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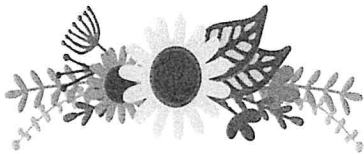
**THANK YOU LORD FOR:**

## THE CULDEE CONNECTION

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**Our summer has progressed into fall. Lots of us are looking forward to cooler temperatures to renew our physical energy as we anticipate all the exciting activities and opportunities that we have coming up in our church and community...Homecoming, Revival, and the Harvest Festival!!**

**What about renewing our spiritual energy? Lamentations 3: 22-23 tells us, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, HIS mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning..." Each day we can look forward to being filled with the power we need to walk with JESUS so that our words, actions, and praises will speak louder than our pain or disappointments. Galatians 6:9 also tells us "Do not grow weary of doing what is right. At the appropriate time, you will reap a harvest of blessings if you do not give up".**

**Good News to share with the world!!**

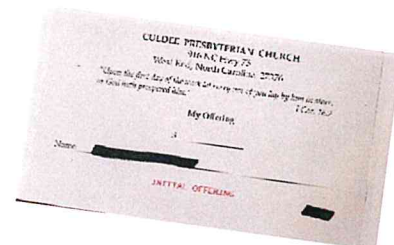
## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You are cordially invited by  
Darrell & Karon McKenzie to Chasity's  
Bridal Shower on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.*



*Everyone is invited to Chasity McKenzie's Wedding on  
Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.  
A reception dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.*

**We need to order offering books soon. If you would NOT like one,  
please call Nancy at the office 910-295-6685.**



### **NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

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

- The minutes from the Stated Session meeting of August 14 were approved by as read.
- Elder Janie Taylor was approved as Elder Representative to the October 8 Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Sanford.
- A motion from Finance....."Use liquid assets, up to \$11,500.00, to move forward with the purchase of equipment and its installation in order to provide live streaming of our worship services; replacement of these costs will come from the discontinuation of the current video recording service." Approval was given.
- A motion from Finance....."Use liquid assets up to \$2,500.00 to upgrade the irrigation system (to cover the front lawn in front of the fellowship to the sanctuary building). Funds will be reimbursed from Harvest Festival profits.
- New bark will be put in the parking lot beds....thanks to Robert Barber, Lonnie McKenzie, Richard Blue and Don Williamson.
- Bids will be sought to complete the basketball court. Funds are already in place to cover the cost.
- The August Finance Report was reviewed and entered in the record.



### **HYGIENE KITS**

Thank you for donating complete hygiene kits or individual items that are needed to complete a packet. Look for the collection basket in the sunroom! The need for these kits continues to grow around the world. Call June with any questions....Blessings



## Presbyterian Women

On Sunday September 11, the ladies met in the fellowship hall for our Second Annual Sister Salad



Supper. What a great time for great food and fellowship. Thank you to Nancy Howle, Connie Marion and our outgoing PW Women's Moderator, Darlene Valitutto and all that had a hand in helping pull this together.

Thank you to Carolyn Lea for sharing a few words about herself and what God laid on her heart to say and also sharing her voice in song.



Thank you to Mary Ruth for sharing a little on what the PW will be studying the upcoming year. We will be studying about the "Sabbath".



Thank you to Darlene for the last 2 years and many prior years of serving as PW Moderator. I hope I can follow and be a good leader and do the things that need to be done.

As I asked the ladies at the supper, please be in prayer for me that I can be a leader and do Gods work.

Thank you, Nancy, for all the nice door prizes that each lady received and for her helpers, Brynley and Mikey, you did a fine job.



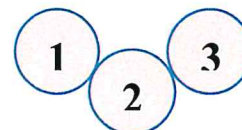
We recognized our youngest mother, Celeste Marino and our 91 years young mother, Pearl Frye who we sang Happy Birthday to.

If you do not belong to a Circle, please see one of the ladies in the church and they will point you in the right direction. There is a Circle for everyone. I would like to possibly start a new Circle for Culdee ladies in the near future for those that would be interested.

