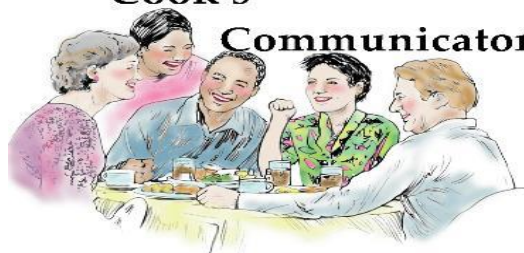


April 3, 2019



Dear Friends,

I appreciate those of you who gathered at church on March 6, a chilly, rainy *Ash Wednesday*. I hope you all are experiencing transformation from God's gifts of Prayer, Confrontation, Hope, and Reconciliation - when we use these virtues from a holy perspective. Easter, like Christmas, arrives regardless of how prepared we are. We see many signs of spring. How is the condition of your inner heart? Is your Spirit feeling renewed?

Jill Duffield, Editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook* offered a *Prayer for those in the middle of the Lenten Wilderness*. I know I need this reminder. We just observed the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We have three more full weeks to go...

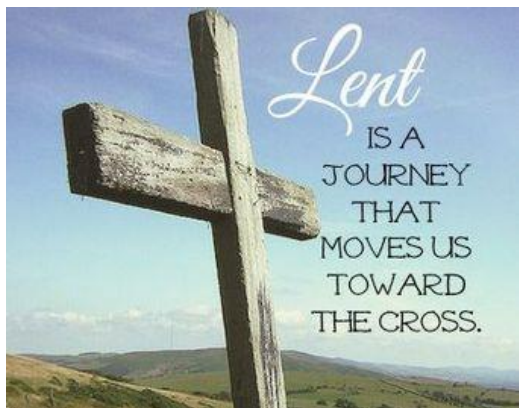
*The ashes on my forehead long gone, my Lenten discipline exposed as more good intentions than realized practice, the cold days of winter beginning to give way to warmer afternoons, the center of Lent feels like a mix of blooming daffodils and bare tree branches. Lord, I long for beauty even as the world languishes in the carnage of cyclones, war and revenge. I began this Lent determined to stay alert to the presence of the holy, awake to the inbreaking of the divine, on watch for how to serve the One who came to save the world. But, dear God, right here in the middle of the wilderness, I confess I am weary, weighed down with the urge to sleep until the suffering has passed and resurrection reigns.*

*Forgive my faithless stupor and in your mercy nudge me awake with glimpses of goodness, small acts of kindness and relentless beauty emerging from places long desolate. Do not let me ignore the angels who minister in wilderness places, the nourishment of daily bread or the gift of those on this journey with me. Patient God, guide me through these waning days of Lent, keep me alert to your presence, awake for your sake and on watch for your promised new creation. Amen.*

Duffield's words of Mercy, Patience, and Nourishment stand out for me. May we use these next three weeks well.

Peace,

*Lynn Thompson Bryant*



**Maundy Thursday - April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Encountering the people and events when Jesus went to Jerusalem to observe The Passover initiates the intense experience that results in Jesus' crucifixion. Had Jesus met with his friends in Jericho or even stayed with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany for The Passover, he would likely have lived a little longer. But he knew his time had come to confront those who held earthly power over him, and against all human counsel, set his face to Jerusalem.

**We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.** This is our traditional place for fellowship, eating, and singing, where we enjoy traditional foods, sing powerful music, and deepen friendships while breaking bread together. But when we remember what happened..., and imagine as nearly as possible what it was like for Jesus to be surrounded by friends and enemies who contributed to his receiving the death sentence, we feel compelled to ask how our behavior and decisions are all that different from how the crowds and Jesus' friends responded over 2000 years ago. Expect to meet people like Caiaphas, Judas, Peter, and Mary as we process through the night that Jesus was betrayed. The night will surely grow darker as we move through a Service of Tenebrae, extinguishing candles as Jesus moves closer to the Cross. Walking through the events of Maundy Thursday will enhance your Easter morning experience. Please make the effort to come walk with Jesus.



