



# THE Link

November 2017

*The news on what's happening in the life of Cameron Presbyterian Church.*

Meet Our Interim Pastor, Rev. Kathryn Dudley!



Reverend Kathryn Gibert (Mitchell) Dudley of Sanford will begin serving as Interim Pastor of Cameron Presbyterian Church on December 1. You can read about her and her family in her own words on page TK. Welcome, Rev. Dudley!

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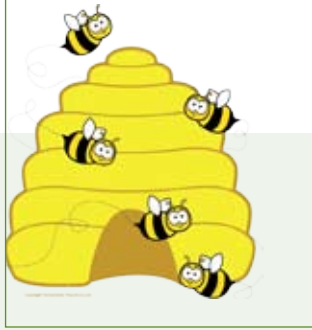
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# 'Buzz' from the Session



*Editor's note: Terry Kerr suggested the beehive motif for this column because we will be as busy as bees in the coming months as we seek new leadership for our church and work to strengthen the bonds that unite us. Terry's regular updates from the Session will be integral to that process*

November has been another busy month for our church. An Interim Pastor was found and approved. New Elders and Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) nominations were both presented to the congregation and met with approval. Our new Interim Pastor is Rev. Kathryn Dudley, and she will begin serving in December under a part-time covenant. More information about her can be found elsewhere in this issue of The Link.

Four Elders were nominated and elected by the congregation to begin their service in January. Jane Ethridge, who was serving as a replacement in the class of 2017, will return and serve one more year. Joe McKay, Tom Shaw and Jim Leiby will each serve three-year terms. A Pastor Nominating Committee was elected by the congregation and consists of Rose Cooper, Terry Kerr, Phil Keith, Christie Allen, and Tom Shaw. They will begin their search immediately for a permanent installed pastor.

You may wonder what it will mean to have a part time Interim Pastor. According to the covenant, Rev. Dudley will serve an average of 20 hours per week with one Sunday off monthly. She will prioritize her time and focus on our church's most urgent needs as requested by the Session and the Interim Search Committee. Our first priority is for her to lead Sunday worship and preach, serve communion, and lead other seasonal worship services as needed. The second item of importance will be to provide basic pastoral care with an emphasis on crisis and hospital visitation. This also includes visiting the sick and

shut-ins when informed, and leading new members' classes as needed.

Rev. Dudley will maintain regular office hours with a minimum of two mornings a week. She will be available to conduct funerals and weddings at the church for members of the congregation. She will also participate in our church-related activities and attend committee meetings as time allows. She will serve as Moderator of the Session and provide leadership training for elders. One of her trained skills as an Interim Pastor is working with the Session and helping prepare the way for the next installed pastor.

As you can see, Rev. Dudley will be covering virtually all the basic needs we require of a pastor. Since she will be serving part-time, she will be focusing and prioritizing our changing needs as required. We feel that Rev. Dudley will devote her time wisely with the experience that she brings with her. Since our pastor's salary and benefits are by far our largest single expense, having a part-time pastor will be a valuable experience for our congregation. This may help us understand what specific goals and requirements we will pursue in searching for our next installed pastor. With that being said, we pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee that they may be guided in the right direction.

--Terry

## Adult Sunday School Lesson Topics

- 11/19 Elijah
- 11/26 Prayers in the Bible
- 12/3 Prayers in the Bible
- 12/10 Understanding Palestine
- 12/17 Understanding Israel
- 12/24 & 12/31 no class
- 1/7/18 The Immigrant Debate
- 1/14/18 The Three Major Prophets
- 1/21/18 Job
- 1/28/18 Selecting topics for spring classes

## Supply Pastors for Fall

**November 19:** Mr. Charles Wentz from Laurinburg

**November 26:** Rev. Sandy Williams from Pittsboro

## Getting to Know You : More Important Than Ever

We started this column in The Link this year to help our members get to know each other better. In each issue, we'll feature details that different members would like to share with our church family. This issue features **Cathy and Mark McRae** and **Christie and Larry Allen**. In the coming months, other members will take a turn introducing themselves.



Cathy, a native of Moore County, and Mark, a native of Randolph County, were married in 1984. They lived in Randolph County until 1986. After their daughter was born, Cathy convinced Mark (it didn't take much convincing) that they needed to be back in Moore County.

Cathy began working for Moore County Schools in high school in 1974, and retired in 2015. She served from 1978 as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Clerk to the Moore County Board of Education. During that time she was awarded the local and regional Educational Office Professional of the Year and earned her Graduate Certificate through the North Carolina Association of Superintendent and Board Assistants, where she served as President for two years. Cathy felt honored to have served for six superintendents. She currently works for a friend with a CPA accounting firm and enjoys the diversity of her assignments.

Mark has owned and operated McRae Landscape Services since 1997. An outdoorsman, he enjoys the work close to nature. Mark earned a degree in Gunsmithing and, later, Law Enforcement at Montgomery Community College. He is a jack of all trades who can fix almost anything. When he does have spare time, he loves to ride his Harley Road King.