Looking forward to a great year to come.

God Bless!

Gail Farmer, PW Moderator

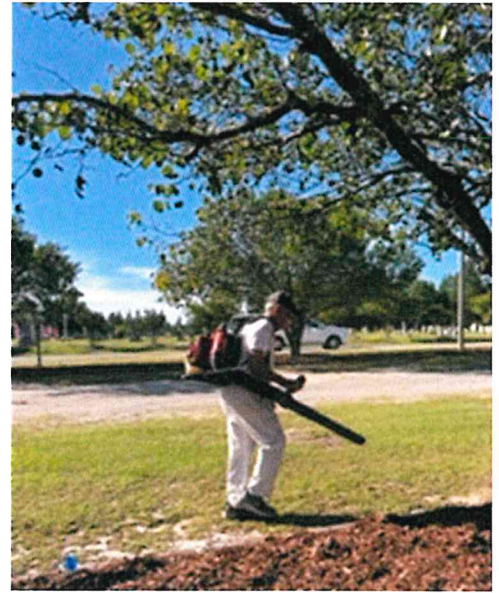




## **Building & Grounds**

In addition to regular maintenance requirements building and grounds has been locating and evaluating possible basketball court sites.

This month with the help of Robert Barber, Darrell McKenzie, Floyd Black, Norman Harris and Eve Williamson we freshened up chips in the tree line of parking area and around the crepe myrtles at the cemetery.



Another project in the planning stage is adding irrigation in front of the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. More on this later.

Richard Blue and Lonnie McKenzie



Jerry Aponte	01	Casey Blue	16
Danielle Cox	01	Johnathan Kemp	16
Bethany Palmerton	02	Lisa Rouse	18
Anya Aponte	03	James Craven	19
Mitchell Garner	04	Donna Parsons	20
Evan Vest	06	Lance Caddell	22
Shannon Bullard	07	Matthews Powers	23
Tim Bailey	08	Ryan Bailey	24
Keith Black	09	Claudia Cole	24
June Stewart	09	Palmer Samson	25
Celeste Marino	13	Lionel Bryson	27
Luke Black	14	Brandon Blue	27
Suzie Adams	14	Stephanie Cole	29
		Michael Waschsen	30

## Congregational Care

Traditionally, Fall has been the beginning of the busiest time of year here at Culdee. How exciting it is to look at our calendars and see all the up-coming events- Homecoming, Revival, Trunk or Treat, Harvest Festival, then Thanksgiving and Christmas!

### Homecoming and Revival

What a blessing it will be to have Pastor Connie lead worship for our Homecoming service on Sunday, **October 2**, and introduce her to our famous Culdee covered dish luncheon.

Revival will be a bit different this year with services beginning on Tuesday, **October 4** at 7:00 pm and running through Thursday, **October 6**. Jim Morgan, someone familiar to Culdee, will be bringing the messages each night. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to all the services as Culdee begins its special Fall activities.

### Trunk or Treat

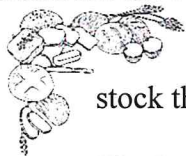
Next on our calendar is that fun-filled event, Trunk or Treat on Saturday, **October 22** from 5:00-7:00 pm. Be thinking about your costume and decorations for your car (nothing scary) to reflect the spirit of the season.

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to make this a fun night for the kids of all ages!



### Harvest Festival

Then on **November 5**, everyone is encouraged to take part in our annual Harvest Festival. Activities that day will include the Country Store, a hotdog lunch provided by the youth, Darrell's Barrels, a live auction, a raffle for the beautiful quilt made by our Culdee quilters and gift cards from the men's club.



Donations of baked goods, jams and jellies, plants, produce, crafts and art work are needed to stock the country store.

The Barbeque dinner will take place from 4:00 – 6:30 pm with dine in, drive-thru, and take-out options available.



