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Hello to all, and a happy summer to you! I am so glad to be at Culdee Church as your new pastor. Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me and my husband, Joe. I look forward to getting to know more of you as we explore what it means to be partners in God's ministry in this time and place. I have already observed the good work of many people in this church community.

I thank you also for welcoming me to Culdee's lovely manse. I am gradually making my home there, and settling into my office at the church. One result of my move is that I have an abundance of sturdy, clean moving boxes available for anyone who might want them. If you or someone you know would appreciate having some boxes for moving or other purposes, please let me know in the next couple of weeks before I recycle them.

I hope you'll enjoy catching up on all the Culdee news in this issue!

Connie Weaver

NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2022

The meeting was held in Room A of the Fellowship Hall with a quorum of Elders in attendance. Rev. Connie Weaver was the Moderator.

Approved motions:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 26 to dismiss the PNC and thank them for successfully accomplishing their task.

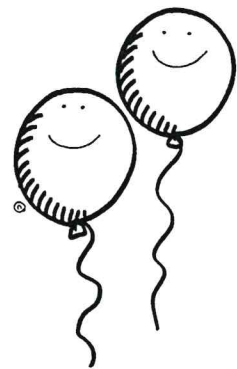
The dent on the church van will remain unrepaired for the time being.

A Community "Ice Cream Social" was scheduled for July 17th.

Nancy Gregory will work two full days of the week....Tuesday and Thursday instead of 9 - 1 on Monday – Thursday

JULY *BIRTHDAYS*

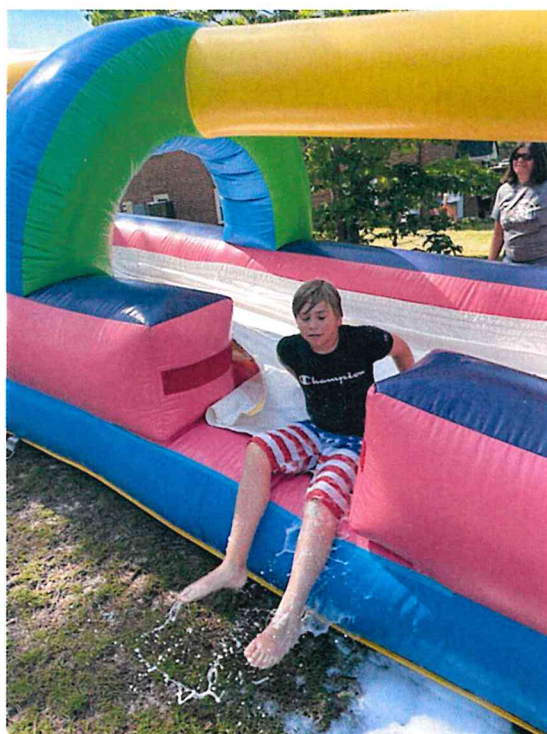
Benjamin Whitesell	02	Pierson Tolbert	17
Rhonda Ritter	03	Rhonda Whitesell	18
Cooper Cox	03	Mason Parsons	19
Karen McKenzie	04	Riley Story	19 (Mark & Kim Cole's grandbaby)
Anna Rae Kemp	04	Avery Martin	20
Elise Palmerton	05	Ashley Blue	21
Sharon Moon	08	Owen Whitesell	22
Larry Black	08	Tom Gribben	22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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Education Ministry completed our school season with a Funday Sunday Water Splash. Twenty-two youth attended. The Senior youth coordinated efforts to keep kids moving as they traversed the obstacle course ending in the thirty-foot water slide. Marshall made sure there was adequate speed as they completed the “soapy” run. We gathered for a time of worship and discussion. We talked about our dreams and the dreams we thought God had for our lives. Danny Aldridge led us in song, playing the guitar, accompanied by Marshall on the bass guitar. Pastor Weaver concluded our gathering with prayer. It was the perfect way to end our school year!





Our Next adventure begins next week with our Camp Monroe VBS. We have increased our attendance to twenty-five due to the support of the congregation. Pray for our youth, counselors, and God's ability to work in the lives of these children.

Looking forward, we would like to have a VBS for our younger children ages 2-5 years old. This would be a Saturday morning event. If you are interested in assisting with the planning or participating in this one-day event, please see Marshall or Patti. We will have play stations to keep them busy!

Any ideas or suggestions for moving our ministry forward. Please let us know,

Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke

Congregational Care

Congratulations!



