

U.S. Postage Paid
West End, NC, 27376
Permit No. 6



THANK YOU LORD FOR:

THE CULDEE CONNECTION

June 2023

Published By: Culdee Presbyterian Church
916 Hwy 73, West End, NC 27376
Phone (910) 295-6685
email:culdeepresbyterian@gmail.com

Volume 44, Issues: 5

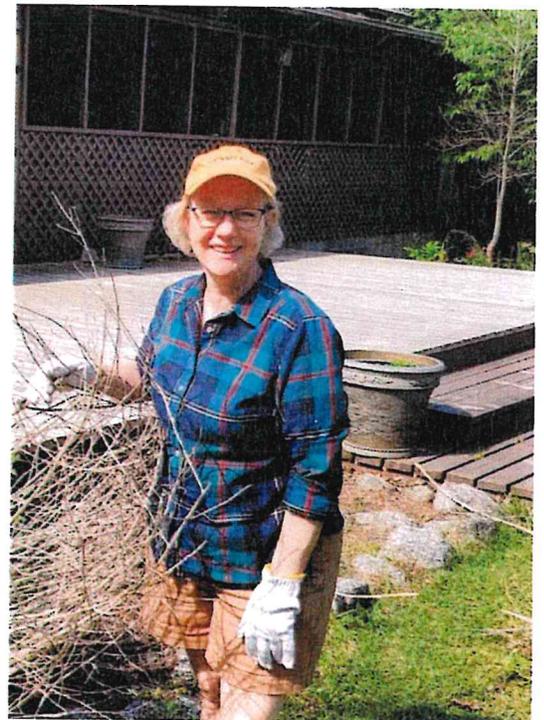
Newsletter Committee: Jewell Vest, Mary R. Whitaker
Eve Williamson & Janie Taylor

www.culdeechurch.net

As I write this, I am approaching my first-year anniversary as your pastor. My first Sunday with you was June 5th of last year. It is indeed amazing how quickly time can pass! So much has happened during this first year, so many new acquaintances have been made and friendships formed, and you have welcomed my husband and me as part of the Culdee Church family. As we've settled into this new church community, our family has grown a bit, as well. In April, we welcomed our third grandchild. I will be away from the pulpit on June 18th in order to perform her baptism in South Carolina. Also occurring in June will be my final doctoral course at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This requires that I be away on June 4th and for several days that following week. Your guest preacher and worship leader for June 4th will be Kevin Gregory, and on June 18th, Sandy Stewart.

On June 11th, I'll be preaching from Romans 4:13-25, about resting on God's grace. On June 25th, I plan to begin a new series on the epistle of James called "A Faith that Works." I hope you'll take the opportunity to read this short book in our New Testament before June 25th.

Connie Weaver
Pastor



Notes from the Session Meeting of May 7, 2023

June Stewart, Clerk

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

- The minutes from the April 10 Stated Session were approved as amended.
- Pastor Connie gave a report from the May 6th Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. It was held by ZOOM instead of in person.
- Session adopted the proposed “Child Protection Policy”, as amended.
- The monthly Financial Report was discussed and received into the record.
- Visitor Packets will be made available in the sanctuary.
- Virginia Elder donated her baby grand piano to the church; it is in the choir room. Session accepted the gift with thanks.
- A revised “Finance Ministry Policy and Procedures” document was approved.

Congregational Care

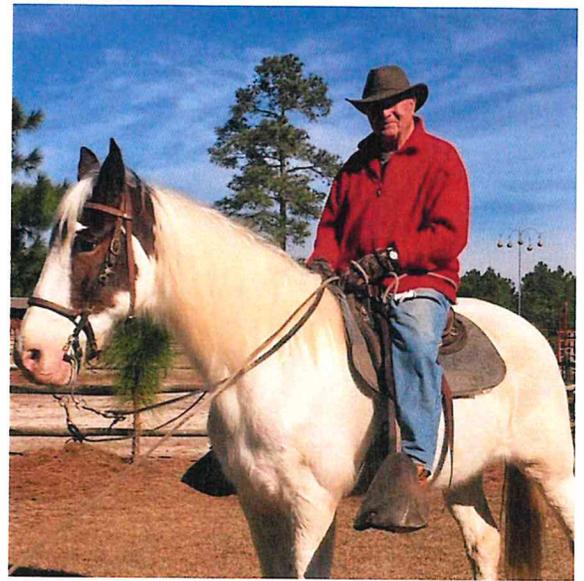
A great big Culdee 'Thank you' to Rick and Martha Mathews and their helpers for the wonderful Senior Luncheon for 2023! It had been several years since this special event had taken place, and judging by the crowd, everyone had missed it and was excited to participate again.



