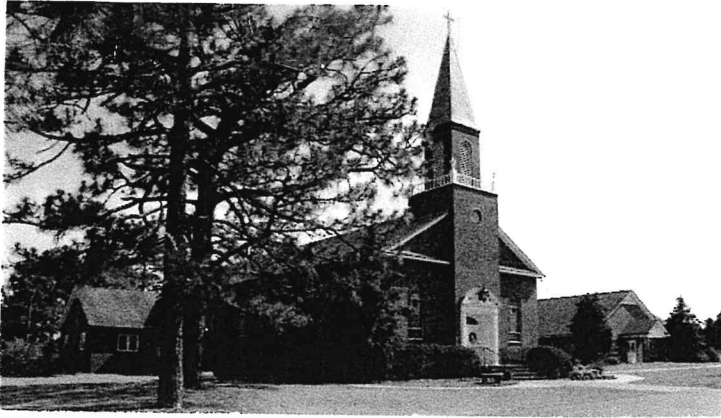


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Dear Culdee Family,

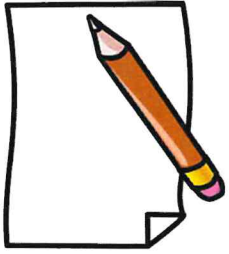
As I write this, we are one month away from the beginning of Advent. This is a special time in our church year when we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We can begin now to prepare our hearts to keep our focus on the things most important during the upcoming holiday season; our Christian faith, our relationships with friends and family, and opportunities to serve others.

But before the wreaths go up and the nativity sets come out of our attics, there are many other good things on the horizon at Culdee Church. We are excited about our first Harvest Festival since the pandemic, and many of you are working hard to make sure this is a successful event on November 5th. I hope everyone in our church family will invite friends and make time to enjoy this important fund-raiser for our missions giving and for upkeep of our church campus.

Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter to see all the other things that are going on at Culdee Church in the next few weeks. The Lord is blessing us with many opportunities for fun and service.

Connie Weaver, Pastor





NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING of OCTOBER 9

June Stewart, Clerk of Session

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

Actions taken by Session:

- The Monthly Financial Report was reviewed and accepted into the record.
- Approved the minutes from Stated Session Meeting of September 8, 2022.
- Approved the request by Karon McKenzie to use the Fellowship Hall on November 20 from 1 -4 p.m. for a family Thanksgiving meal.
- Approved a New Year's Day Meal Fundraiser.
- Approved Darlene Valitutto and Janie Taylor as Elders on the Elder Nominating Committee
- Approved up to \$2,500.00 from Liquid Assets for landscaping work on the area behind the sanctuary building where the old storage building was removed. The completed work will make the area more attractive and safer for foot traffic.
- Approved a motion to hold an information session immediately following the worship service on Sunday, October 23 to present possible sites for the basketball court.
- Pastor Connie will be attending a conference at Montreat on October 17 – 19.



Time change! Daylight Savings Time ends in the wee hours of Sunday morning, November 6th. Please plan to set your clocks to "Fall Back" one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



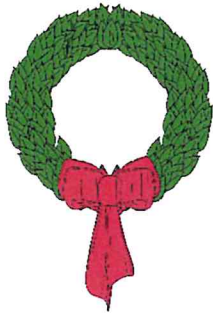
Sandhills/Moore Coalition are in need of gently used blankets, sheets sets and towel sets for the winter. Help someone in Moore County to stay warm this winter by donating gently used blankets, sheets or towels. You can place these in the Sunroom and they will be delivered to the Coalition, or you can drop off at their location, 1117 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, Monday - Friday 10 AM- 4 PM Thank you for your support.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

The **Christmas Shoeboxes** can be picked up in narthex of the sanctuary or the sun room. Inside the boxes, you will find a suggestion list of possible items for the shoeboxes and a label to put on the lid of the box. Thank you for making sure the box lid fits tightly after you have added your chosen items. Samaritan's Purse is asking for a donation of \$10.00 for each box to cover shipping cost. The deadline for turning in boxes is **Sunday, November 13th**. Each box will be a blessing to a child!!



Thanksgiving Breakfast will be served on November 24th at 7:00 am by the men of the church. The Presbyterian Women Thank Offering will be collected that morning. Questions? Call Wade Garner.



