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## **THANK YOU LORD FOR:**

## **THE CULDEE CONNECTION**

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I once asked a group of friends what they wished they knew more about, from the Bible. Nearly every one of them replied, "Heaven." Heaven is a mystery to us, but one in which we're intensely interested, because we have loved ones there and we all hope to be there, some day. Most importantly, it's where our Lord will reveal himself fully to us, and where we will live in his presence for eternity!

John tells us in his Revelation (21:1) of God's plans for "a new heaven and a new earth." One of my favorite thoughts on this is from a book by New Testament scholar N.T. Wright, called Surprised by Hope:

"Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation...every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support, for one's fellow human beings and for that matter one's fellow nonhuman creatures; and of course every prayer, all Spirit-led teaching, every deed that spreads the gospel, builds up the church, embraces and embodies holiness rather than corruption, and makes the name of Jesus honored in the world – all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make...what we do in Christ and by the Spirit in the present is not wasted. It will last all the way into God's new world."

With prayers for our shared journey of faith,  
Connie Weaver

## NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING ON AUGUST 13

June Stewart, Clerk

The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. in Room A/Session Room in the Fellowship Hall building with a quorum of Elders in attendance and Pastor Connie as Moderator.

Selection of Actions Taken and/or Entered into the Record:

- The minutes from the Stated Session meeting of July 9 were approved as read.
- Roy and Doris Anderson were received as members of Culdee.
- The profit from the 2024 New Year' Day Meal will be divided equally between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and The Food Pantry of Carthage.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Service will be held in the Fellowship Hall with JOYFUL NOISE being part of the service. Refreshments will be served before the service begins.
- The Financial Report for July was reviewed and accepted into the record.
- Approval was given to spend up to \$16,000.00 to replace the #4 HVAC unit.

Clayton, Colton, and Carson Svalina's baptisms on July 23 were entered into the record.

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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY



On an extremely hot July Saturday morning the Culdee String Ensemble played Christmas carols and songs for the Carthage Historical Museum open house. The museum was beautifully decorated in all the festive colors and smells of Christmas.



It was fun for our group to play for this community event. The museum is a beautifully maintained historical site that we plan to visit again soon. Thank you, Connie Marion, for the invitation.



## Congregational Care

Two months to get everything done for Harvest Festival. WOW! That means there are lots of busy people around Culdee!



The **Country Store** promises to be bigger and better than ever this year. It is a known fact that Culdee has some amazing cooks and they prove it every year with the 'goodies' they supply. And there will be ham and sausage biscuits with coffee to get your morning off to a delicious start. We also have some folks with very green thumbs so watch for those lovely plants that will be there. Along with these items, our skilled crafters always delight us with their creations so be ready to be amazed and plan to shop in the Country Store!



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## Presbyterian Women



Hello everyone, I have decided to take on as the Moderator of the PW again for the coming year. I will try to do my best to keep everyone informed and if you know of anything that needs to be addressed, please let me know. Thank you for your support in the past. This is the time of year when a lot of things start happening around the church. It will be Christmas before we know it.

Our annual “**Culdee Sisters Salad Social**” will be **Sunday, September 10 @ 4:30 pm**. This is for **ALL** ladies even if you do not have a Circle you regularly attend. This is for ages 1 to 100. Hope you will plan to attend and bring your favorite salad, (Fruit, Pasta, Dessert, Slaw, Chicken...etc). This is any type of salad you may want to share. There will be a short meeting and discussion and we will be having some great music also.



**September 17 is Homecoming Sunday.** A covered dish lunch will follow the morning worship service. We all look forward to those favorite dishes. If you know of any members that have not been with us lately, this is the perfect opportunity to invite them back to worship and fellowship with everyone. We made the decision that all Circles will help prepare and clean up. This is so that it's not all put on one group. Thank you all.



**September 24,** Presbyterian Women will host a baby shower for Ashley and Brandon Blue from 2-4pm. “IT’S A GIRL”!! Ashley is registered at Walmart and Amazon.

