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"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34b-35

In order to truly celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter, we have to first observe the Crucifixion. The Crucifixion and the Resurrection are two parts of a story that go together. That's why the gospel writers tell us about the days leading up to Jesus' death on the Cross, before they tell us about his Resurrection. The writer of John's gospel relates an important story of how Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another, just as he had loved them. This commandment of Jesus to his disciples is also his commandment to us. When we respond to God's love for us in Jesus Christ, we are then able to love one another with a godly love that can only come from the Holy Spirit.

I hope you will make time to attend our April 17th Maundy Thursday service at Culdee Church. The service will be at 7:00 p.m., and we'll share Communion with one another as we remember the days leading up to the Crucifixion of Jesus. Then on Easter Sunday on April 20th, we'll joyfully celebrate together the Resurrection of our Savior!

Connie Weaver, Pastor

NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2025

June Stewart, Clerk

The Session met in Room A/Session Room in the Fellowship Hall building at 6:00 p.m. with all Elders in attendance. The Moderator was Pastor Connie.

- The minutes from the **Stated Session** meeting of February 16 were approved as read.
- Pastor Connie and Karon McKenzie gave a brief report of the **Presbytery** meeting that was held on March 1 in Fayetteville.
- Action on the request by the **Board of Elections** to use the Culdee Fellowship Hall as a polling place in March of 2026 was deferred until the April session meeting to provide time to gather more information before a decision is made.
- An ad which will highlight Culdee's upcoming Easter services and events will be placed in the **Seven Lakes Insider** newspaper.
- The elders discussed Conversation 1 from the book, **LASTING IMPACT**.
- The **Financial Report** for February was reviewed and approved as presented.
- New outlets were installed in the **Quilters' Room**.
- The remaining money in the Hurricane Relief Fund will go to **TODD's TABLE** in Todd, North Carolina.
- **Ring Security Cameras** were installed on the doors at the manse.

CROP HUNGER WALK 2025

We look forward to **April 6** and our **CROP HUNGER WALK** event! We invite everyone to come and participate! The walk will start at 2:00 but we would love everyone to come by 1:30 to get signed in and to take our group picture!! The total money raised in the county will be divided 75% for Church World Service's mission projects and 25% will stay in Moore County and be used by Sandhills Coalition to purchase vouchers to be given to elementary and high school students to purchase tennis shoes for the new school year. Be sure your check is made out to either Culdee (with **CWS/CROP** on the memo line) or **CWS/CROP**. All cash money received will be deposited by our treasurer, Ann Savage, and a check will be written to **CWS/CROP** from Culdee. Cookies, lemonade and water will be available for all walkers and watchers!!





Saturday, April 12th **Community Funday and Easter Egg Hunt**
from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Sunday, April 13th: **Palm Sunday**

Thursday, April 17th: **Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 20th: **Easter** : Sunrise Service (7:00 am) Breakfast (7:30 am) Morning Service (9:00 am)
Note the EARLIER TIME for our REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE on Easter Sunday.

Sunday, May 4th: Senior Luncheon



OUTREACH

We are busy planning and carrying out Outreach initiatives in our church, community, and world. We invite you to join our next Culdee Outreach Committee meeting. Your input is needed! Join us right after Church in the Session room.

“HELPING HANDS” FOCUS FOR APRIL

Culdee is collecting the following two items for **Church World Service HYGIENE KITS**.

- **Travel-size deodorant** 3.4 oz. or less (non-aerosol)
- **Travel-size toothpaste** 3.4 oz. or less (expiration date of one year)

Culdee is collecting **twin bed sheet sets** for **FAMILY PROMISE** of Moore County.

THANK YOU!!! Your donations in March were so appreciated!!....bath towels for FAMILY PROMISE and travel-size lotion and shampoo for HYGIENE KITS

The last Sunday in the month is designated as **GIVING SUNDAY**, but you are welcome to drop off your donations any time it is convenient during each month. Baskets are available in the sun room and the vestibule of the sanctuary.

Co-chairpersons Karon Mckenzie and Melissa Bailey



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Things are starting to get exciting at Culdee this spring. Our annual Community Fun Day Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner on April 12th.

As in previous years, there will be something for everyone – games, bouncy house, Darrell's Barrels, a firetruck, music, and more, with the Easter Egg hunt and none other than the Easter Bunny checking things out. We would appreciate any **donations** of plastic Easter eggs and pieces of individually wrapped Easter candy for the egg hunt. (Please place them in the kitchen.)