Cathy and Mark are the proud parents of one daughter, Mary Hannah, who resides in Scottsdale, Arizona. Hannah is the Finance Officer at Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital in Phoenix. She earned her undergrad degree from UNC-Wilmington and her Masters in Accounting from UNC-Greensboro. She loves to spend time with her beautiful Tennessee Walking Horse, Arion.

Cathy and Mark have been Cameron Presbyterian members since 1989. Cathy has served as Clerk of



Christie and Larry Allen, both North Carolina natives, have lived in Whispering Pines since 1991. They arrived in Moore County in fall of 1980, when Christie began a teaching job at Pinecrest High School and Larry began a teaching position at Sandhills Community College. Christie's father was a United Methodist minister, so she moved around central and Eastern North Carolina while growing up. Larry grew up mostly in Durham and later in Cary.

Larry and Christie met in graduate school at NC State in 1978, where they were both working on MA degrees in English. After moving to Moore County from Raleigh, they lived in Cameron and Carthage before moving to Whispering Pines. Larry spent his entire career at Sandhills Community College, a total of 34 years. Christie has served as a high school English teacher, school librarian, and—for the past 15 years—as a licensed professional counselor. Her practice is located in downtown Southern Pines.

Larry is a certified Master Gardener, an avid cyclist, and enjoys playing various stringed instruments. Christie enjoys working with her clients, and doing much professional reading. Their son, Lee Wooten Allen, is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, where he obtained his BS and MA degrees. He currently lives and works in the computer software industry in Durham, NC. Larry enjoys playing music at churches, nursing homes, county fairs, and parties. Christie is his biggest fan. They have been members of Cameron Presbyterian since 1981.

### Cathy and Mark McRae (cont'd)

Session since 2005 and has served numerous terms as an elder since 2004. She has also received the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award. Mark's pride and joy is the beautiful landscaped area at the church. They have been blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

## Biographical information - Kathryn Gibert (Mitchell) Dudley

*“A woman’s mind plans her way, but the LORD directs her steps.”*

*Proverbs 16:9 (RSV, adapted)*

Born in Charlotte, NC, the third child of Rev. William F. Mitchell and Mary Gibert Mitchell, I was baptized as an infant at Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church (now St. Andrews). Although I always lived in a manse, I did not suffer from being a “PK.” Instead, I flourished through the Christian nurture of a small church in Cross Hill, SC, and gained a wider view of the connectional church through my father’s work as Executive Secretary and Stated Clerk of South Carolina Presbytery. I grew up going to Presbytery meetings!

I majored in elementary education at Erskine College in Due West, S.C., but student teaching made me reconsider that call, and God sent me to seminary instead. David Dudley and I met the second day of “Greek school” at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. We married in 1979, and a week after our wedding, moved into a Montreat College dorm room (across the hall from Bill and Ginnie Reinhold) for four weeks of mission training. Our first year of marriage was spent in Kwangju, Korea as seminary interns and “Volunteers in Mission” of the PCUS, teaching English and living through the turbulent “Kwangju Rebellion” in 1980.

In 1984, I was ordained by Blue Ridge Presbytery (Central Virginia) to serve as a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker with David in Taiwan, working in new church development among the Hakka, an ethnic Chinese minority. After two years of language study, we helped plant a small Hakka congregation in southern Taiwan. Taiwan was formative for our work and our family. We lived there eight years, where we welcomed two children, Sam by adoption and Janet by birth.

Returning to the U. S. in 1993 to seek adequate education for Sam (who has autism), David and I were called as co-pastors of Sweetwater Presbyterian Church in Hickory, NC. After seven years, I re-

signed to focus on family needs, and David continued as Sweetwater’s pastor. As an active member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, I served as Chair of the Mission Committee for about five years, and preached often as an occasional supply. I was also involved in local mission, coordinating an interdenominational bilingual VBS in a nearby trailer park for 7 years. My interim ministry journey began with a presbytery scholarship to Week 1 of interim training while I was Stated Supply of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, NC.

Our family moved to Sanford, NC in 2006, where David is pastor of Pocket Presbyterian Church. After a year of occasional supply preaching, I provided pastoral care at First Presbyterian (Sanford), and then began the interim ministry adventure in earnest. My life and ministry have been enriched by three congregations in Lee and Moore county while allowing me to reserve some energy for various family responsibilities (an aging father, Sam’s special needs, a new granddaughter) and many volunteer ministry opportunities, including my work as a member of Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry for the West Community.

It’s been a long, fascinating, challenging, varied journey and God is still directing my steps!

### *Our Vision*

*In response to feedback from our growing and changing congregation, we envision fulfilling our mission by:*

- *Enhancing our facilities*
- *Expanding our programs*
- *Attracting and inspiring through worship*
- *Serving faithfully through our missions*



Come  
Join Us!

