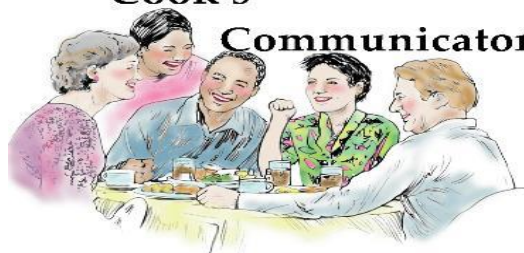




June 5, 2019



Dear Friends,

My long held desire to visit someplace, any place in Africa, is on the horizon! I have developed various fascinating relationships with people in ministry from South Africa, Uganda, Liberia, Ghana, and Kenya. I have been repeatedly overwhelmed by the love, trust, and witness of these deeply devoted people as they serve God, even through challenging and sometimes life threatening circumstances.

Before I came to Cook's Memorial, I felt attracted to the many Mission projects this church supports. Naturally, I was also attracted to your connection with the Kajiado Children's Home. The timing feels right for me to be one of the very excited nine people who will fly to Nairobi, travel on to Kajiado, and spend ten days in an amazing immersion experience. Others of you have good memories of walking this journey, so you can visualize much of what we will see and do. Yes, please share your advice!

What I know now is that we will work in pairs to lead devotions over three evenings. The children engage in devotions every night! The theme for this year's Mission will build on *Education in Kenya: Lighting the Fire* - "**The unfolding of Your words gives light**" (Psalms 119:130). We will worship, enjoy enriching fellowship around food and conversation, and receive increased inspiration from the children who are eager to learn, share, and dance with an enlivening spirit. Our group will even take a Safari adventure at the end of the trip!

We leave on June 20th and return on the 30th. Sherri Cook and Reggie Kimray from the Gideon's International will lead worship on June 23rd. Dan Griggs will preach on the 30th. This gives me a great feeling of confidence that worship will be wonderful at Cook's Memorial too! To help those of us going to Kajiado, and to keep us all feeling connected while we are away, there will be a Commissioning Service with representatives of the Mission Group during worship on June 16th. I know those of you who foster children at KCH are gathering letters, photos, and gifts for us to deliver to your children/Youth. It will be a privilege to serve as your emissaries of prayer, hope, and encouragement.

Thank you all, at Cook's and beyond, for your very illustrated faith and heart felt prayers. Expect to hear some great stories upon our return!

Peace,
**Lynn
Thompson
Bryant**



Congratulations to Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church's High School and College Graduates! Please join us to congratulate and wish them the best for their future as we celebrate with them during our 10:00am worship service this Sunday, June 9, 2019 and on the front lawn afterwards!

Maya Bogojevich, daughter of Alex & Christine, is graduating from North Mecklenburg High School on June 8, 2019 and plans to attend the University of N.C. in Asheville in the fall.

Annie Griggs, daughter of Dan & Laura, is graduating from Mountain Island Charter School on June 7, 2019 and plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall and studying Neuroscience.

Taylor Benson, daughter of Jerry & Paige, graduated from Brevard College on May 4, 2019, with a Bachelors of Integrated Studies with Early Childhood Education. She plans on teaching at Chesterbrook Academy this upcoming year.

MISSION CORNER

EVERYONE is invited to join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month (**June 13th**) in FH for the **COMMUNITY DINNER**. Dinner is served from 5:30-7pm and the menu will be loaded baked potatoes, salad and dessert. *Please bring your friends & neighbors with you to enjoy a delicious {and free} dinner and some great fellowship!*

JUNE's non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Loaves & Fishes** is **CANNED MEATS**. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex.

Lily Pad Haven's JUNE'S collection item is **TARGET gift cards**. 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; Feminine hygiene products; Hats/gloves; Insect repellent; shampoo/conditioners; Lotion; Diapers; Floss/toothpaste/toothbrushes; Deodorant**. Questions, call Heather Lyerly at 704/618-6947.