**TUESDAY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS**

have been set aside for our *Lenten Devotional* times and next Tuesday, **April 9**, will be the *last chance* that you can join with a group of friends from the church in a neighbor's home close to you. The Lenten Devotions are from **7-8:00pm**. The purpose is to relate the verses from Psalm 23 to the photographs from nature in the provided resource. **ALL AGES** are most welcome! Please eat supper before you attend. **The last meeting will be held at the home of Bev Weldy on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you very, very much to all our gracious hosts!

## MISSION CORNER

Free Community Dinner



**EVERYONE** is invited to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month (**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**) in FH for

the **COMMUNITY DINNER**. Dinner is served from 5:30-7pm and this month's menu will be ham, potato salad, green beans and dessert. Please join us for a delicious meal and some great {and free} fellowship!

**APRIL's** non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Loaves & Fishes** is **100% FRUIT JUICE**. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex.

**Lily Pad Haven's April's** collection item is **plastic baggies (all sizes)**. A collection basket is in the Narthex.

**URBAN MINISTRIES IS IN NEED OF EYE GLASSES**. Please bring your old glasses and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

Please remember to save your **Campbell Soup Labels** for Barium Springs Home for Children... you can put them in the 'Soup Can' in the Ed Bldg.

Items needed for **'Leah's Love Box'** that is in front of Rowan Hall: **Soap/body soap; Cleaning supplies (Laundry detergent; counter sprays, window/bathroom cleaner); Kleenex; Sunscreen; Hats/gloves; Insect repellent; Feminine hygiene products; shampoo/conditioners; Lotion; Diapers; Toothpaste/ toothbrushes/floss; Deodorant.** Questions, call Heather Lyerly at 704/618-6947.

**Kajiado Children's Home...**For those interested in learning more about Kajiado Children's Home in Kenya or to become a sponsor of a child in need, please contact Gaye List (704-909-9910) or Pede Self (704-516-1753). *Thank you for your love, prayers and continued support as we follow our mission to love God, love ourselves, love our neighbors and go tell others about Jesus!*



**Cook's KID'S CLUB** will meet again this SUNDAY, April 7th from 12-1pm! We invite **ALL**

**preschoolers** (ages 3-4) and **ALL elementary aged kids** (grades K-5) to join Graham for **games, devotion & music** in the basement of the Education Building immediately following the **FIRST LUNCH & PROGRAM**. We hope to see all of you here!

{Since the next meeting time will be *Easter Sunday*, the **next KID'S CLUB meeting** will be held on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 1-2pm. ALL children are invited to join Graham for our annual Children's Easter Celebration immediately following worship on 4/21...see note on next page for more details about that event.}



Cook's Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring **Blanket Sunday on April 7, 2019**. The CWS Blanket ministry is an easy way for churches to participate in a broad-reaching mission to

provide our neighbors that are experiencing poverty, displacement or disaster with a warm blanket to comfort them in their time of need.

Last fall over 11,200 blankets were distributed to Hurricane Florence and Michael victims. In 2018 Church World Services distributed over 174,000 blankets and kits. Almost ¾ of these were distributed to people in the United States and territories. Often we will see people coming thru Room in The Inn at Urban Ministries with the CWS blanket a congregation has given them. Please prayerfully consider your donation to this vital ministry.

This **Sunday, April 7**, there will be Women standing at the exits to collect your donation. There will be also envelopes in the pew if you prefer to place your donation in the offering plate.



**SALT SHAKERS** is a time when people who don't know each other very well, get together once a month to share a night of fun that will evolve into

lasting friendships! If you participated before, you know how meaningful it can be and if you are a newcomer to this idea, you are in for a treat! It's a wonderful opportunity to really get to know others in our church family. We will assign people of **ALL AGES** in groups of 8-10 and these groups will meet every 4-6 weeks for the remainder of 2019 to share a meal in each other's homes or at a restaurant, share a group activity such as ball game or bowling, or take part in a community volunteer initiative. We will be glad to provide ideas for activities. So please join us as we spend some quality time together! By the way, it's ok to invite other friends to join your group for dinner/activities too...what a great way to introduce your friends to our wonderful church family! **SIGN UP TODAY!** Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. Contact Richard White, Fellowship Ministry at [retiredcrw8@gmail.com](mailto:retiredcrw8@gmail.com) or (704) 995-5412 if you have questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_



## 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR INFORMATION

Here are the **AVAILABLE** dates that we have at this point on our 2019 Flower Calendar: **APRIL 14, September 29; December 1.** Please contact Cheryl in the church office if you'd like to honor or remember a loved one by supplying our sanctuary flowers on one of these dates...704/399-7735 or [office@cookschurch.org](mailto:office@cookschurch.org).