**Gail Farmer,  
PW Moderator**

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On Sunday, **September 10th**, we'll be worshipping in the **fellowship hall** with music provided by our Culdee choir and members of the Joyful Noise choir from ARC. Our children will also be singing in this service. Coffee, milk and juice will be provided, and you're invited to **bring a breakfast item** to share at 9:30 before the 10:00 a.m. service

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## Christian Education Ministry

The Christian Ed ministry used this month to plan for both the Harvest Festival and our next Sunday Funday. Darrell and Marshall worked with Building and Grounds to place the refrigerated unit for use at our upcoming Chicken and Dumpling dinner. We also began working on advertising for the festival in our local papers.

Our next **Sunday Funday** will be **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a big day for Culdee. We begin with our **Homecoming service**, followed by our **pot luck lunch**, our Sunday Funday in the afternoon leading into Revival that night! Our youth will enjoy some beach ball soccer, a beach ball relay and more! We will then move inside for our worship and song. Jim Morgan has agreed to share some of his story with us and we'll finish in song. Our Sunday Funday will begin at 4:00 pm.



Pray for our stamina and that God moves to allow us to touch the lives of these youth. As always we appreciate your support of our efforts.

Marshall Sweat, Darrell Cole and Patti Burke

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Patti Burke	03	Haven McRae	16
Wilma Blue	04	Lauren Tierney	19
Crystal Carrico	05	Lonnie McKenzie	20
Joshua Carrico	07	Lauren Bobo	23
Wally Burke	07	Ashley McKenzie	23
Adam Kemp	07	Mark Seawell	25
Floyd Black	08	Jimmy Lea	26
Pearl Frye	09	Lindsey Williamson Black	26
Laine Lea	10	Smith Young	26
Macey Craven	12	Harold Tolbert	27
Melissa Bailey	13	Larry Furr	28
Lauren Palmerton	14	Robin McKenzie	28
Eli Carrico	14	Camden Vest	28
Ryan Marino	14	Sara Cole	29
Emily Marion	15	Teresa Cole	30
Elaina Aponte	15		





**HELP NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery and with children's church. Growth is happening and **YOU** are needed. Please see Patti if you are interested, or let the office know.



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**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.*

On August 13, 2023 your Finance Ministry met and approved the July 31, 2023 monthly finance report. The 2024 budget draft has been presented to the Session and is currently being reviewed by the different ministries.

Several of Culdee's HVAC units are in need of repair and or replacement. Estimates are being gathered at this time from multiple vendors.

The refrigeration unit was placed beside the fellowship hall. Originally, a concrete pad was going to be poured for the unit to sit on top of but after careful consideration, it was determined that unit would sit better on recessed cinderblocks. A ramp will be built from the kitchen patio to the unit doors to make the transition of any items going in easier. In the future, the refrigeration unit will be painted. We are blessed and thankful for the generous donation of the refrigeration unit.


**Culdee Finance Investments Committee Meets Quarterly:**

Documented within the July 31, 2023 financial report, Culdee's investments continue to do well. The year-to-date dividends, interest, and realized gains are \$4157.89. The unrealized gain is \$31,039.58. This makes the total year-to-date realized and unrealized gain \$35,197.47.

**Harvest Festival and Auction October 21, 2023:**

Can you taste the Chicken and Dumplings? Are you dreaming about what auction item(s) will be your favorite? What about a goody from the Country Store? How about a yummy hot dog served by Culdee's youth? There are so many options and opportunities. If you are wondering how you can serve and contribute to this festive day, please know that all help is appreciated. We are still in need of auction items. Please pick up donation forms outside of the office to give to those who donate. Be on the lookout for the rolling message board in the sunroom. This will allow you to 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.



Be joyful  
in hope,  
patient in  
affliction,  
faithful  
in prayer.

Romans 12:12



*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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