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John 15:8

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples. (NRSVUE)



September 22nd marked the official start of the Fall Harvest Season. Welcome to the coming fall crops, cooler temps and glorious leaf colors!! May we all commit to “reaping” the many spiritual blessings that our LORD AND SAVIOR also wants to give us.

When we are obedient to HIS will, our Bible study, prayers, words, and actions will glorify HIS name and touch others through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. Thanks be to GOD!

June Stewart



NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

- John Baker, Moderator of Session, gave each elder and the clerk a copy of the book, "Mondays with My Old Pastor" by Jose Luis Navajo.
- The agenda was approved as amended.
- Active Membership Roll is 152.
- The minutes from the Stated Session meeting of August 9th were approved as amended.
- The use of the Fellowship Hall for a meeting on October 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss Medicare changes for 2027 was approved.
- Karon McKenzie and Jennifer Cuff were approved as the two elders to serve on the 2026 Elder Nominating Committee.
- Trunk-n-Treat/Sunday Fun Day will be held on October 25th.
- Work is beginning on the 2027 Budget.
- A motion from the Personnel Committee to accept the proposed "Anti-Discrimination Policy" as presented was approved. The document will be added to the Culdee Manual of Administrative Operations.
- A motion from the Personnel Committee to accept the proposed "Culdee Emergency Information Guide" as presented was approved. The document will be added to the Culdee Manual of Administrative Operations.
- Brad Ehrhardt gave a memorial gift to Culdee in memory of Teresa Garrison Ehrhardt and Dot and Junnie Garrison. The money is to be used for the playground.

Personnel Committee

Your Personnel Committee has been hard at work all year. Several documents have been formulated and approved by the Session. These documents include a new evaluation form for our employees, an Emergency Information Guide, and an Anti-Discrimination policy. All of our employees have recently received their annual evaluation review. There are more projects on our list to be addressed in the near future. The members of our committee include Danny Aldridge, Chairman, Ann Savage, Vice Chairman, Scott Bullard, Martha Mathews, and our most recent addition, Connie Marion. We look forward to our continued service to Culdee.

Christian Education

There are two Sunday school classes for children-preschool and elementary. Sunday school meets at 9:00 am.

We will have a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 25 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon. Invite friends, family, and neighbors!

Youth Sunday will be on November 8th. Our youth will be actively involved in leading our worship service!



5 LAP QUILTS

Handmade by Culdee Quilters

Raffle Tickets are \$10 Book or \$1 Each

To be given away

Saturday, October 17th, 2026

at 7:00 pm

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Congregational Care

Thank you to Johnie Marion and his South Ridge Bluegrass band mates for a great performance at our 5th Sunday musical event. While the band took an intermission to catch their breath we all enjoyed some delicious ice cream, cookies, and fellowship.

Thanks to all who came out and supported this toe-tapping fun afternoon!

Harvest Festival is fast approaching and we would like to thank those who have committed their many talents and willing hands to help make this event a success.

If you have yet to volunteer, please consider joining us on Saturday October 17th as there are many opportunities to help for a few hours or all day. Your help would be most appreciated!

Outreach Updates

There are many opportunities to get involved in outreach at Culdee and throughout our community. Whether you volunteer, donate, or pray, every act of kindness makes a difference.

Rise Against Hunger

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event! Through the generous efforts of our congregation, community churches, and local partners, we came together to prepare and ship 33,000 meals to Zambia.



What a wonderful reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together in service to others. Through this ministry, we are sharing God's love and doing His work—not only in our own community, but around the world.

We are making a difference!



Barnabas Fund Update:

Funds distributed from January 2026 to the present:

Electric Bills- 5 requests totaling \$806.77

Housing/Rent - 2 requests totaling \$ 696.62

Gas - 1 requesting totaling \$30

Total - \$1533.39

Please remember that the Barnabas Fund is available to provide support to members of our congregation and those in our community who may be experiencing a time of need. If assistance is needed, please reach out to the Outreach Ministry or Nancy in the church office.

We continue to keep those receiving assistance in our prayers and, when appropriate, help connect individuals and families with additional community resources and support.



October 17th - Bring your family and friends! Get your jams, jellies, and pickles ready, as well as the yard sale and auction items. Sign up is happening now! All help is much appreciated even for a short amount of time. Money raised will help maintain our church facilities and support local missions. We especially need donations for the auction, volunteers, and prayers for a successful event.