On June 26, Culdee had the honor of recognizing **graduates** and recipients of the **Doris Moore Scholarship**.

There was one high school graduate-**Jon Pryor Moon** who graduated from Homeschool Arrow Academy and will be attending Sandhills Community College. He is the grandson of Jr and Sharon Moon.

Aemon Barber graduated from N C State University with a BSc in Agribusiness Management. He is the son of Robert and Stephanie Barber.

Brook Kemp graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law. She is the daughter of Danny and Diane Aldridge.

Joshua McKenzie graduated from Sandhills Community College with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He is the son of Daryl and Karen McKenzie.

Blair Moricle graduated from George Washington University with a Master's degree. She will be a Speech Pathologist. She is the granddaughter of Ann Savage.

There were two Doris Moore scholarship recipients.

Braxton Barber is a rising sophomore at Davidson College and is the son of Robert and Stephanie Barber.

Adin Patterson is a rising sophomore at Appalachian State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He is the son of Tim and Lisa Patterson.

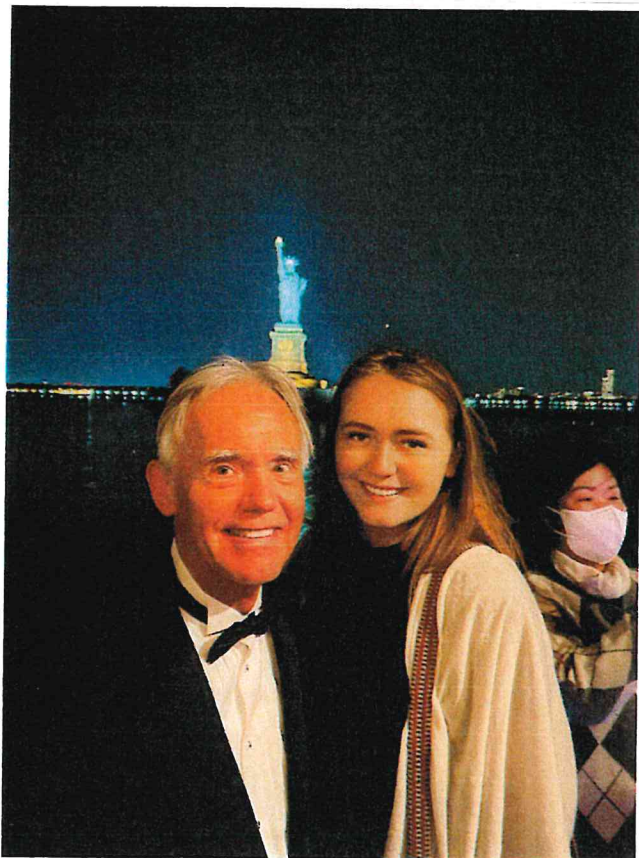
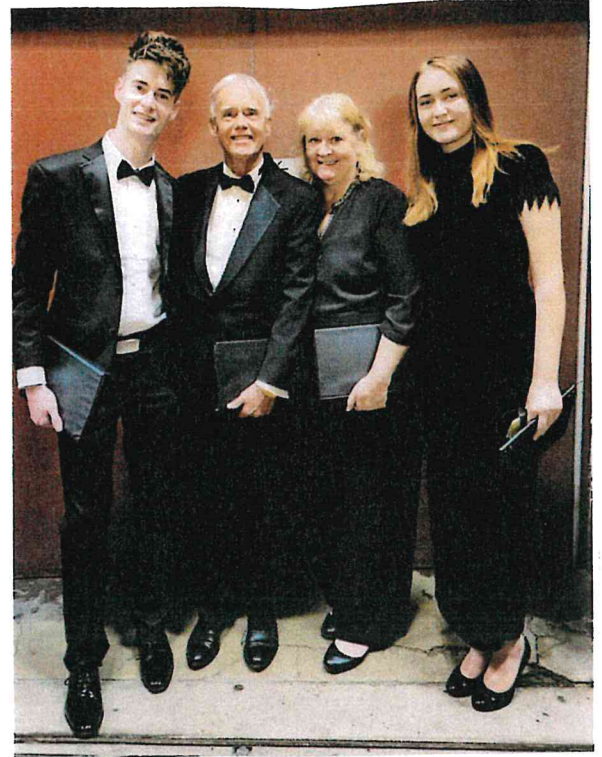
Culdee is so fortunate to have had a part in the early lives of these young people and will continue to follow them with prayers and best wishes.