Circle # 2 invites anyone who would like to join us in **decorating** our church for the Christmas season. We will be gathering in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on **Saturday November 26th**. There will be hot chocolate and Christmas cookies served in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us in the festivities!

Children's Hope Alliance Angel Tree for 2022

As many of you know, each year The Presbyterian Women Sponsor the Children's Hope Alliance Angel Tree. If you are not familiar with the Angel Tree, these are Angels placed on the Christmas Tree in the Sunroom with the age, whether girl or boy and some things that the child has put on the Christmas wish list. Children's Hope Alliance includes Barium Springs and Grandfather Homes for Children along with other facilities in the state. Children's Hope Alliance is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a long history of child advocacy and welfare dating back over 130 years. All of the programs and services provided create hope for hurting children and families in three ways: healing the hurt, providing a safe home, and encouraging a healthy start. Many of these children are victims of abuse, coming from homes where violence, drugs and alcohol are common.



We will have **eighty (80)** "angels" this year which hopefully by the time you are reading this newsletter, will already be on the tree placed in the sunroom. Please choose one or more angels and provide a gift for these less fortunate children. Gifts should be returned, unwrapped, by Friday November 25, 2022 and no later than Sunday morning 10 AM **November 27, 2022** (First Sunday of Advent). Lorie Fees will be here during the morning worship and will pick these gifts up. Let's help these children have a very Merry Christmas!!

Gail Farmer, PW Moderator

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Valitutto	01
Sampson Marion	01
Janie Taylor	05
Caelyn Stewart	06
Stephanie Barber	08
Braxton Barber	08
Melanie Huffines	11
Megan Hamilton	14
Justin Ritter	15
Marion Cote'	16
Adin Patterson	16



Cole Bullard	17
Harold Clayton	20
Kenneth White	23
Joshua Craven	25
Kristin Lilly	25
Luke Howle	27
Daniel Ritter	28
Bonnie Black	29
Rylen Osentoski	29
Chris Willcox	30
Chris Lilly	30

OUTREACH/WORSHIP

Exciting things just continue to happen at Culdee!

Once again this year, we will be decorating the Sanctuary with **poinsettias** and our **door wreaths** during the Holiday season. Please let Nancy in the office know if you would like to purchase a poinsettia or wreath in honor or in memory of someone. This year the cost of poinsettias is \$10.00 each and the two large ones are \$21.00 each.



We hope to be able to restart **Sunday School** soon. Search your hearts and volunteer if able to provide a Sunday or two per month. We hope to provide classes for all ages. We certainly do not expect anyone to be here every Sunday, maybe consider grabbing a friend and alternate. If you are interested, please let Nancy in the office know.

If any children are interested in becoming **acolytes**, again please let Nancy know and we will schedule a class.

We celebrate that we now have **infants in the nursery** and will be requesting assistance to cover this need.



In the foreseeable future, we have agreed with Presbyterian Women and will leave the tables set up in the **fellowship hall** as they currently are. If you wish to use the fellowship hall and need to change the arrangement, please return it to its original set up. Table runners will be changed/decorated for each season and may be used if desired.

As we look forward to 2023, please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to serve as an **Elder**. The Nominating Committee is coming together and will begin meeting soon.

Remember that Rev Jim Morgan will have a **piano concert** at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg on December 20th at 7:00 PM. Let's have a good showing and support Rev. Morgan.

Harvest Festival is fast arriving. We will **need** servers, runners and assistance cleaning up following the meal. Anyone who can assist, please plan to do so. We thank all of you for helping us make this BIG day in the life of our church successful!