Kajiado Children's Home is **COLLECTING UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS IN MAY AND JUNE** to take to the children on the mission trip this year. We are also looking for **backpacks for the teens** to use for school. We have enough book bags for the younger children. *Please bring your donation to church or drop by the church office during the month of May and no later than **JUNE 16!*** We plan to leave on June 20 and return home June 30.

Thank you for your continued support of Kajiado Children's Home. It is a privilege to represent Cook's Church in this important mission. We rescued 25 additional children this Spring and are seeking Christian sponsors for these children. To sponsor a child or find out more about KCH, contact Gaye List (704/909-9910) or Pede Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!



Congregation:
you are encouraged to prepare yourself for communion to be served this Sunday, June 9, 2019, PENTECOST Sunday.

Please pray and prepare: "This do in remembrance of Me" {Luke 22:19}.

{Also, please remember to wear **RED** to worship on *Pentecost Sunday, **June 9th!***}



Summer Sunday School began last Sunday, **June 2nd**, and if you haven't been able to join us yet, you can still do so each week for the rest of the summer in Fellowship Hall at **9:00am**.

Our summer series will be "Questions people asked Jesus." Read the stories from **Luke 10:29** and **Mark 5:31** if you want to prepare. Adults will join together for the next two Sundays in Fellowship Hall and Youth and Children will meet in their usually classrooms.



ALL MEN are invited to join Cook's Men of the Church this **Sunday, JUNE 16** at **7:30am** for their monthly breakfast meeting – contact Dale Luckey if you have any questions.

CHECK THIS OUT!



"Fun Dip" group is being created for ages 21-49 to get together and fellowship outside of church. More details and the first outing will be scheduled soon. Contact Sandy Birmingham 704-724-1620 or lilluck23@aol.com if you have ideas or would like to be involved.

Also, keep an eye open for an **informational class on Medicare & Medicaid** for those that are interested.



2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

We have one date that is **AVAILABLE** on our 2019 Flower Calendar: **September 29**. Please contact Cheryl in the church office if you'd like to honor or remember a loved one by supplying our sanctuary flowers on this date...704/399-7735 or office@cookschurch.org.



If you **haven't** received yours yet, they are available for you to pick-up in the **church office** M-F, 9-5pm {closed for lunch}.



Plan now to join us at **Coulwood's 4th of July**

Parade, Thursday, July 4th! We'll need you to either ride on our church float or walk alongside it giving out candy and church information. Watch for more details and we'd love to have hard candy donations (anything that will not melt) and help decorating the float the night before!



We wish a Happy Birthday to the following:

- June 10 - Logan Griffin
- June 11 - Beth Noles
- June 12 - Sydney Thompson, Lucile Savelle
- June 14 - Gaye List
- June 16 - Maya Bogojevich, Cathy King, Peirce Benfield
- June 17 - Hazel Dunn
- June 21 - Debbie White, Sherri Cook
- June 22 - Connor Vead, Ashley Phipps, Leah Lyerly



- June 9:** Audrey Brady, Beth Noles
- June 16:** Sandy Birmingham, Sydney Thompson
- June 23:** 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: June 9-Viewpoint SS Class; June 16-Presbyterian Women; June 23-Men of the Church

Usher Schedule: June-Sheila Black, Johnnie Quinn, William & Lucile Savelle

Sound Tech Schedule: June-George Wilz

Teller Schedule: June 9-Audrey Brady, Scott Jones, Sheila Black; June 16-Ginger Thompson, Johnnie Quinn, Bonnie Pace; June 23-Audrey Brady, Christi Brafford, Scott Jones

Weekend Opener/Lockup: June-Dale Luckey



5/26/19: 82
6/02/19: 108

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$162,184
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$171,440



During these next 2 weeks, June 9-22, please make a special effort to recognize **Carolyn Young and Nancy Stanley** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Carolyn Young, 9330 Belhaven Blvd, 28214
Nancy Stanley, 10923 Ridge Acres Rd, 28214

Here is a complete list of our Homebound Members: Betty Hunt, Loretta, Melva Thompson, Nancy Stanley, Annie Luckey, Mildred Alexander & Carolyn Young...*please pray for them all daily.*



Wise Words & Quotes

- Vern McCellan

"Seek His will in all you do, and he will direct your paths."

