served as Vice-Chair of Finance, is taking a sabbatical. Darrell Cole and Faye Riggsbee are coming on as new members of Finance with some others giving consideration to joining.

All committees, except the Nominating Committees, are made of volunteers. Please consider how to use your talents and interests and join a committee to help build the body and work of God.



2023 Budget:

The Culdee Presbyterian Church's 2023 Budget was presented to the congregation by Finance Ministry Vice Chair Diann Fortune at a congregational meeting of the corporation on Sunday, February 5, 2023 following the worship service. There were several questions asked regarding investments and charitable contributions given by the church. To be sure that accurate information was provided in response, Stifel's Eastman, Palmer, Davis & Vaughan Wealth Management Group was consulted regarding investments and Office Manager Nancy Gregory provided a list of all charitable contributions, **both budgeted and through special collections giving**, made by the church in 2022. The response to the questions will be available at the church and is not included in the newsletter due to its length and interest level as suggested by the Newsletter Committee. Please contact Finance Ministry members for additional questions. Copies of the 2022 and 2023 budgets may be requested from the church office.

The monthly report from Sandhills Accounting Services for January 2023 documents the most current status of Culdee's finances. Thank you for supporting Culdee with your time, talents and finances!

Finance Ministry members are always available to answer questions.

Finance Ministry meetings are held monthly, usually the second Sunday evening.

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

BibleWise

And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD
SUN
WAY
ONE
ROOT
WORD
LAMB
GATE
LORD
KING
VINE
LIFE

SEED
STAR
RABBI
BREAD
LIGHT
TRUTH
ALPHA
OMEGA
STONE
FATHER
PRINCE
BRANCH

CHRIST
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
TEACHER
REDEEMER
IMMANUEL
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