VOLUNTEER



Submitted by

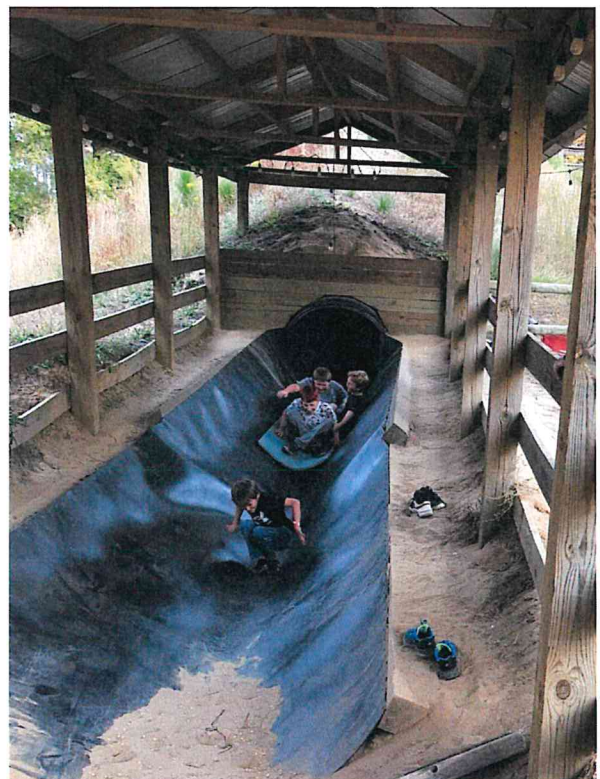
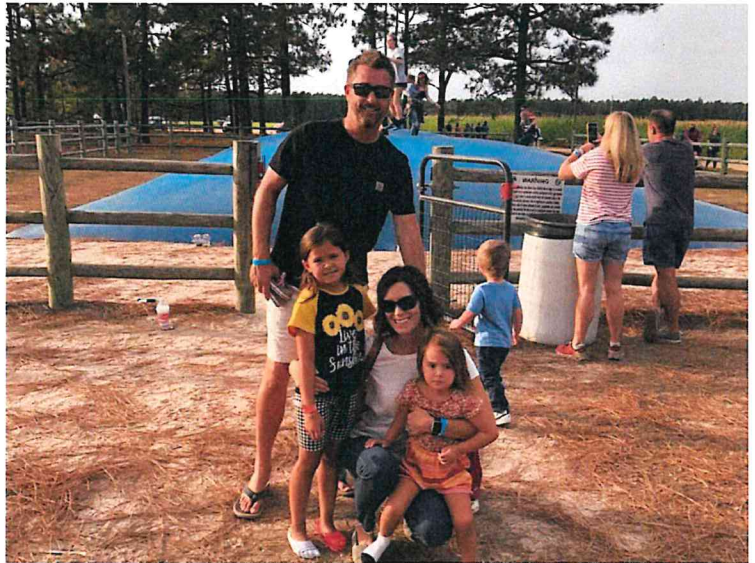
Darlene Valitutto

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY



The Christian Education Ministry has been preparing for the Harvest Festival. Our ministry oversees **take-out plating and delivery of the takeout plates**. Several of you have agreed to assist us and we appreciate your support, but also more are needed! Please see Marshall or Patti if you can **help from 3:15 – 7:00** (or any of this time).

On October 16th, twenty-three youth and seventeen adults traveled to **Kawali Farms** on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The youth enjoyed the **Corn Maze**, Hayride, Pumpkin Patch, Jump Pillow, Super Slide, bin of corn and a cone of ice cream. It was hard to keep up! After the activities, we gathered for a short worship and singing together. We discussed ways we could be God's presence on earth in their environment. Everyone returned safely and left with a smile on their face. Thank you, Jewel Vest, for driving our van.





As we come to the end of this year, we would like to explore the possibility of forming a **Sunday Funday committee**. This ministry has great potential for growth and service in our community. The purpose for Sunday Funday is to provide an “on ramp” for our church to youth and young families. We have developed a core group from those attending VBS from the past two years. This group is developing a community that enjoys being together, expects to worship and are eager to gather again. They have begun inviting others to join them. The committee would plan 6-8 fun gatherings and explore ways to grow the program. With time, proper planning, and willingness of our church to embrace the program, the possibilities are endless. Search your heart, pray with us about this and more information will be forth coming.

A **Bible study** is being planned and details will follow.

As always, we appreciate the support of the Culdee family. The Sunday Funday group thanks you for the day at Kawali Farms.

Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke



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 to men who have struggled with addiction, has clients who need our help. Please bring all of your gently used or new men’s clothing to the choir room where we will send it to its 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 supplies, soap, deodorant, socks and underwear.

UPDATE: Two truckloads were taken to the Samaritan’s Colony with the clothing etc. that you donated. They were very excited to receive the donations. Thank you so much.