It takes many hands to make all these things happen, so there is a spot for everyone to fill on November 5th and on the days leading up to it. Sign-up sheets will soon appear on boards around church, so grab a pen and find a job!

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

### Other items

On Monday, **October 17** at 6:00 pm Darlene Huets will be here to explain all the Medicare changes for 2023 and the different plans that are available. Everyone is invited to come and hear this important information.



### Red Cross Blood Drive



The Congregational Care Ministry is interested in holding a blood drive after the holidays. The number of donations has decreased over the last few years because of the pandemic, but the need for blood remains constant.

In order to begin the process of organizing a drive, we need to have a list of 20-30 potential donors that can be called. There will be more information to follow.

If you are interested in supporting this project, please call Don Williamson (910-295-4975) or Janie Taylor (910-603-5594).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY OCTOBER 2022

The Christian Ed ministry has been busy preparing for the Harvest Festival on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Our team oversees advertising and take out plates. The advertising is underway, and the fliers have been prepared. We will need a large team for preparing and delivering our plates! If you are willing to join us, please see Patti or Marshall!

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, forty youth gathered for our End of Summer Splash Party. They ran through the

**obstacle course,**



went down the  
**water slide**



as the older youth  
launched water  
balloons.



We ate,  
**worshipped**  
**together**, and  
**sang** with music  
provided by  
Danny Aldridge  
and Marshall  
Sweat. Hannah  
Joiner, Camp  
Counselor at  
Camp Monroe,  
attended, lending  
much needed  
assistance! In  
all, we had **sixty**  
in attendance

counting the parents and younger siblings. It was a busy time and God continues to awe us with his blessings!



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Our next Sunday Funday is **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. We plan to travel to Kawali Farms to go through the **corn maze** and enjoy an ice cream cone. Our attendance will be limited by transportation and each youth will need a permission slip to be transported. Our older youth will assist as guides. We are asking for **sponsorship** of a "Youth Through the Maze." The cost per youth is **\$10**. If you would like to assist with this, please earmark your giving to Sunday Funday. We appreciate you and hope you know you make this possible!

In October, we plan to explore the addition of Bible classes or studies. Be prayerful as we slowly climb back to a new normal.

Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke

### Upcoming Events

- Sun. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Homecoming Sunday with covered dish picnic lunch
- Tues. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - Thurs. Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Culdee Revival Services at 7:00 pm.  
Rev. Jim Morgan will be the guest speaker.
- Sun. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Funday – Kawali Farms Corn Maze  
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Sat. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Trunk or Treat
- Sat. Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival
- Sun. Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – All Saints Recognition Service



### New Series Title How to Pray for Your Church

October 2nd (Homecoming Sunday)  
1st Peter 2:9-10  
To Remember What We Are

October 9th  
Ephesians 4:11-16  
To Be Growing in Maturity

October 16th  
Acts 2:42-47  
To Be Devoted to One Another

October 23rd  
1st Corinthians 13:4-7  
To Love and Serve One Another

October 30th  
James 5:13-20  
To Hold to the Truth

November 6th  
Romans 1:14-17  
To Make Known God's Glory

November 13th  
2nd Corinthians 9:6-15  
To Give Generously  
END OF SERIES

Nov 20th is Christ the King Sunday  
Nov 27th - First Sunday in Advent

## HARVEST FESTIVAL November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The session appreciates the willingness of Karon and Darrell McKenzie to lead the group as we prepare for the Harvest Festival. Their experience in hosting an event this large is evident! They share the necessary items and workers we need to be successful. Please read and find a place to be involved in this church wide endeavor.

**Please see an Elder or Darrell and Karon to volunteer!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The family of Culdee has the honor of hosting the Harvest Festival on November 5<sup>th</sup>! We are going to need every one of us to ensure that this event will be a pleasurable event for our Lord and fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The following areas in the **serving line** need volunteers:

**Dine -In** service starts at 3:30 and last until 7:30.

3:30- 5:30: 6 people to serve

5:30 -7:30 pm: 6 people to serve



The **Takeout** line needs:

3:15 – 5:30: 6 people to prepare plates to go early and serve in the line

5:30 – 7:30: 6 replacement people to serve in the Takeout Line

There will be a **second Take Out** line to fill large orders to go and to help as needed in the Takeout or dine in line.