The action will begin at 11:00 and will run until 1:00, with a hot dog lunch beginning at 1:00.

All volunteers are welcome! Plan to come and invite your neighbors to share the fun!

There will be more excitement in May, as plans are in the works to begin new Sunday School classes. In addition to the children's class and the adult class that we now have, the plan is to add a class for ages 6-12, a youth class for grades 7-12, and another adult class.

Please be in prayer for these opportunities that they may glorify God and be a pathway to closer worship relationships for all of us.



March 5th, 2025: Ash Wednesday
Ann Savage
Kim White

Lenten Bible Study
on Forgiveness
Led by Pastor Connie



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Doris Moore Scholarship applications are available on the table outside the office door. They are due in the office by April 30th.

Doris Moore grew up here at Culdee and was a missionary to the Belgian Congo, later Zaire, from 1952 - 1972. She greatly valued education and spent her life working half a world away to bring education to those for whom opportunities were very limited.



Graduates: Spring is here so can graduation be far behind?

If you know of a high school or college student graduating this Spring, please turn their name into the office by May 1st for recognition later in the Spring. We would also like the name of the school or college they are graduating from.

We would like to invite all men and women to join the Congregational Care Committee. We are seeking different ways to serve our Church family. We need your creativity!! Our next meeting will be held on March 30th immediately following church service in the Session Room.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



One task completed by our dedicated Building and Grounds team was the building of a ramp for Larry and Beverly Furr, allowing easier access into their home. Thank you, Rick Mathews, Tim Bailey and Johnie Marion for providing that blessing for the Furr Family.

Building and Grounds Continued

Melissa Bailey advised that the Sandhills Children's Center needed help in putting special seesaws up in the playground. Culdee's Building and Grounds team, Tim and Rick, and Johnie volunteered their time and labor. Because the Center did not have to pay someone to do the work, they used the extra funds to purchase a second seesaw.



The Center and Culdee appreciates the hard work of these gentlemen.



Kelly Curlee	01	Tim Lea	18
Blake Lea	02	Ronald Bowen	20
Faye Ritter	05	Robert Barber	20
Rhett Cole	05	Joshua McKenzie	23
Hunter Cox	07	Matt Howle	23
Michelle Searwell	09	Jerry Palumbo	25
Larry Sears	09	Matt Williamson	25
Asher Shields	09	Jared Bailey	26
Susan Jackson	11	Lisa McMillian	27
Darrell McKenzie	12	Rick Halverstadt	28
Aemon Barber	12	Jamie Martin	28
Alston Willcox	14	Ian Stewart	28
Steve Carrico	16	Heath Caddell	30
Mark Cole	18	John David Cuff	30