Please continue to pray for this endeavor that the music department of Culdee can be a blessing to this facility.

The **Culdee Music Department** is very busy getting ready for the following:
Sun. Dec 11th – Christmas music by different Culdee music groups during the Worship Service.



6:00 pm Childrens program
and hymn sing.

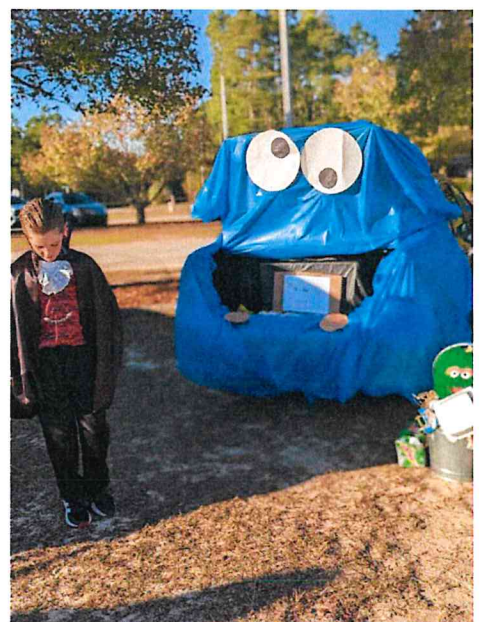
This is an exciting but busy time. We look forward to sharing with you.

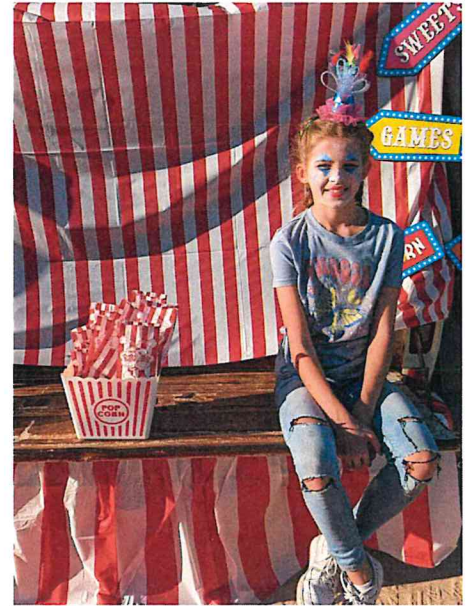
Congregational Care

Trunk or Treat was an exciting afternoon for all the kids who came, big kids and little kids!

There was lots of candy going around, hot dogs on the grill, along with wild animals, circus clowns, Cookie Monster, a big red fire truck, a Candyland car, underwater scenes, exciting barrel rides, and strange looking characters wandering around everywhere.

Thanks to everyone for your donations of candy, time, enthusiasm, and creativity that made Trunk or Treat such a success.





The next opportunity in our busy fall season here at Culdee is the **Harvest Festival**. November 5 is going to be a full day packed with fun for all.

We have been hearing about some of the great items that will be available in the **Country Store**. There is always room for more, so we will see you then with your baked items, craft pieces, plants, and other things.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come share in the fun!

Also, if anyone is interested in joining the **card ministry**, please call Jewell for more information.



Culdee Quilters

On September 22nd, we hosted a luncheon with guests Jewell Vest, Edith Martin, and Nancy Gregory. After a very nice lunch, Jewell was presented with this beautiful quilt in love and appreciation for her years of faithful service to Culdee Church. Jewell, we love you and hope you enjoy your retirement.



Quilt tickets are on sale in the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Harvest Festival November 5th.



CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
916 NC – 73, West End, NC 27376
35th HARVEST FESTIVAL & AUCTION



Saturday, November 5th

10 am – 2 pm COUNTRY STORE

Baked and Canned Goods, Produce, Plants, Crafts, and More

11 am – 2 pm – Youth Hot Dog Lunch, Drinks, Snacks.