With Harvest Festival only 4 months away and growing season here, this is the perfect time to be thinking about garden goods and special plants for the Country Store this year. All things from your gardens will be most welcome, and we have many folks with very green thumbs in our midst. So keep us in mind as you re-pot those special plants and maybe start a few extra things that you can share in October.



A very special 90th birthday is approaching for our friend, **Mills Hodge** on May 25th.
Congratulations Mills!!
Happy Birthday!



A **ladies luncheon** has been planned for **Tuesday, June 27th** at Ms Lacy's in Sanford. The space is limited to 20. If you would like to go and enjoy a fun day of fellowship and food, please call Nancy at the office and leave your names with her. We plan to use the church van and will leave the church around 10:45 am or 10:50 am. It's about a 30 minute drive.

Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds committee is considering options available to secure the Pastor and Secretary offices. They will present their findings to the session in June and are hopeful that they will have a solution to move forward with.

Culdee Presbyterian Church

916 NC Highway 73 • West End, NC



www.CuldeeChurch.net

Visual for Banners
to be hung

Culdee's sign/banner hanger is located in the fellowship hall. The sign will be located at the intersection of highway 73 and 15-501 when necessary permits have been secured.

Any questions can be addressed to Lonnie McKenzie or Richard Blue.

Joyful Noise Variety Show
May 23rd, 2023

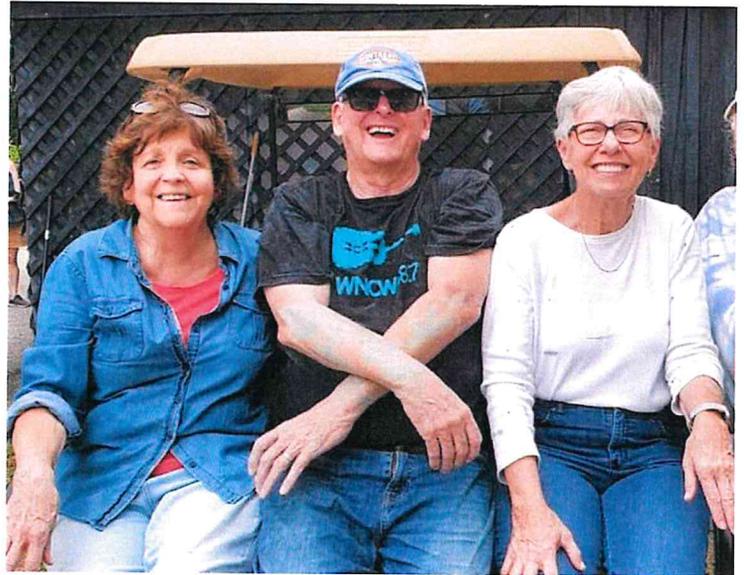
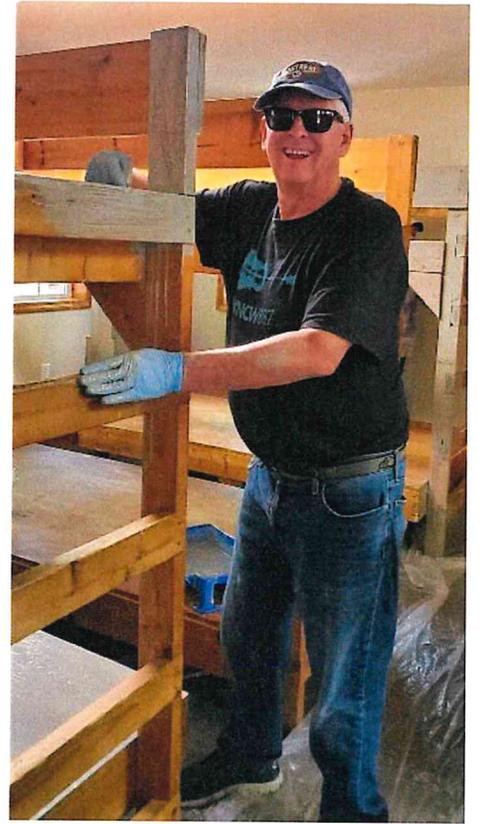


CHRISTIAN ED MINISTRY

On May 20th, fourteen Culdee volunteers traveled to Camp Monroe for their annual Volunteer Serve Day. Gene Joiner, director of Camp Monroe, has developed an appreciation of the Culdee building skills and immediately directed our building crew to the location to build a storage building.



Another group went to the cabins to stain bunkbeds.



Our youngest volunteers (with children) were guided to Boyd Hall to begin weeding the gardens.



It was a beautiful day! I think we all left tired but with a sense of accomplishment and smiling from the fellowship we enjoyed! Thank you to each of the volunteers.