*ALL ladies at Cook's are invited to join one of the following **CIRCLE** meetings: **SATURDAY MORNING, April 6<sup>th</sup>** @ 9:30am in the parlor of FH or **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - MORNING Circle** @ 10am in FH or the **EVENING Circle** @ 7pm also in Fellowship Hall.*



time is coming soon... **Saturday, April 27 from 4-7pm!**

At the Rock-N-Roll event, dinner will be served in the Soda Shoppe. Don't forget to bring CASH or CHECK as no debit cards were used in the 50's.



Our annual children's Easter celebration will take place on **Easter Sunday, April 21st**, immediately after our worship service! We will send the kids out

for the **EASTER EGG HUNT** and there will be designated areas for children of all ages so bring the whole family! Also, bring their Easter baskets for their 'egg collection'. Afterwards we will make, discuss and eat Resurrection Cookies. We hope that all of Cook's children will be able to join in the fun!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**FISH FRY and Bake Sale, Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 4pm** until they run out – Cost: \$10 a plate (flounder, slaw, fries & hush puppies) at Christ United Methodist Church (8020 Belhaven Blvd, 28216).



**Congregation:** you are encouraged to prepare yourself for communion to be served on Palm Sunday, April 14 and during our Tenebrae Service at 6pm on Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, through prayer and the reading of scripture - "This do in remembrance of Me" {Luke 22:19}.



Cook's **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Sunday, **April 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 9am in the parlor. Please join us for a time of devotion, fellowship and instruction if needed. Call Audrey Brady (704-609-7931) with questions.



### Wise Words & Quotes - Vern McCellan

"In everything that you do, stay away from complaining and arguing, so that no one can speak a word of blame against you." (Philippians 2:14-15)  
"Whines' are the products of sour grapes."



Dear Friends,  
Many of you heard my aunt, Marcia Larson, sing for worship when she visited with us at Christmas time. She will turn **100** on **April 30<sup>th</sup>**! I write to ask you to send her a birthday card. If you will, please identify yourself as part of Cook's congregation. Her address is: 3585 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24018. Thank you for your kindness in advance.  
Peace in Christ, T.J. Thompson



### COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

\*\*For those who have reserved a garden plot for 2019, your money is due no later than **June 1, 2019**.

\*\*There are some 4x10', 20" raised beds filled with dirt that are ready for planting and maintaining at a cost of \$30 a year...**they are going fast so if you are interested**, contact Michael Mauney at 704-534-1400 **asap!**



HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE PART OF SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE? THEN, WE NEED YOU!!!! We are currently looking for people to read God's Word on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Teena Ridenhour (704-516-8957 / [teenaridenhour@bellsouth.net](mailto:teenaridenhour@bellsouth.net)). We have slots open as soon as **APRIL, 2019**...step right up...**YOU** are a very valued part of our service!



We wish a Happy Birthday  
to the following:

April 7 - Neil Thompson  
April 8 - Kristi Miller  
April 10 - Dwight Black, (Sarah Hughes)  
April 12 - Jill Lucas  
April 13 - Jack Parker, Pete Sigmon  
April 25 - Jamie {Crosby} Putnam, Marty Crosby,  
Doug Riggs, Daniel Mork



**April 7:** Beth Noles, Toni Thompson  
**April 14:** Cheryl Rollins, Audrey Brady  
**April 21:** Linda Lynn, Sydney Thompson  
**April 28:** Dolores Freeman, Mary Thompson

{If you **cannot** keep nursery on your assigned day please find a substitute by 'swapping dates' with someone on list or call Diane at 704/398-8388.}

**Greeter Schedule:** April 7-New Horizon SS Class;  
April 14-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class; April 21-Cook's Youth; April 28-Covenant SS Class

**Usher Schedule:** April-Christi Brafford, Gordon Stanley, Doug & Dinah Riggs

**Sound Tech Schedule:** April-Joe Chichetti

**Teller Schedule:** April 7-Ginger Thompson, Scott Jones, Bonnie Pace; April 14-Audrey Brady, Sheila Black, Christi Brafford; April 21-Ginger Thompson, Johnnie Quinn, Gordon Stanley; April 28-Audrey Brady, Melinda McElhaney, Dwight Black