(Proverbs 3:6)

"The winds of God are always blowing, but you must set the sails."



Congratulations to Will & Jen (Cunningham) Griggs! They were married on Saturday, May 18, 2019 and will be living in Mooresville, NC.

The Griggs family feels blessed to have Jen and her two girls, Olivia and Grace, to join their family! May God bless this family with many years of love and happiness!



A very successful meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte occurred at Cook's Memorial on Tuesday, May 21. Wonderful volunteers, approximately 50 from Cook's and another dozen from Pleasant Grove and Newell, actively anticipated the Big Day for about four months. "Ambassadors for Christ" prepared the most delicious lunch of smoked BBQ with sides and dessert for about 160 very happy people! The meeting included honoring the indigenous people who first inhabited this area, hearing about mission activities near and far where our churches are engaged, welcoming new candidates into various levels of preparation for Ordained Ministry, and worshipping God through scripture and sermon, celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and singing inspirational music. Both the choir and a full sanctuary provided great complement for lifting our voices in praise and thanksgiving! We feel strengthened by the support, encouragement, and mutual outreach when we get together. Thank you, to all who contributed so much to helping the day go smoothly!



Thank you to the 18 people who signed up, and many others who prayed at home, to join the 30 churches praying for 30 days

for direction in reducing violence in our city and communities. I really appreciate your spending time in meditation and sharing thoughtful comments.



Please remember in your prayers
the following people:

Members

Hazel Dunn & family (death of son-in-law, Jerry McKee)	
Phyllis Monteith	Mildred Grice
Staci McClure	Russ Sasnett (Hunts Rehab)
Steve Gilmore	Jill Griffin
Nancy Stanley	Joyce Norris
Carolyn Young	Steve Self
Corky McClure	Pat Hager
Gerri Rhodes	Debbie White
Vera Smith	Mork/Weldy family
Cook's Pastor Search	

Friends & Relatives

Terry Thompson	Ronnie Griffin
Charles & Kay Mathews	Emalie Barnes
Kelsey & Jonathan Prescott & twin boys	Sam Cerio
William Savelle's uncle & family	Brian Zuercher
Gary Carter	Melody Mathews
Larry Rupp	Kevin Cook
Marcia Larson	<i>family of Willi McClure Messick</i>
Kristen & Bobby Benfield	Gary Shuler & son
Richard Meyer	Cole/Davidson family
Dee Peterson	Ava Davis & Tate family
Bill Perrella	Gloria Bammel
Kelly Cousineau	Susan Kenley
Cynthia & Mike Wicker	Jeff & Gloria Herman
Gloria Ricker	Mary Hightower
2 yr old @ St. Jude's	Theo Helms
Anita H.	Lynn Eagle
Brady McKay	
Natural disaster victims	UNC-Chlt students/staff
dementia patients/caregiver	
shooting victims/families throughout the world	
people going through life transitions	
those hungry/abused/scared/depressed	

(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



****We'd like to update this list above. Please contact the church office to let us know if the soldier listed above is**

still on active duty or not. (704-399-7735; office@cookschurch.org) If you don't hear one way or the other within a month, we will remove the name. Thank you!

****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.



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL 2019**
"ROAR - Life is wild, God is good!"

August 4 @ 3:30pm - Fun in the Sun
Sunday...water games, hotdogs & hamburgers!

August 5-8: dinner @ 5:30pm, Bible School programming from 6:10-7:30pm!

August 8: Join us at the Community Meal in our FH for dinner at 5:30pm. Afterwards we will practice our part in Sunday's worship service!

August 11: VBS Celebration in worship - be here at 9:30am and bring your families!