As we approach the summer, the Christian Ed ministry will begin with our “**Out of School Water Splash**”. This will be held **Sunday, June 4th**. Youth will have an obstacle course, water balloons, water guns and the “awesome sky-high water slide.” Please invite others to join ...ages 6 and up and tell them not to forget their towels! We will not wear bathing suits but instead shorts and T- shirts. Once we are completely soaked, we’ll have tables outside where we will have our time of food, fellowship, worship, and song. Our day will also include a tribute to our Graduate Roston Barber. He has been a faithful leader of the Sunday Funday program. Thank you, Roston!



Culdee VBS will be held **June 26th – June 30th**. Once again, we will be at Culdee from 9 -1 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Thursday morning, we will load our van and travel for the **overnight camping/worship experience at Camp Monroe**. We will bring the group back on Friday after lunch. At this time, we have our Camp full, but as usual there will be some shifting of those participating. If you are interested in having another join, please see one of us and we will keep working the numbers. We may be able to expand.

If you wish to assist with our VBS camp, we can always **use a few servers at lunch**. Also, if you would like to **sponsor a youth to Camp** this year, the cost for each youth is \$65. If we can add a few more this would assist with the funding as well as lunch, refreshments, drinks provided during the camp. Any group wishing to sponsor a lunch on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, please see Patti Burke.



We are excited about our Camp and each opportunity we have to support these youth. It is a difficult time for our young people, and they need as many positives influences as each of us can provide. Please pray we can touch these young lives during our time together.

Marshall Sweat, Darrell Cole, Patti Burke



JUNE

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

JULY

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



Finance Ministry: Chairman Tim Lea & Vice Chair Shannon Bullard

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

Culdee Financial Status:

Culdee continues to be blessed with financial support and donations of time and services. The Annual Financial Review from Sandhills Accounting Services will hopefully be completed by June's end. Additional information was required from the church delaying its anticipated early-May completion.

So far this year, the Culdee Session has approved several expenses not in the budget and there were some carry over projects approved last year that have been completed this year. Not all of those projects had a financial trade-off (giving up one thing to replace with an improved option); thus, reducing or alleviating additional expense to the church.

April's financial report from Sandhills Accounting Service indicates that Culdee is \$8,124.10 over budget for the year. Income for the year is \$16,127.24 over the budget which will help during those months, like April, when income for the month is under the budget's needs. Culdee maintains a solid financial foundation. Seeking quality and economical options when future additional unbudgeted wants or needs arise will help maintain Culdee's financial health. Thank you for supporting Culdee!

Interested in Online Giving? :

The Finance Ministry has been approached regarding an online giving option. A no-cost option used by some folks is making a contribution to the church through the online bill pay feature provided by personal banking institutions. There are also several fee-based services that Culdee could engage if there is enough interest. **If online giving is of interest to you, please contact Finance Chair Tim Lea or Vice Chair Shannon Bullard by June 30 for input.**



It's never too early to start gathering items of quality for the Fall Harvest Festival's Auction! Items could be treasures from your home that someone else would love or you can help by seeking donated items. The funds raised by the Harvest Festival are divided with 35% supporting Missions & Outreach and 65% supporting Building & Grounds. Everyone's help will make for a successful event honoring God! The Finance Ministry

members: Tim Lea, Shannon Bullard, Ann Savage, Danny Aldridge, Darrell Cole, and Faye Riggsbee are available for questions or to help with storage of auction items.



My Dad



By _____.

"Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end." Psalm 119:33

My dad's name is _____.

My dad is _____ years old and _____ inches tall.

My dad's favorite food is _____.

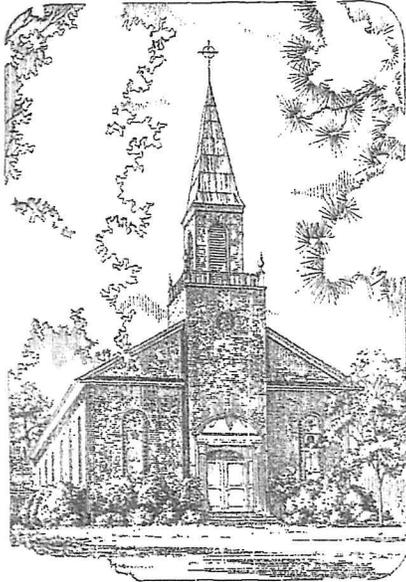
My dad's job is _____.

My dad's favorite thing about me is _____.

My favorite thing to do with my dad is _____.

My dad is like Jesus because _____.

My dad serves our family by _____.



Culdee Presbyterian Church

916 HIGHWAY 73, WEST END
NORTH CAROLINA

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.

Contact Us: Phone (910) 295-6685

www.culdeechurch.net

culdeepresbyterian@gmail.com