**Weekend Opener/Lockup:** April-James Harper



3/24/19: 113  
3/31/19: 309

**2019 Offerings:**

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$95,836  
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$91,378



During these next 2 weeks, April 7-20, please make a special effort to recognize **Loretta Hinson and Melva Thompson** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Loretta Hinson, c/o Concord Place Assisted Living,  
2452 Rock Hill Church Rd, Concord, 28027

Melva Thompson, 8944 McClure Circle,  
Charlotte, 28216

Here is a complete list of our Homebound Members: Betty Hunt, Loretta Hinson (address is now c/o Brookdale @ Concord, Rm 2...street/city the same), Melva Thompson, Nancy Stanley, Annie Luckey, Mildred Alexander & Carolyn Young... please pray for them all daily.



**YOUTH Spring Plant Sale PICK-UP THIS Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>,**

**9:30-11:30am** in parking of near playground...if you ordered plants from our Youth, please be sure to pick them up on this day during this time or contact Graham immediately to make other arrangements (828-310-1433 / gkhughes31@gmail.com).



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

Annie Luckey	Steve Self
Bolz/Black family	Dwight Black
David Myers	Nancy Stanley
Carolyn Young	Hazel Dunn
Jill Griffin	Corky McClure
Gerri Rhodes	Connie & Dale Luckey
Vera Smith	Pat Hager
Debbie White	Mork/Weldy family
Ronnie Ransbottom	Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

family of Sharon Tolley (passed away 3/28)	Gary Carter
Aliyah Thompson's grandfather	Brian Zuercher
Emalie Barnes	Kevin Cook
Ledane Poplin	Marcia Larson
Willi Messick (Hospice care)	Richard Meyer
Brian Thompson	Ava Davis & Tate family
Gary Shuler & son	Larry Rupp
Lee Stilwell	Dee Peterson
Cole/Davidson family	Kelly Cousineau
Cynthia & Mike Wicker	Jeff & Gloria Herman
Gloria Ricker	Gloria Bammel
Susan Kenley	Theo Helms
Anita H.	Nikki Kennedy's parents
Terrie Cook	Mary Hightower
Ray/relative of S. Justice	Mike Lippy & family
Bill Perrella	Tom Medlin
Brock Garland	Foster family
Rev. Bingham	Dementia patients & caregivers
those hungry/abused/scared/depressed	
shooting victims & families throughout the world	
people going through life transitions	

(Please note: we leave names on prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified/updated.)



Please remember in your prayers the following soldiers (and all veterans and their families) that are in some way associated with

**Cook's Church:** Triston Thompson, Austin McCrary, Turner Salm, Cecilia (Parker) Loren, Anne Ledford, Ronald J. Ransbottom, Shane Bennett, Andrew Simmerson, T.J. Sudderth, John Makahilli Jr., Jake Gibson, John Gibson, Eddy Self, Terrell Gore

**\*\*CONGREGATION\*\***



Please notify the church office (704-399-7735 / office@cookschurch.org) or Pastor Lynn (330-701-0426 / ltb4unc@alumni.unc.edu) of any

deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing.



**UPDATE:** Our new church directories are being shipped to us on April 3<sup>rd</sup>...they will be distributed shortly after that!



This is Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church's new QR code. There is an "app" you can put on your phone that lets you scan the QR code and donate to the church with your credit card. For instructions to download the "app", contact Ginger at 704/562-7558.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 7

- ~ 9:00am – *Prayer Shawl Ministry*/parlor
- 9:00am – *Sunday School classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship/Blanket Sunday*/sanctuary
- ~11:00am – **FIRST LUNCH & PROGRAM**/FH
- ~ 12-1pm - **KID'S CLUB**/Ed Bldg basement
- ~4:00pm-**YOUTH/Egg-streme Egg Hunt**/church

### Monday, April 8

- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool
- 3:30pm – LPH/parlor
- 6:30pm – Cub Scouts mtg/Ed Bldg