### **RUNNERS:**

We will need 8 runners

3:15 – 5:30: 2 runners place all food on the dine in line, refill tea, water, etc  
2 runners to run plates out to cars

5:15 – 7:30: We will need replacement runners for each of the above running positions!

Please sign up! Remember *“many hands make light work.”*

Another way you can help is to give a **monetary gift** toward the supplies needed to ensure a great meal with blessed fellowship. We will be purchasing:

Spices (\$315);

Baked beans (large cans total \$359)

Paper goods and utensils (\$543.88)

Total: \$1217.88 with tax to be added.

This will ensure we have all needed supplies for the meal.

For our **desserts**, we are counting on the Culdee families' donations of pre-packaged desserts in zip lock bags and ready to serve

Karon and Darrell McKenzie



## Culdee Finance Ministry News

The Finance Committee is in hopes that everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. This past summer was really a hot one. Although we are to be thankful in all situations, it is hard sometimes. Weather, sickness, loss of a loved one; it is easy to find something to be upset about. Fortunately we have each other and our Culdee Church Family continues to hang in there, helping and praying for each other.

Your Finance committee is hanging in there also. We continue to meet on a monthly basis.

The latest financial report continues to reflect that Culdee remains in a very good financial position in most respects. Each ministry has continued to keep its expenses within very satisfactory ranges, remaining under budget. As of August 31, 2022 however, we were \$3,300.15 short of where we need to be to meet our outlined budget. As a congregation, we therefore need to be diligent with our tithes and offerings such that we can insure our financial position remains stable.

The Finance Ministry will be responsible for the auction during our Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We are currently requesting new or slightly used items from individuals, companies, and organizations. For more information contact Danny Aldridge at 910-638-3002.

Other items we are working on include: meeting with the other ministries to discuss their budgets for 2023, and supporting projects such as the addition of new audio visual equipment for our sanctuary, more irrigation for our front lawn, and the completion of our youth basketball court.

The Finance Ministry thanks you for your continued support and would like to extend an open invitation to any member of the congregation who would like to attend one of our meetings or even join our ministry. We wish you and your families a wonderful fall season.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to direct them to a Finance Ministry member. Finance Ministry members are as follows: Danny Aldridge, Chair, Diann Fortune, Vice Chair, Tim Lea, Art McKenzie, Richard Blue, Ann Savage, and Jim Stewart.

### Important

We are missing several of the hearing assist devices used for services in our sanctuary. They have been missing for a while, now. If you used one and accidentally carried it home or to your car, please bring it back. We just want to get them back to the narthex before we make a decision about purchasing new ones. Thank you!



**Thank you for the continued prayers and support over the past months. I am making progress in my recovery every day and I am finally starting to feel back to normal. Your outpouring of prayers and love has made a difference and I am so blessed! I look forward to seeing everyone again soon! God bless!**  
**Love, Braxton Barber**

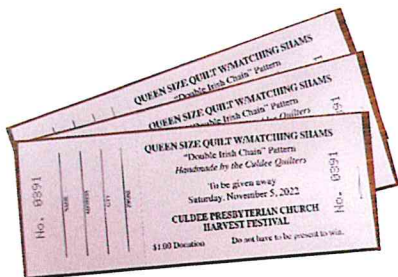
### **QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!**

Our beautiful queen-sized quilt will be given away at our Harvest Festival on November 5th.

