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## THE CULDEE CONNECTION

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We have a lot going on in October! I hope you'll take time to look through this newsletter and see where you might help and enjoy participating. Worshipping and serving together is a source of joy, and a reflection of our hope in Christ! As we're leaving summer and entering another season at Culdee Church, I want to share these words from a song of praise by Jordan Kauflin, called "All I Have is Christ."

*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!*  
I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to Your will,  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.  
But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me the Cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace!  
*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!*  
Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see,  
The strength to follow Your command could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be: "My only boast is You."  
*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!*

With prayers for your journey,  
Connie Weaver, Pastor

## NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10

June Stewart, Clerk

The meeting was held in the Session/Room A in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of Elders in attendance and Pastor Connie serving as Moderator.

Session approved the following requests for church membership: **Wilma Clayton Money** by letter of transfer; **Jerry Palumbo** by reaffirmation of faith; and **James and Kaitland McKenzie** by reactivation of membership.

The minutes for the following meetings were approved as read (Congregational Meeting of August 27, 2023 and Congregational Meeting of September 10) or as amended (Stated Session of August 13, 2023).

The **Monthly Financial Report** for August, 2023 was approved as presented.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to replace the **HVAC (Unit 1)** at a cost of up to \$9,000.00 (to secure or precontract the unit).

By a motion (from Committee) the proposed **Church Budget for 2024** was approved.

### Church World Services Hygiene Kits

There is huge need for **Hygiene Kits here in the USA and around the world.** Your donation can be left in the sunroom at any time....**Here's what you'll need:**



- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" by 22" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package ....Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Do **NOT** add any extra items or toothpaste. Call/Text June Stewart with any questions.

On Sunday, **October 8th**, we'll be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall with music provided by our Culdee choir and members of the **Joyful Noise** choir from ARC. Our children will also be singing in this service. Coffee, milk and juice will be provided, and you are invited to bring a breakfast item to share at 9:15, before the 10:00 a.m. service.



Sunday, **October 29th**, will be a special day in worship at Culdee Church. The last Sunday in October each year is **Reformation Sunday**, a time when we're invited to celebrate our Reformed theological heritage. At Culdee, we'll do that with special music and liturgy, and a celebration of our church history. Bagpiper Peter McArthur will be a guest musician on October 29th.

## FAMILY PROMISE

**Family Promise of Moore County** opened its doors to families experiencing homelessness in **January of 2000**. For many years, FPMC followed the national model of using churches for overnight lodging, congregations for volunteers, social service agencies for referrals and an existing facility for a day center. **Culdee was one of the original supporting congregations in 2000....**

In **2016**, **Family Promise of Moore County** purchased a 3,500 square foot home located at 400 Saunders Boulevard in Aberdeen, NC. The home has five bedrooms and 6-1/2 bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, play room, den, laundry and a fenced in playground. It also has office space for staff.

For twenty-three years, Culdee has supported **Family Promise** financially as one of our local missions; plus, **West End Presbyterian** and **Culdee** currently share a week of providing the evening meals to the clients on an eleven-week rotation with other churches. Our most recent week was **September 18 – 21**. Our next week will be **December 4 – 7**. Contact Ann Savage or June Stewart for more information on how you can help.

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I want to thank all the ladies that came out for our annual salad dinner and business meeting to kick off the year for the PW. Thank you to all that helped in every way to make this evening happen. I want to thank June Stewart for talking about what she and Anne gathered at the PW Fall Gathering. I especially want to thank Linda Upole for giving us some history on how the ladies of Culdee used to provide for the community.

I look forward to helping and serving as the Moderator for the coming year and will try and do my very best to keep everyone informed.

Our next big thing is the Harvest Festival with a day full of fun, food and fellowship and especially those delicious Chicken N Dumplings. There will be a place for everyone on this day. So come on out on Sat. Oct 21 and there will be something for you to do. If you have never made dumplings and want to give it a try, come to the kitchen and we will find somewhere for you.

Darlene Heut is scheduled to come to Culdee on **Monday, October 23 @ 5 PM** to talk about **insurance changes** for 2024 regarding **Medicare**. Mark your calendar and plan to attend if you have any questions about which insurance plan may be best for you. This meeting will be in the fellowship hall.



Gail Farmer, PW Moderator



**Save the Date:**

**Community Thanksgiving Service on November 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Confirmation for Culdee Youth**

We are delighted to have six of our young people participating in a confirmation program this fall. We are using a curriculum called, "Changing the World," by Mark Hinds, that encourages students to consider their gifts and callings in carrying out Christ's mission through the church. The program started with a retreat at Lake Tillery, and participants will be meeting with adult mentors over the coming weeks to study and discuss Scripture and to learn more about what it means to follow Christ in service to the world. Please pray for this process and for our students and their mentors. They will be commissioned for their confirmation process in worship on October 8th and 15th.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee is continuing to rebuild from pre Covid. Our **Children's program** is growing. We would like to express appreciation to Karon McKenzie and Lauren Tierney for their dedication to rebuilding their classes. We would also like to thank Beverly Dunlop and Robin McKenzie for leading our Children's music program during church too! Programming for this is targeted to nursery through 5th grade. They are currently studying Creation in Children's Church. Karon provides a lesson with movement and song trying to hold the attention of the tiny ones. It has to remain short! Also one of our members is bringing snacks to our program...they love it! Thank you!