PARENTS-please register your child(ren) by **FRIDAY, August 2** so we can plan for sufficient food and craft materials. (Mail or email to church office / 3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd, 28216; office@cookschurch.org)

Name _____

Adult ____ Child ____ Age ____

Name _____

Adult ____ Child ____ Age ____

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Name _____

Adult ____ Child ____ Age ____

Primary phone # _____

Parent's cell # _____

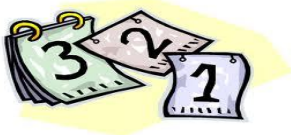
Emergency Contact Name/#/Relation _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Name(s) of person other than parent(s) who is allowed to pick-up your child each night after VBS: _____

Volunteers & staff at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church have my permission to seek medical attention for my child in case of emergency. Furthermore, I release Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church, its staff and volunteers from any liability that may occur while my child is participating in Vacation Bible School.

Parent signature _____ Date _____



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 9

- 9:00am – *Sunday School classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship/Communion/Pentecost/Graduation Sunday/sanctuary*
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cupcakes & drinks for everyone!)
- ~ 11:15am – **FINANCE Ministry meeting/office**
- ~ 7:00pm – **SESSION meeting/FH**

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool Summer Session/Ed Bldg
- ~ 6:00pm - **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, June 13

- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool Summer Session/Ed Bldg
- ~ 5:30-7pm – **COMMUNITY MEAL/FH**

Friday, June 14

- 9:00am-3:00pm – LPH meeting/FH

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16 – Happy Father's Day!

- ~ 7:30am – **MEN'S Breakfast meeting/FH**
- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~ 11:15am – **MISSION Ministry meeting/Rm 113**
- **Boy Scouts/bus (thru 6/22)

Monday, June 17-**DEADLINE** for next newsletter

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 19

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool Summer Session/Ed Bldg
- ~ 6:00pm - **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, June 20

- 9:30am-1pm – Playschool Summer Session/Ed Bldg

Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22

We Need Your Help



Beginning **Monday, June 24th**, **Cook's Presbyterian Women** will be painting Pastor Lynn's office while she is on the mission trip. ***Please come and help us with this project!*** Bring your paint brushes and come join in the fellowship while we work. We will begin at **9:30am**. If you have any questions, contact Johnnie Quinn.



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). We have slots open as soon as **JULY, 2019**...step right up...**YOU** are a very valued part of our service!



If you shop at Amazon.com, link your account to Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church and we'll get 5% back from your purchases through their Amazon Smile program! After linking the church to your account, start your purchases at <http://smile.amazon.com>. If you have questions, contact Ginger Thompson at 704-562-7558.



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.

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Office Manager: Cheryl Cole
Custodian: Susan Mundell
Playschool Directors: Kelly Carter/Bobbie Penninger
Treasurer: Ginger Thompson
Financial Secretary: Audrey Brady

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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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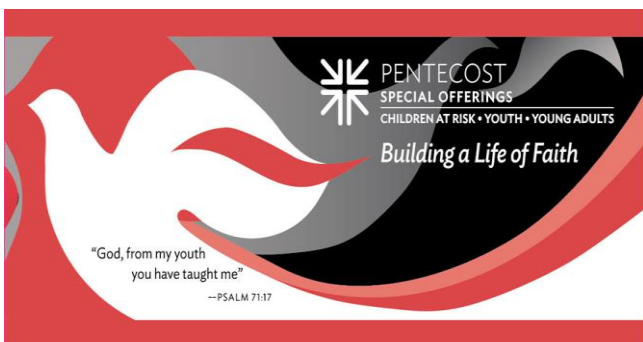
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Good News Inside!

God, we thank You for:



Written articles to be in Church Office by
Monday, June 17 @ 4pm for next newsletter!



This Sunday is **Pentecost!**

We will receive the special Pentecost Offering that helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth, and Children at Risk.



Choosing joy in our lives is actually God's will for us, His children.

He speaks very clearly through Paul in I Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Ready to give it a try? Every morning when you open your eyes to greet the new day, throw the doors of your heart open to joy by making a deliberate choice to embrace all the blessings God has lavished upon your life. Pour out your thanks to Him for each of His gifts, big and small, before you even put your feet on the floor.

Then spend five minutes in God's Word by reading these Bible verses:

Psalm 5:11-12; Psalm 100:4-5; Isaiah 33:2;
Psalm 143:8; Habakkuk 3:18.