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## THANK YOU LORD FOR:

## THE CULDEE CONNECTION

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Here we are, at August! Someone told me recently that he gets sad after July 4<sup>th</sup>. I asked, "Why?" He said, "Well, it feels like the beginning of the end of summer!" Maybe that's true for some of us. It does seem that after July, our attention begins to turn to things like getting ready for school and for fall events. We certainly have a lot going on at Culdee Church this fall, so I hope you'll take note of events such as

Homecoming Sunday on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and our Harvest Festival on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We plan to return to our traditional chicken & dumplings meal for the Harvest Festival. This meal takes a lot of preparation, and I know Audrey Chacon and Wade Garner will appreciate hearing if you're free to lend a hand to make dumplings or prepare chickens in the days leading up to the festival. There are also opportunities to solicit items for the festival auction, to create items for our Country Store, and to simply be present on the day to assist in whatever ways are needed. The Harvest Festival is our biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds going to support missions giving and maintenance of our church campus. Please consider how you might be involved in this important event in October.



In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Connie Weaver, Pastor

#### NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION OF JULY 9

The session met at 6:30 in Room A/Session in the fellowship hall building with Pastor Connie as Moderator, Patti Burke as Clerk and a quorum on Elders in attendance.

The minutes from the Stated Session meeting of June 11 were approved as read.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to discontinue the church's subscription to RIGHT NOW MEDIA and earmark the saving for hiring a Nursery/Children's Church worker.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the office manager's days of employments from two days to three days a week with an increase in pay.

An 8ft. by 12ft. pad will be poured for the refrigeration unit to sit on outside the fellowship hall.

Eight new hearing assist units are here at the church.

The monthly financial report for June was reviewed and entered into the record.

## **Congregational Care**

How is it possible that 2023 is flying by so quickly? Here we are heading full speed ahead into Culdee's full fall schedule with Homecoming, Harvest Festival, Thanksgiving, and Christmas following right after!

There will be a Congregational Care meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 6 to discuss our needs for the remainder of 2023. Many of you have already been working on baked/canned goods, craft ideas, and donation items for the Country Store. Bring your thoughts and ideas to the meeting to share with others.

Please come join us in Congregational Care for fellowship and a way to help minister to our congregation.

## **Homecoming Sunday**

Our Homecoming Sunday is set for **September 17th**. Please plan to attend this special day of worship, and invite those you know who have "Culdee connections" to join us for worship that day.

#### **Culdee Fall Revival**

Rather than a series of evening worship services following Homecoming Sunday, our Session has approved a Fall Revival Event the evening of **September 17th**. This will include worship as well as activities planned to include our children and youth. Rev. Jim Morgan will be returning as our guest preacher for this event.

## **Harvest Festival Auction**

Our annual Culdee Harvest Festival is just around the corner, and it's time for us to be gathering items for the festival auction! Please consider what businesses or individuals you might approach to solicit donated items or services for the auction. Think also about what items or services you might be willing to donate. Items donated for the auction should be new or only lightly used. Our festival auction is a major fundraiser for Culdee missions and for maintenance of our beautiful church buildings and grounds. Forms for donors for the October 21st auction are available in the church office.

## Christian Ed Ministry

The Culdee VBS was awesome! We had 24 in attendance and carried 20 to Camp Monroe for the overnight



camp. Only one came home during the night. The rest remained and returned the next day. The ages ranged from 6- 14 and we had several in each age group. Camp Monroe provided five counselors filled with energy and capable of coordinating competitions and events. Bible studies were separated into age groups so they



could teach to the appropriate level. It is amazing how this group bonded and cared for each other as the week progressed. When picking them up on Friday, time was allowed for goodbyes to counselors and each other.









We would like to once again express appreciation to the church family for providing this unique experience for our youth and to the workers who helped each day serving and interacting with our campers.

On July 16, we held our first "Mini Funday Sunday" for ages 0-6 year olds. We had 6 children and 8 adults. It was an active afternoon filled with excitement and fun! The children chased each other and played together. This is our first attempt to develop fellowship for young children and families. Hopefully, this ministry will grow in our community and church. Karon McKenzie shared the story of Jonah and the whale while sitting in her boat as the children rocked it from side to side. After our water play, we enjoyed ice cream with sprinkles, lemonade and cookies. Our future plans are to gather for our Trunk or Treat and play before

going out to the cars. It was a good beginning!

It has been a busy period for Christian Ed and we will enjoy a break before beginning again in September. As always we invite anyone interested in helping us develop these programs to join us. We promise you will leave with a smile on your face!

Marshall Sweat, Darrell Cole and Patti Burke

### Presbyterian Women

Hello everyone, I hope you all are trying to stay cool in all the heat we are having. I know a lot of you are trying to tend to your gardens, canning and freezing those delicious vegetables. Please stay safe in this heat and stay hydrated.