We have received requests for the return of the video based **Sunday School Class**. We will be looking for several willing teachers to share teaching responsibilities. Also we would like to explore running quarterly studies rather than always remaining weekly. Let us know your thoughts.

Our **Homecoming Day** was a busy but fulfilling day. You could feel the joy at the church service and hear the laughter in the fellowship hall at our Homecoming meal. As we left church, the rain came down and we spent the next few hours trying to adapt to indoor "beach ball relays and soccer" but God is good! It did not rain on us from 4-6, and we were able to go on with our plan.



Thirteen youth joined in with competitive excitement but mostly laughter. It was crazy fun. We moved in, got our pizza and Dr. Jim Morgan (but as he told the youth...just Jim) took over. He was magic! He has the capability of taking teens and engaging them. Before he ended, he had us crowing like roosters, mooing like cows and singing "Hey Honey, show me the money!" The message had them laughing, but he drove home his point. Give as much as you know of yourself to as much as you know of God. Danny Aldridge closed our evening by leading us in our theme song "This Little Light of Mine." We had an awesome Sunday

afternoon!

In October, the church will be busy with the Harvest Festival and youth will be selling hot dogs at the festival. We are planning a **mini Sunday Funday** for the afternoon of **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. This Sunday Funday will be for Pre School and kindergarten children. Our time will be 3:30- 5:00. Children will enjoy crafts, play, and a story time for worship.

As always, we appreciate your continued encouragement and support of our efforts.

Marshall Sweat, Darrell Cole, Patti Burke





### Harvest Festival Update:

Excitement is building in anticipation of Culdee's Annual Fall Harvest Festival including the auction and chicken & dumpling dinner!

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the auction! Items are still needed so that this Mission and Building & Grounds fundraiser is successful. Please reach out to your favorite businesses for auction donations and be sure to provide a donation form which can be found outside the church office. Questions may be directed to Faye Riggsbee, Diann Fortune or other Finance Ministry members.

If you have new or gently used items that you're ready for someone else to love still at home, you may drop them off in the designated area in the Session Room in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies and gentlemen that love to bake, please consider making something yummy to be auctioned off. It's a great time to procure a treat for the upcoming holidays. You never know what is going to pop up at the auction. It's always fun!

Thank you to the following businesses that have contributed items so far:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Advance Auto Parts, Carthage | Burney's True Value Hardware       |
| AutoZone, Carthage           | Carthage Farm Supply               |
| NAPA, Carthage               | Leenheer Automotive & Truck Repair |
| Pete's Family Restaurant     | Speer Oil Company                  |
| Carolina Air                 | Carthage Auto Detail Shop          |
| Thomas Tire                  | Sizzling Steak or Egg Restaurant   |
| Sandhills Woman's Exchange   | Pastimes                           |



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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Aponte	01			
Danielle Cox	01	Michael Money	08	
Mitzi McKenzie	02	Katelynne Svalina	08	
Bethany Palmerton	02	Keith Black	09	James Craven
Anya Aponte	03	June Stewart	09	Donna Parsons
Wilma Money	06	Celeste Marino	13	Lance Caddell
Evan Vest	06	Kaitland McKenzie	13	Matthews Powers
Shannon Bullard	07	Casey Blue	16	Ryan Bailey
Carson Svalina	07	Johnathan Kemp	16	Claudia Cole
Tim Bailey	08	Kathi Muse	17	Lionel Bryson
		Lisa Rouse	18	Brandon Blue
				Stephanie Cole
				Michael Waschsen



### Congregational Care

OCTOBER is really here! You know what that means. Harvest Festival is almost here!

- Are those ovens heated for baking our goodies for the Country Store?
- Are those crafts being finished up to be ready for sale?
- How about those canned goods from the garden?
- Plant growers, is everything green and looking its best?
- Gardeners, are there still fresh veggies from your garden to be shared?

And volunteers, are your smiles ready? And speaking of volunteers, please come join us in the Country Store. It is an excellent way to meet people and get a chance to talk with those you didn't get to talk to on Sunday.

See you on Saturday, October 21.

And stand by for information that will be coming about the plans for our new Culdee Church directory!!!