### Tuesday, April 9

- 9:30am-1pm - Playschool
- ~10:00am – **MORNING Circle**/FH
- 6:00pm - Aerobics/FH
- ~ 7:00pm – **EVENING Circle**/FH
- 7:00pm - Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor
- ~ 7-8pm - **LENTEN DEVOTIONS**/home of Bev Weldy

### Wednesday, April 10

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- 9:30am-1pm - Playschool
- ~5:45pm-**Youth Ensemble Rehearsal**/Choir Room
- ~ 6:00pm - **String Trio Rehearsal**/sanctuary
- ~ 6:30pm - **Adult Choir/Handbells Rehearsal**

### Thursday, April 11

- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool
- ~ 5:30-7pm – **COMMUNITY MEAL**
- 6:00pm – Daisy Scouts/bmst

### Friday, April 12

- 12:00pm – B. Lara/reception set-up/FH

### Saturday, April 13

- 8:30am – B. Lara/wedding reception & set-up/FH

### Sunday, April 14

- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship/Palm Sunday Processional/Communion*/sanctuary
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~11:15am – **FINANCE Ministry meeting**/office
- ~ 7:00pm – **SESSION meeting**/Rm 113

### Monday, April 15

- \*\*PLEASE NOTE: the DEADLINE for our next newsletter has been moved to Tues, April 23, 9am.**

### Tuesday, April 16

- 6:00pm - Aerobics

### Wednesday, April 17

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- ~ 6:30pm - **Adult Choir/Handbells Rehearsal**

### Thursday, April 18

- ~ 6:00pm – **MAUNDY THURSDAY Service**/FH

### Saturday, April 20

- ~10:00am – **Adult Choir Cantata Rehearsal**/sanc

### Sunday, April 21

- ~ 7:30am – **Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast** /front lawn & FH
- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship/Easter Cantata*/sanctuary
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~11:15am-**Children's Easter Celebration**/FH

### Monday, April 22

**\*\*Church Office CLOSED for Holiday\*\***

- 9:30am-1pm - Playschool

### Tuesday, April 23-DEADLINE for our next newsletter

- 9:30am-1pm - Playschool
- 6:00pm – Aerobics
- 7:00pm - Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

### Wednesday, April 24

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- 9:30am-1pm - Playschool
- ~5:45pm-**Youth Ensemble Rehearsal**/Choir Room
- ~ 6:00pm - **String Trio Rehearsal**/sanctuary

### Thursday, April 25

- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool
- 6:00pm – Daisy Scouts/bsmt

### Friday, April 26 - Rock-n-Roll set-up/all day/FH

### Saturday, April 27

- ~4-7pm-**Rock-n-Roll dinner & entertainment**/FH



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#### STAFF:

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#### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Joe Chichetti, Laura Griggs, James Harper, Jeannie McClure, David Myers, Johnnie Quinn, Mike Stanford

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## Good News Inside!

God, we thank You for:



Written articles to be in Church Office by  
**Tuesday, April 23 @ 9am** for next newsletter!



### First Sunday!

Congregational Care and some Creative Chefs have some wonderful plans for

the next **First Sunday Luncheon and Program**. Do you know how Cook's Community Garden began? Do you know how many people use it? Would you like to acquire some delicious, healthy recipes from the produce that comes from this beautiful Garden?! If you would like the answers to any of these questions, or would enjoy a wonderful time of enjoying good food (menu will be meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes & dessert [MawMaw style]) and fellowship after church on **April 7th**, please join us!

Please note: there will not be a First Lunch/Program on May 5, 2019, but it will resume June 2, 2019.



Sunday Mornings at **9** is an opportunity to continue to learn the lessons of The Bible and how they relate to our daily lives. There are classes for **ALL** ages!

Teachers have prepared for babies, children, teens and adults to join them. **They are looking forward to seeing you next Sunday at 9am!**

### **Cook's Kids & Youth:**

come be part of our **Palm Sunday Processional**

during our Worship Service on **SUNDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup>**! Please

gather in the Narthex by **9:50am** to participate.



We will be having an **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE this Sunday, April**

**21st** at **7:30am** on the **front steps** to the sanctuary...**breakfast** will be served afterwards by the Men of the Church in Fellowship Hall.



**Please bring flowers from home with you Easter Sunday morning (April 21st) to help in 'flowering the cross' on the front steps of the sanctuary before worship!**