Raffle tickets are available in our church office and can be picked up on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

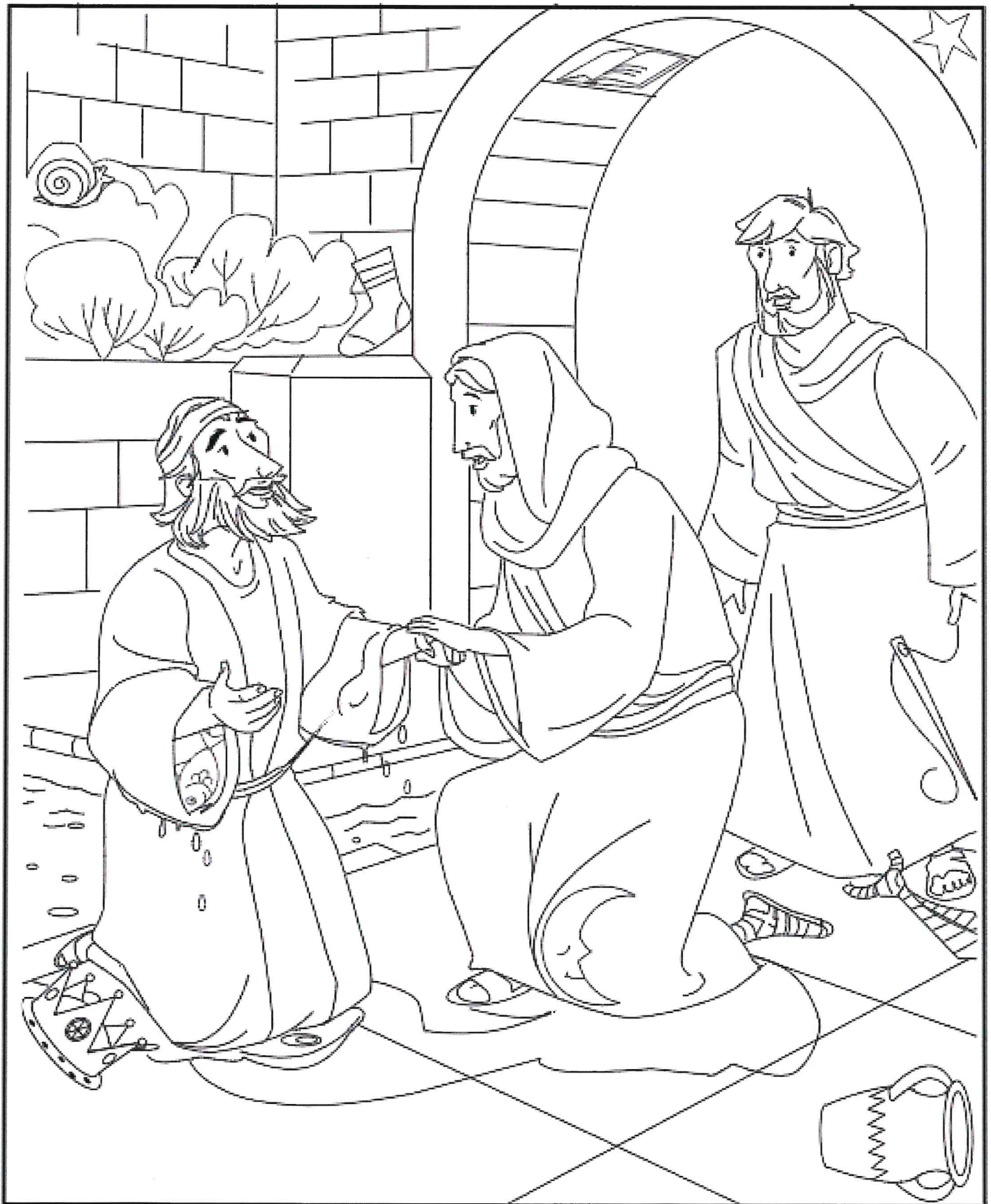
***We need everybody's help in selling these tickets.***

**CULDEE QUILTERS**



## Hidden Pictures: Jesus Healed a Blind Man

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, crown, fish, jug, moon, necktie, needle and thread, snail, sock, star.





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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.

#### **October Preaching Schedule**

**Rev. Connie Weaver will be starting a  
new series called**

**“How to Pray for Your Church”.**

**See inside for more details.**

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