## Finance Ministry: Chairman Tim Lea & Vice Chair Shannon Bullard

**Isaiah 40:8** – *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*

We can all rejoice knowing that the season change is upon us, and we can enjoy cooler days ahead. We are blessed to be able to worship at Culdee Presbyterian Church where we can be cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Most recently the HVAC unit that heats and cools areas on the fellowship hall side of the church was replaced with a new unit. The cost of this unit was \$9,579.73 and is a 5-ton system. To provide better security, you may have noticed some new doors and locks. The cost of these new additions was \$3,000.00. We bring you this information for two reasons: 1) to keep you informed and 2) to share with you that these costs are not included in the August 31, 2023 finance report that is attached to the newsletter. Moreover, the report lists our expenses as \$17,561.49 and our income as \$21,875.00, which indicate that we have an overage of \$4883.53. While this is great, we must also keep in mind that unexpected expenses occur and staying financially sound, responsible, and transparent are most important.

**Culdee Finance Investments:** Culdee's investments continue to do very well. To help explain what realized gains and unrealized gains are: realized gains are those that have been actualized by selling an existing position for more than what was paid for it. Unrealized gains refer to an increase in the value of an asset, such as a stock position that has yet to be sold for cash. An unrealized gain is one that takes place on paper, as it has yet to be realized. Currently Culdee's year to date dividends, interest, and realized gains are \$4,540.48. The year-to-date unrealized gain is \$24,920.45 making the total year to date realized and unrealized gain \$29,460.93.

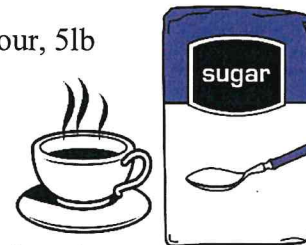


### Harvest Festival and Auction October 21, 2023:

There is still plenty of time to help make this a wonderful Harvest Festival and Auction. The rolling board will be placed outside of the Sanctuary before and after church for you to be able to sign up for various opportunities. It will be available in the sunroom at all other times.



Opportunities include being able to donate 5lb bags of self-rising flour, 5lb bags of sugar, 2lbs of coffee both regular and decaffeinated, green beans, dessert, and \$10.00 donation to go towards the purchase of slaw and bread. All of these donations will help to make sure that the Chicken and Dumpling meal is successful.



**Auction items are still needed.** Please be sure to get several of the donation slips outside of the office to give to anyone who contributes an item and would like documentation of their donation. Any items received will need to be placed in the Session room.



Please speak with any of the following members of the Finance Ministry regarding the auction:

Tim Lea, Shannon Bullard, Ann Savage, Danny Aldridge, Faye Riggsbee and Darrell Cole.