2 - 4 pm – LIVE AUCTION... many special items

4 – 6:30 pm – PULLED PORK, slaw, baked beans, rolls, dessert, beverage

Plates are \$10.00Children under 6 FREE (Dine in only)

DINE-IN or DRIVE-THROUGH TAKE OUT

6:30 pm – Presbyterian Men's Raffle: Prepaid Visa Gift Cards

Prizes: 1st prize \$300.00; 2nd \$150.00; 3rd \$50.00

6:30 pm – Culdee Quilters Raffle: Handmade Queen Size Quilt

With Shams

Double Iris Chain Pattern with Different Colors;

TICKETS \$1

For more information: 910-295-6685



Schedule of events for the week of Harvest Festival.

Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:00 am Preparation of the Boston Butts for cooking begins. This includes washing, rubbing with spices and wrapping to cook.

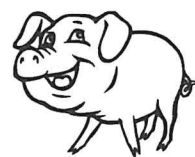
Our Culdee cooking team will begin cooking at 4:00 am on **Thursday**.

Thursday, November 3rd at 4:00 pm: We will begin unwrapping the Boston Butts and pulling the meat from the bones.



Friday, November 4th at 12:00: Please bring prepackaged desserts to the church to be counted for Saturday. We will also place our slaw in containers and put rolls in ziplock bags for take out plates.

We hope you will join us as your schedule permits!





Harvest Festival meal:

Cost: 10.00/plate. Kids under 6 free if dining in.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Slaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Dessert and Drink

Eat In or Take out

Served 400pm til 630pm.



In addition, we will need **servers, runners** and **people** to take up money for “to go” and outdoor walk-ups.

We will also need folks to help **clean-up**.

Please see sign up board in Sun Room



Once again the **Country Store** will be a popular stop for visitors to Culdee's Harvest Festival.

Favorite items such as home-baked treats,



jams/jellies,

various craft items

made by Culdee crafters,



plants



produce,



and advanced reader books

will be available along with other surprise items for sale.

We are still gladly accepting donations for our store.



Call Mary Ruth 910-947-2703 or Janie 910-603-5594 if you have questions.

See you there!



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.*

Harvest Festival Time!!

Culdee's family and the community have been looking forward to the annual Culdee Fall Harvest Festival and that time is almost here!! The responsibilities for the different aspects of the Fall Harvest Festival were divided among the different ministries with elders chairing the different tasks.



The annual traditional live auction has always been great fun and has gone a long way to fund Missions and Building & Grounds (repairs/needs beyond the normal). **Both Missions and Building & Grounds Ministries would benefit from a very successful auction and for that to happen, your help is needed.**

Several businesses from Carthage, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and other surrounding towns have made generous donations already. It isn't too late for your business to contribute to a wonderful cause and gain great exposure in the community. Please contact the church office to make a contribution. Gift Certificates, gift cards and other such items should be turned in to the church office for safe-keeping.

Donations are not limited to businesses, either. If you've got something personal to contribute that is new or gently used, please leave the item in the Session Room or the Fellowship Hall to fund our Missions and Building & Grounds Ministries.

In the past, generous donations of time at lake and beach houses have been very popular at the auctions. Golf packages always generate excitement as well. If you have connections to any of these commodities, please consider giving your connections opportunities to contribute to the auction. All it takes is a respectful request and good things usually happen. If the answer to the request is no, then offer a polite thank you and invite these folks to the event. It will be a fun family event for the entire community!

Each of you is a big factor in the Culdee Fall Harvest Festival's success. Please consider jumping in with donations and/or volunteering for tasks! Your support is needed and appreciated!!