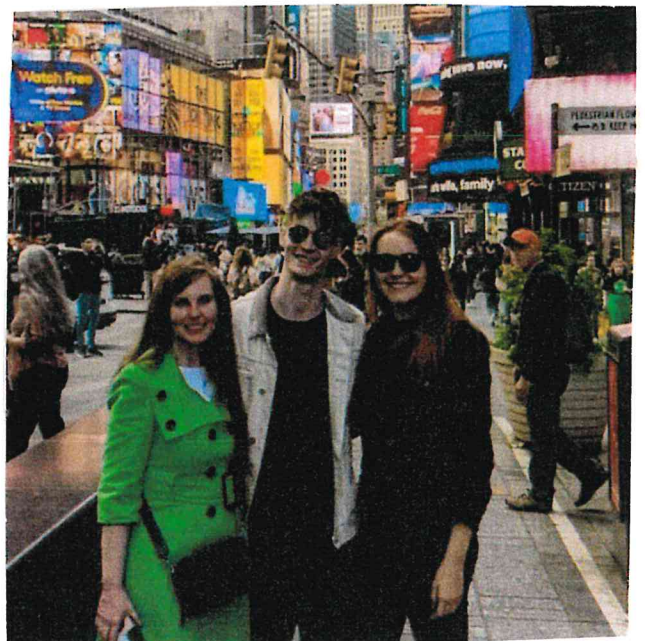
Chancel Choir For the Colony

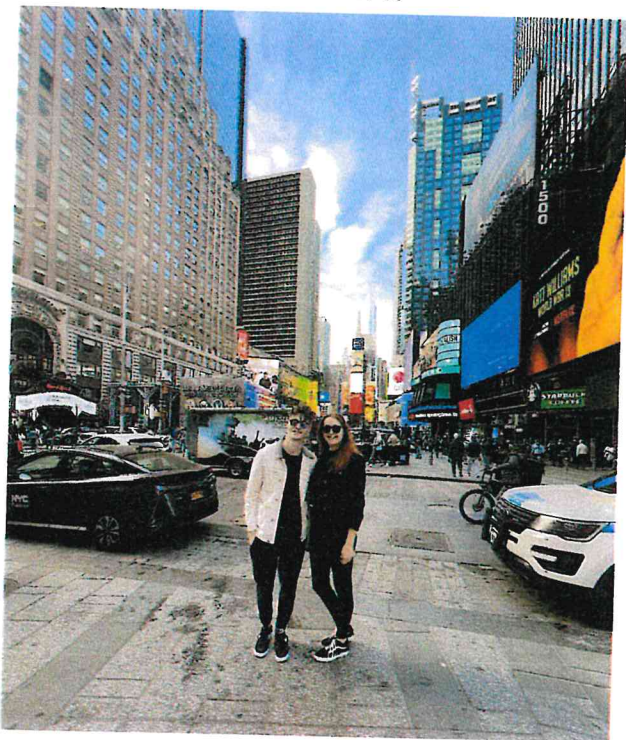
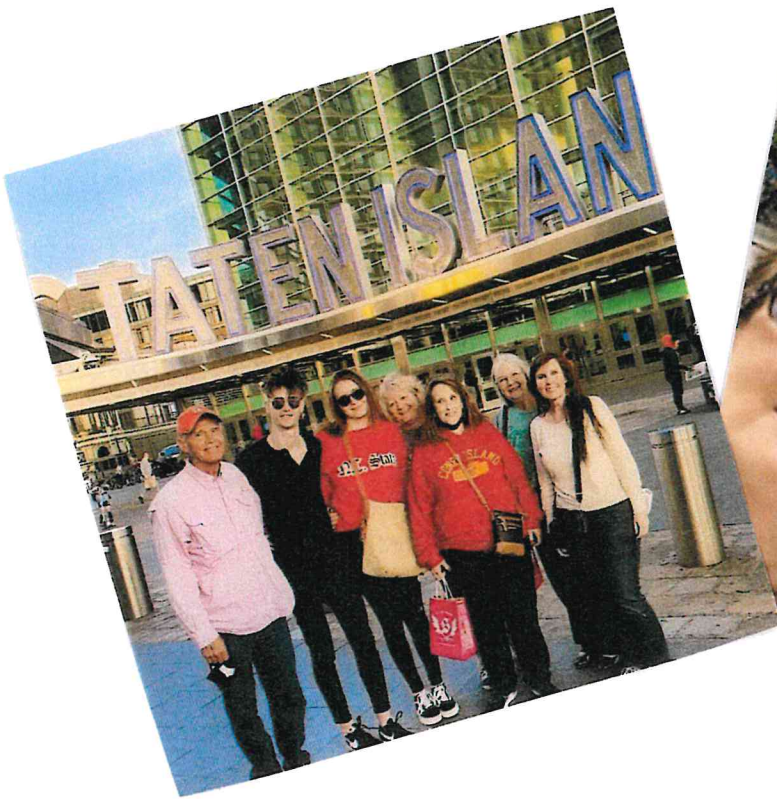