<b>CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>			Week	4,424.72
MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT			Sundays	4
August 31, 2023				
<b>OPERATING FUND REFLECTS INCOME FROM TITHES/OFFERINGS AND GENERAL MONTHLY EXPENSES</b>				<b>OVER &amp; (UNDER)</b>
MO OP BUDGET INCOME	\$ 16,991.47	ACTUAL MO OP INCOME	\$ 21,875.00	4,883.53
MO OP BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 16,991.47	ACTUAL MO OP EXPENSE	\$ 17,561.49	570.02
TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET INCOME	\$ 148,675.37	ACTUAL YTD OP INCOME	\$ 175,904.56	27,229.19
TOTAL YTD OP BUDGET EXPENSE	\$ 148,675.37	ACTUAL YTD OP EXPENSE	\$ 167,654.57	18,979.20
ACTUAL MO OP & DESG INCOME	\$ 17,698.88	ACTUAL YTD OP & DESG INCOME	\$ 214,518.93	
ACTUAL MO OP & DESG EXPENSE	\$ 19,173.78	ACTUAL YTD OP & DESG EXPENSE	\$ 195,320.33	
<b>LIQUID ASSETS:</b>		<b>LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS: *</b>		
TRUIST CHECKING	\$ 30,549.64	Truist Cemetery Fund Checking/Savings*	\$ 10,360.75	
LIVE OAK LIQUID ASSET SAVINGS	\$ 12,327.31	Truist Flower Garden Checking #6017*	\$ 1,355.53	
STIFEL LIQUID ASSETS*	\$ 237,988.67	Live Oak Baby Grand Piano Savings*	\$ 32,534.12	
SALES TAX RECEIVABLE	\$ 1,403.30	Live Oak Barnabus Savings*	\$ 8,130.69	
DUE FROM LEGALLY DESIGNATED TO GEN	\$ -	Live Oak Building/Renovations Savings*	\$ 8,639.72	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 282,268.92</b>	Live Oak Cemetary Savings*	\$ 0.04	
		Live Oak Choir Savings*	\$ 7,154.66	
		Live Oak Doris Moore Savings*	\$ 1,832.59	
<b>DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED &amp; LEGALLY RESTRICTED ASSETS:</b>		Live Oak Flower Garden Savings*	\$ 0.86	
DESIGNATED FUNDS *	\$ 3,440.50	Live Oak Hand Bell Savings*	\$ 1,354.93	
LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS *	\$ 225,929.54	Live Oak Missions Savings*	\$ 2,257.97	
STIFEL NICOLAUS RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS *	\$ 106,286.56	Live Oak Parking Lot Savings*	\$ 0.22	
DUE TO GEN FROM LEGALLY DESIGNATED	\$ -	Live Oak Sarah Ann Fortune Savings*	\$ 3.64	
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED, RESTRICTED &amp; LEGALLY RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 335,656.60</b>	Live Oak Youth Basketball Project Savings*	\$ 1,465.99	
		Live Oak Youth Savings*	\$ 13,862.15	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 617,925.52</b>	Live Oak Cemetary Fund CDs*	\$ 89,976.19	
		Live Oak Doris Moore CDs*	\$ 36,702.54	
		Flower Garden CD*	\$ 10,296.95	
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS: *</b>		<b>TOTAL LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS*</b>	<b>\$ 225,929.54</b>	
Baby Grand Piano*	\$ 150.00	<b>TOTAL YTD INTEREST INCLUDED IN BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 5,372.35</b>	
Barnabus Fund *	\$ 1,489.04			
Building/Renovations*		<b>TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 220,056.52</b>	
Building & Renovations*	\$ -			
Parking Lot Paving Fund*	\$ 500.00			
Choir Fund *	\$ 212.10			
Doris Moore *	\$ -	<b>STIFEL NICOLAUS INVESTMENTS:</b>		
Handbell Fund *	\$ -	<b>Unrestricted:</b>		
Harvest Festival*	\$ 200.00	(LA) Liquid Assets Stock - 4452	\$ 237,988.67	
Missions*	\$ 437.50	<b>Restricted:</b>		
Other Designated*	\$ 39.49	(F) Sarah Ann Fortune - 1753 *	\$ 35,199.59	*
Owe General Fund*	\$ 35.00	(M) Doris Moore - 7649*	\$ 15,035.75	*
Sarah Ann Fortune Memorial Fund *	\$ 52.09	(MI) Missions - 2715*	\$ 2,371.21	*
Youth Basketball Project*	\$ -	(P) Parking Lot Paving - 1630*	\$ 53,680.01	*
Youth Fund *	\$ 325.28	<b>TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS AS OF 08/31/23</b>	<b>\$ 344,275.23</b>	*
<b>Truist CHECKING DESIGNATED FUNDS *</b>	<b>\$ 3,440.50</b>			
		<b>TOTAL BALANCE @ BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 314,030.25</b>	
AVAILABLE LIQUID ASSETS	\$ 282,268.92	YTD ADDITIONS TO INVESTMENTS	\$ 3,230.00	
Truist CHECKING (MINIMUM BALANCE)	\$ (20,000.00)	YTD TRANSFERRED FROM STIFEL	\$ (250.00)	
6 MONTH RESERVE (EQUAL TO ANNUAL BUDGET INCOME DIVIDED BY 2)	\$ (115,042.73)		<b>\$ 317,010.25</b>	
<b>MONIES AVAILABLE IN EXCESS OF 6 MONTHS RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 147,226.20</b>			
	<b>Months in Reserve</b>	<b>13.68</b>	YTD DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, & REALIZED GAINS	\$ 4,540.48
			YTD UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ 24,920.45
ACT = ACTUAL			<b>TOTAL YTD REALIZED &amp; UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 29,460.93</b>
MO = MONTHLY				
BUD = BUDGET			YTD INVESTMENT EXPENSE	\$ 2,195.95
OP = OPERATING			<b>BALANCE AS OF 08/31/23</b>	<b>\$ 344,275.23</b>
INC = INCOME				
EXP = EXPENSES				
DESG = DESIGNATED			<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 230,085.45</b>
* = LEGALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS			<b>Average monthly budget</b>	<b>\$ 19,173.79</b>



*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.

Pastor Connie recently began a new sermon series on Prayers in the Bible. The series will continue through November 19th. Please take a moment to read the passage ahead of worship each Sunday.

October 1 - Exodus 32:7-14 - "Remember Your Servants"  
October 8 - 1st Samuel 1:3-20 - "No Longer Sad"  
October 15 - Jonah, selected verses - "From the Heart of the Sea"  
October 22 - Matthew 26:36-46 - "Not What I Want"  
October 29 - Reformation Sunday  
November 5 - Matthew 6:5-15 - "A Prayer for the Ages"  
November 12 - Acts 7:51-8:3 - "Into the Presence of the Lord"  
November 19 - 1st Corinthians 1:4-9 - "In Every Way"  
Nov 26 - Matthew 25:31-46 - Christ the King Sunday

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