Thank you to these Businesses for Contributions &

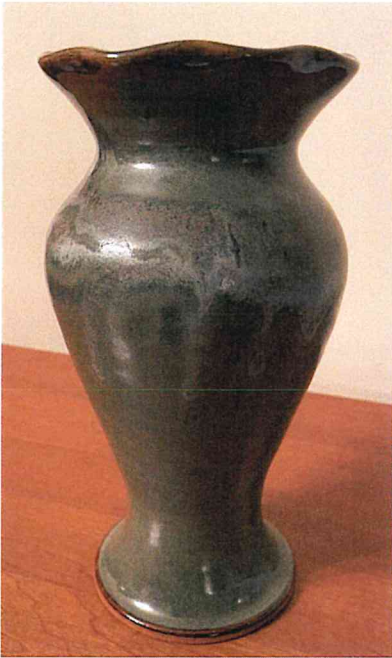
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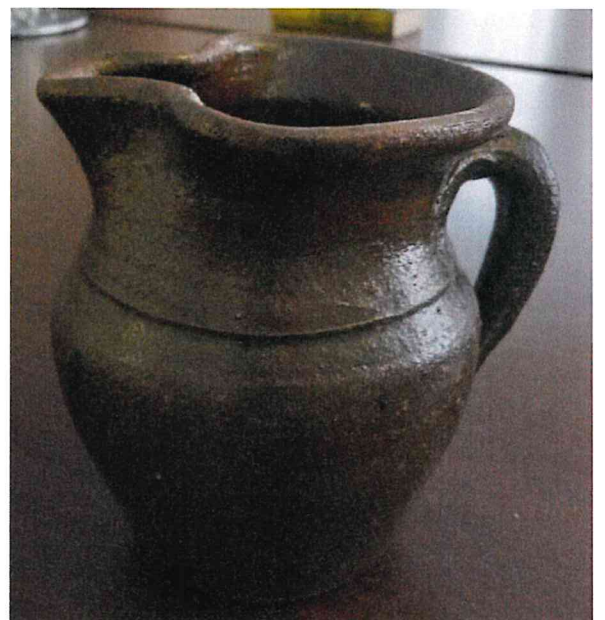
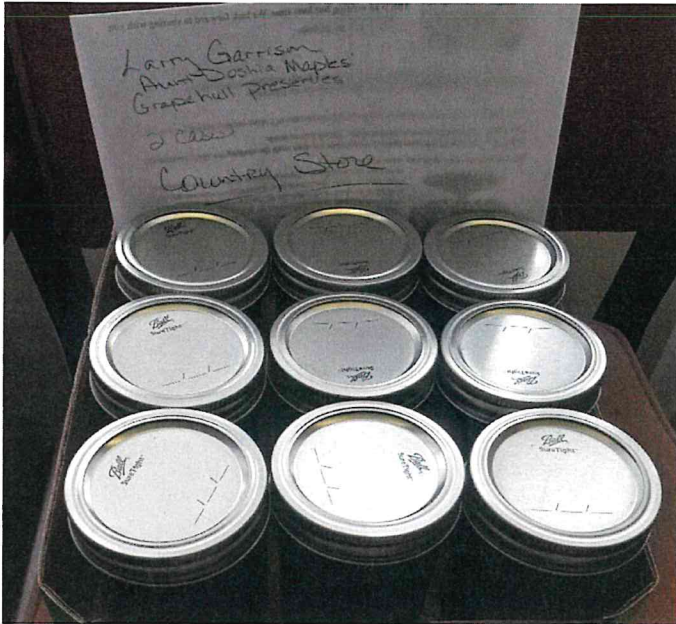
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 Pottery Utensil Holder from Keith Martindale Pottery
 Pottery Green Dragonfly candle holder from Keith Martindale Pottery
 Pottery Brown Dragonfly candle Holder from Keith Martindale Pottery
 Pottery Vase from O'Quinn Pottery
 Pottery Pie Dish from Teague Frogtown Pottery
 Book Set for Adults from The Country Bookshop
 Selection Children's Books from The Country Bookshop
 2 T-Shirts (L & XL) and an Oil Change from Leenheers
 3 T-Shirts (M, XL, 3XL) from Tim's Auto
 Wooden Vase from one solid piece of wood – 1 ½ Ft high
 Hedge Clippers etc. from Ace Hardware, Seven Lakes
 12 - \$10.00 meal coupons from Pete's Restaurant
 Haircut from Studio 105 in Carthage
 \$100.00 Gift Card to Chapmans in Southern Pines By Joe & Connie Weaver
 2 Handmade tables made by Marshall Sweat
 Singer Sewing Machine given by Dee Anderson



MORE AUCTION ITEMS



AUCTION ITEMS CONTINUED





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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.

November Preaching Schedule

Nov. 6 - Romans 1:8-17 - *How to Pray for Your Church: Make Known God's Glory*

Nov. 13 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 - *How to Pray for Your Church: Give Generously*

Nov. 20 - John 18:28-38 – *The Higher Kingdom - Christ the King Sunday*

Nov. 27 - Matthew 6: 25-33 – *What's Enough? - First Sunday in Advent!*

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