The Chancel Choir is filling a need in the community with their "Choir For The Colony" clothing donation drive. The Samaritan's Colony, an organization that restores lives who have struggled with addiction has clients who need our help. Please bring all of your gently used or new clothing to the choir room where we will send it to it's new owners. If the choir room is locked please leave your donation in the sunroom and it will be moved into the choir room. The organization is also in need of toiletries, shaving, soap. Deodorant, socks and underwear. Please pray for this endeavor that the music department of Culdee can be a blessing to this facility.

CARNEGIE HALL









Finance Ministry: Chairman Danny Aldridge & Vice Chair Diann Fortune

Proverbs 21:20 *In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil;
but foolish man devours all he has.*

Welcome:

The Finance Ministry welcomed Pastor Connie Weaver who attended its June meeting. Introductions were made and general information was shared both personally and collectively about Culdee Presbyterian.

Financial Status:

The Financial Report from Sandhills Accounting Services for May 2022 showed Year-to-Date contributions were \$1,135.79 under budget needs but expenses were also under budget by \$23,660.38. Culdee teeters monthly with contributions meeting budget and not meeting budget. With the addition of an installed pastor to the church family, expenses will naturally increase. It was noted that weekly attendance has increased with her arrival and hopefully contributions will begin to consistently meet the budget. It has been necessary to utilize some reserve funds, which Pastor Connie referred to as a form of protection for the church, to cover some recent repairs and expenses. Hopefully that will not be have to be a regular reoccurrence.

Also discussed were the interest rates between Truist Bank and Live Oak Bank CDs. Live Oak Bank is paying higher interest at the moment so there remains consideration to using Live Oak for Culdee's CDs.

Additional Tidbits:

Jewell Vest retired from Culdee's staff at the end of June. Leo Williams has been hired and will likely be around the last week of June. Please welcome him with gratitude and be patient as he settles into a routine.

Due to many tragic occurrences nationally, Pastor Connie inquired as to whether Culdee has utilized background checks for employees and anyone working with Culdee's children and youth. She had to sign a covenant with the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina that she would do all she could to protect the Culdee family.

The appraisal of the Baldwin Baby Grand piano from *K. Stuart Fulghum and the Team* was presented for insurance purposes. Its insurance value is \$19,080.00 and Farm Bureau has this documentation.

Of great concern is the need to replenish both the Missions and Building and Grounds accounts. Quarterly payments for supported Missions are made with funds coming mainly from the love shown Culdee through the Fall Harvest Festival. As most know, the Fall Harvest Festival began so that members did not have to be asked for additional contributions each time there was an expensive repair or replacement at the church or manse. The pandemic caused the Harvest Festival's postponement for the last two years and both accounts are depleted.

The benefits of the Harvest Festival and other like events are not only financial but provide an opportunity for worshippers at Culdee to draw together as a church family for the greater good. Please consider how Culdee can move forward drawing folks together to do God's work.

Thank you for your continued support.

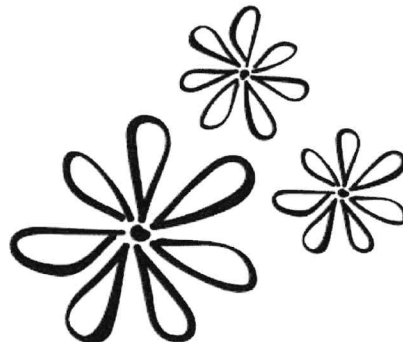
KIDS (OF ALL AGES) PAGE

Today I am
thankful for:

I am feeling
happy about:



Oh, give
Thanks To
The Lord,
for He
is good!
Psalm 136:1





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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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