FINANCE MINISTRY

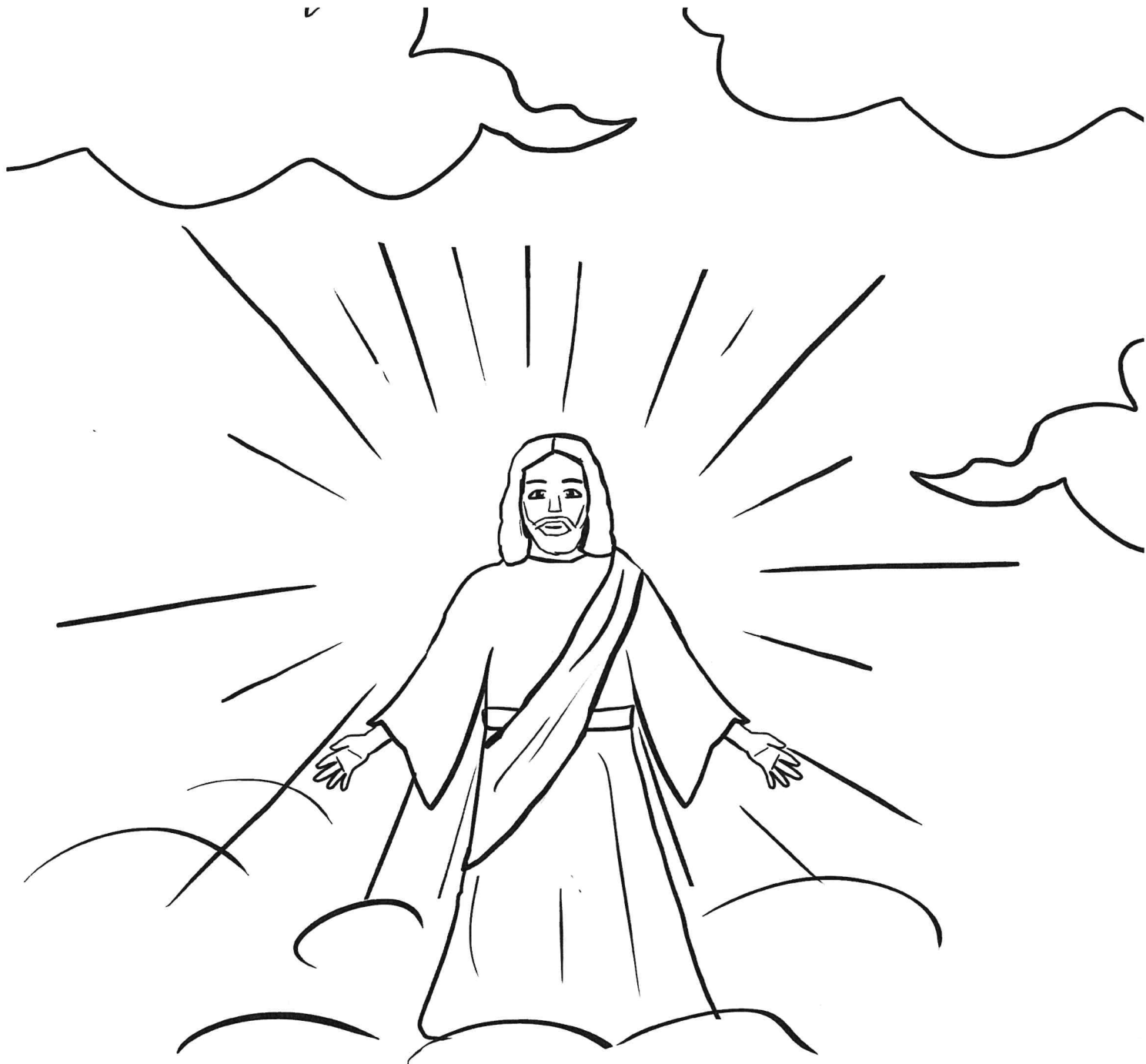
*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6*



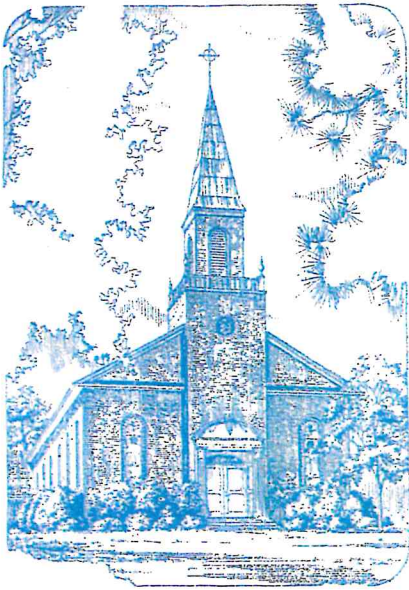
Our March Finance and Investment Ministry meetings went very well. In our investment meeting, we discussed the stability of our investments with Stifel. It was decided that even with the current economic instability, our investments were in the best place they could be. Financial Advisor William “Bill” Eastman with Stifel has been wonderful to work with and will advise if he feels anything needs to change. During the Finance meeting, the February 28, 2025 Finance Report was reviewed and accepted. This has been attached for your review. Please know that if you ever have a question about the finance report, you are always more than welcome to speak with Shannon Bullard, Finance Chair, or anyone else within the Finance Ministry. This includes Danny Aldridge, Roy Anderson, Faye Riggsbee, and Ann Savage.

While it’s hard to believe that Spring has just begun and we are already talking about Fall, it will be here before we know it. Our annual Harvest Festival will be October 18, 2025. Your Finance Ministry is preparing for the annual auction and yard sale. The tent has been secured with Richmond Rentals and our fantastic auctioneer, Johnny Owen, has graciously agreed to provide his wonderful talents. During your spring cleaning, if you have anything that you would like to donate towards either the yard sale or auction, we will gladly accept those donations. We are also seeking anyone that can help secure donations from local businesses. If you think you can help, we will appreciate the support.

Your Finance Chair,
Shannon Bullard



Jesus is not here! He has risen!
Remember how he told
you he would rise.
Luke 24:6a



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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.

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