Next Outreach Committee meeting will be October 4th after worship in the session room. Hope to see you there. Thank you for your continued support as we do God's work in our community and beyond. Many blessings, Melissa Bailey & Karon McKenzie

Finance Ministry

We still need help with securing auction items. Some ideas that may help:

Gift Baskets (family game night, movie night, pet care)

Pottery

Handmade Items

Homemade Cakes, Pies, Bread, Cookies

Custom Artwork

Tools

Indoor/Outdoor Decor

Gift Cards

Sporting Tickets

Photo Shoot



There is a bulletin board in the sunroom with envelopes listing businesses that have made donations in the past. Please consider selecting an envelope and visiting the listed businesses. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please take any donated items to the Session room and any gift cards need to be taken to the office. Donation forms can be located outside of the church office. Please keep in mind that we also will have a yard sale. If you would like to donate any items to that, please also take those items to the Session room.



If you have any questions concerning the auction or yard sale, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Finance Committee. Shannon Bullard, Danny Aldridge, Teresa Cole, Ann Savage, or Stephanie Barber.

Haiti, Help & Hope

Good morning

Our school in Duclos is open today with the parents and staff prayer meeting from 9:00 am to 12 pm followed by other important meetings. Tomorrow, Sept 8, God willing, more than 450 students will start coming for their basic integrated Christian education. All the children of the world have the right for a basic education. Unfortunately, all the Haitian children do not enjoy this right. The children of the Institution the Spring of Duclos are very fortunate; thanks to you, they have the privilege to enjoy their right of a basic education plus a hot meal each school day. At the beginning of this new School year, we just wanted to say to everyone of you, Thank you so very much.



Please, keep us in your prayers for a successful school year. You make us love much more our God's calling to serve the Haitian's families. Sincerely, Brother Sidor and staff

Homecoming Sunday – September 20th, 2026



Youth and leaders eating lunch in their new Youth Room!

Revival Services

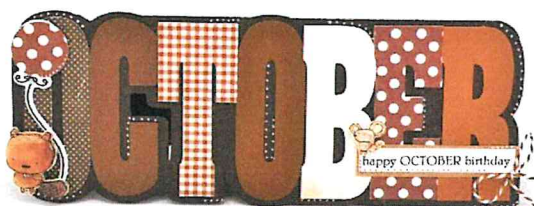
On Monday, September 21st, the Culdee Choir presented the music.



Reverend John Baker spoke on the Holy Spirit at both services. Monday evening's topic was "The Gift of the Holy Spirit". Tuesday's topic was "The Indwelling of the Spirit".



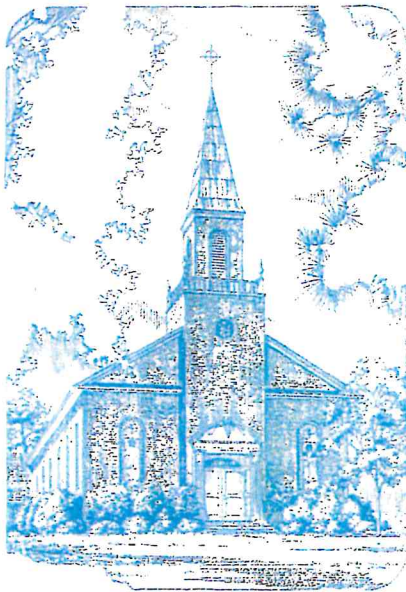
On Tuesday, September 22nd, the Never Better Band performed.



Jerry Aponte	01
Danielle Cox	01
Bethany Palmerton	02
Cohen Roberts	02
Anya Aponte	03
Connor Cuff	04
Max Williamson	04
Iain Blue	05
Evan Vest	06
Shannon Bullard	07
Carson Svalina	07
Tim Bailey	08
Katelynne Svalina	08
Keith Black	09
Faye Riggsbee	09
June Stewart	09



Abigail Blue	13
Celeste Marino	13
Kaitland McKenzie	13
Casey Blue	16
Johnathan Kemp	16
Lisa Rouse	18
James Craven	19
Lance Caddell	22
Matthews Powers	23
Ryan Bailey	24
Claudia Cole	24
Lionel Bryson	27
Brandon Blue	27
Stephanie Cole	29
Michael Waschsen	30



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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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