We are looking for **nursery workers** for Sundays. Anyone that would like to help keep the nursery on Sunday, Please check the calendar outside of the Nursery door to sign up.

#### The **flower calendar** is located outside the

Pastor's door. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of someone, please sign up. You can also call the office and give the information to the secretary.

There are a few things that are coming up and I hope you will try to attend one or all the events.

**First**, is the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering. It is hard to think about Fall with all this HOT weather we are having, but it is time for the Gathering with other Presbyterian Women. The Fall Gathering will be Saturday August 19, 2023 at Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC. Registration begins at 9:00 am and meeting starts at 10:00 am. If you can go, it would be nice to have Culdee represented. (See insert page)



Second, our annual "Culdee Sisters Salad Social" will be Sunday September 10, @ 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. All ladies from 0-100 are invited to come for food and fellowship. I hope you will plan to attend and bring any type of salad you may want to share.

**Third**, in September there will be a baby shower for Ashley and Brandon Blue. If you would be willing to help with this, please let me know. There will be more information soon about the date and time. "IT'S A GIRL"



I wanted to get this out there for you to start thinking about and hope you will consider attending. Believe me, it will be here before we know it.

Gail Farmer, PW Moderator

# August Birthdays

Sadie Cuff	01		
Jackie Thamm	04	Tony Rouse	15
Sarah Cuff	05	Peyton Martin	15
Tracy Vest	09	Eve Williamson	18
Tammy Parsons	11	Andrew Craven	19
Wayne Vest	11	Lisa Campbell	20
Zach Marks	11	Myers Buckley	21
Nelson Blue	12	Grace Bowen	22
Ray Barber	13	Deelie Whitesell	23
,		Jackson Aldridge	23



Nancy Howle	25
Kristy Taylor	25
Norman Harris	25
Dana Vest	26
Slylar Lilly	26
Sharon Cuff	30
Lisa Huffines	30
Wyatt Cole	31

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

2023 FALL GATHERING



# Saturday, August 19th, 2023

Registration at 9:00 am Plenary begins at 10:00 am

## **Highland Presbyterian Church**

111 Highland Avenue Fayetteville, NC 28305

# **Guest Speaker:** Renea Henderson

Renea Henderson Ministries

# Workshops & Table Displays

- Children's Hope Alliance
- Moderator, Treasurer, & Historians
- Horizons Bible Study
- · Mission & Celebration Giving
- Young Life
- Friendship House
- Human Trafficking
- Sewing Sisters
- Church World Service & More!

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Refreshments and Door Prizes Provided



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

**Deuteronomy 28: 11-12** – The Lord will open the Heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2023. So many exciting things have happened and many more are to come. Your Finance Ministry Members meet monthly and during our meeting held on July 9, 2023, the June 2023 Financial Report was reviewed and approved.

Mission giving is both rewarding and generous. To make sure that what is given goes primarily towards the mission and not administrative costs, the organization will be reviewed before any decision is made regarding financial support.

You will soon see the refrigeration unit placed on its new concrete pad that will be poured outside the fellowship hall. The many blessings that this refrigeration unit will allow are just amazing.

#### **Culdee Finance Investments Committee Meets Quarterly:**

Documented within the June 30, 2023 financial report, you will see that Culdee's investments continue to do well. The year-to-date dividends, interest, and realized gains are \$3,532.96. The unrealized gain is \$23,747.88. This creates a total of \$27,280.84 in year-to-date unrealized gain.

## Harvest Festival and Auction October 21, 2023:

Time is ticking.... only three months until our annual Harvest Festival and Auction. For this to be a success, volunteers are needed. There are many ways in which you can contribute to the success of this wonderful day.

Can you gather items for the auction? If so, there will be donation forms that will be available outside of the office for you to handout to whomever donates so they can receive a tax deduction for the value of the donated item. Any small items received can be placed in the session room. If you have any larger items that need to be placed in the storage unit, please contact the office so this can be arranged.



Is your talent in the kitchen? We need help cooking and picking the chicken, making dumplings, serving, cleaning up and scheduling delivery to those who can't come.

Very soon, the roller board will be in the sunroom where you can sign up for various volunteer opportunities.



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.



Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what He has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8

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### **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.

## Worship Info for August & September

Aug 6 - Dr. Sandy Stewart will be our guest preacher

Aug 13 - Romans 10:8-15 - "Beautiful Feet"

New series begins August 20 - "Coming Home"

Aug 20 - Genesis 32:22-32 - "Reconciliation"

Aug 27 - Exodus 3:1-15 - "Purpose"

"Coming Home" series continues through Sept. 17th

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