## Treats for the Troops

By Cathy McRae

Some of the ladies from Woodlake asked me to announce that they are gathering homemade cookies for our military men and women to send.

If you would like to participate, please bake cookies and pack them in a cardboard or plastic shoebox. Enclose a signed card and bring them to 156 Cranes Cove (off Riverbirch Drive) in Woodlake on Thursday, November 30 or before noon on Friday, December 1.

You can also include beef jerky, playing cards, wipes, travel toothbrushes and tooth paste, and deodorant.

Contact people are: Lois Frazelle, 245-4327, or Judy Kerr or Phyllis Frederiksen.

## Cameron Presbyterian Women



This coming Sunday is very special for the Presbyterian Women. We will be announcing our PW Honorary Life Membership Recipient and honoring her with a soup and sandwich luncheon after worship.

Please plan to attend this important event in the life of our church! If you would like to volunteer to bring something please contact Julie Oksendahl or Dawn Barber to see what we need.

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### November

Ricky Stutts	November 20
Debbie Phillips	November 24
Mark McRae	November 26
Marilyn Madsen	November 27
Dick Loase	November 28

### December

Joanna Hipp	December 2
John Hipp	December 2
Gwen Simmons	December 8
Kay McKay	December 12
Colton Cooper	December 13
Nancy Hively	December 17
Joe McKay	December 19
Linda Seiberling	December 28
Martha Thomas	December 28

### January

Matthew Cooper	January 2
Mary Rush	January 2
Kay Paul	January 6
Lil' Bill Britton	January 11
Bill Emerson	January 12
Carol Thomas	January 13
Erika Chase	January 14
Claire Cameron	January 27
Lois Frazelle	January 27

## Yoga is Back with New Schedule

Our weekly low-impact yoga sessions have resumed after a brief hiatus ... and at a new time. Join us for breathing, de-stressing and gentle stretching each Monday at 10 a.m.





## Winter Happenings in Phillips Memorial Park

The Dewberry Drop will be in the park on New Year's Eve with the drop at 7 pm. Come early and enjoy some hot chocolate!

Beginning in January, on the first Saturday of each month the Park Committee will have "stick pick-up" between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Anyone wanting to help is welcome to come. Remember to wear some garden gloves and dress for the weather.

## Street Fair Parking Nets More Than \$2100 for Mission



Judy Kerr directs a parking customer.



Volunteers included Shan Chase (left) and Kathy Oldham and Nick Gordon (above).

## Town Election Results

Cameron voters elected a new mayor and Board of Commissioners on Election Day, November 7.

**Mayor: Cristina Moore**

**Commissioner, two-year term:**  
**David Seiberling**  
**Barry Wallace**

**Commissioner, four-year term:**  
**Sarah Hillmer**  
**Annie Oakley**

More than a dozen volunteers from our congregation pitched in during the Cameron Antique Street Fair on Saturday, October 7 to direct paid parking at the church and at the Phillips lot on Carter Street.

Parking in the Phillips lot generated \$395 in revenue. The church parking lot generated \$1,749.50. Total proceeds: \$2,144.50, which will be used toward our church's mission efforts.

Thanks to everyone who helped out!



Terry Kerr and Ed Thomas take a break.

## Elders

### Class of 2017

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## It's Not Too Early to Think About Christmas!

**Dec. 3 Cakes and Carols Parlor, 12 noon**

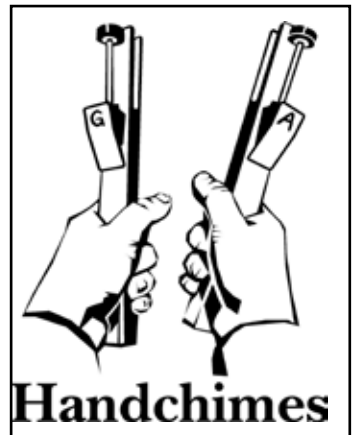
**Dec. 17 Cantata "What Child is This?"**

**Sanctuary, 5 p.m. Includes special presentation by Moore Brass.**

**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve, 11 a.m., regular worship service**

**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve, 5 p.m., Candles and Carols service**

We need players for the Memorial Hand Chimes! Come and give it a try on Wednesday at 5:45. You don't need to be able to read music to enjoy this unique way of making a joyful noise.



- Check out the announcement on p. 8 for more about our Christmas Cantata, "What Child Is This?"
- Watch weekly bulletin announcements for more events in our 2017-2018 concert series!

*The Link needs your news! Please send items of interest to our church community to Sandy Leiby (sleiby@yahoo.com) or call 910-245-2535.*



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WHAT CHILD IS THIS  
 by Joel Raney

Come! Enjoy a special cantata  
 presentation featuring our  
 Sanctuary Choir; Moore  
 Brass; Cheryl Bacon, bassoon;  
 Rose Cooper, Barbara Peiker,  
 Ken Haynes and Meagan  
 Dwyer, soloists  
 Mary Rush, Director of Music

All are welcome!