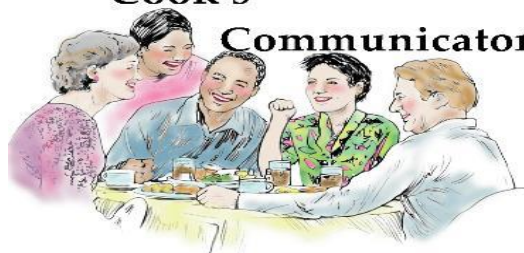


June 19, 2019



Dear Friends,

Summer has arrived in full speed! While my hope for all of us is to enjoy a slower pace of free time, restorative energy, and holiday picnics - we know opportunities for relaxing may still be rare. How might we nurture an idea of Holy Holidays?! I have three ideas:

One: which is actually fourth in the order of the Ten Commandments: **“Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy”** (Ex.20:8). Observing Sabbath doesn't necessarily have to happen in church, but we certainly appreciate your presence. If you are traveling, take advantage of reaping good ideas from other worshipping congregations. If you are vacationing, check out the Bible in your hotel drawer and gather the family around an opening devotion as you begin your Sunday. God's creation is filled sacred space, so connect with the Spirit of the Living Christ wherever you may be.

Two: Every day and everywhere you are charged to share the peace that passes our understanding with neighbors you may encounter. Cook's Memorial has been a hub for deepening that peace in many circumstances, and our community/world are richer for your overflowing Spirit. Many of you joined with 30 (or more) churches across the City for 30 Days of Prayer for guidance in reducing violence that has increased over the past year. In cooperation with the Red Cross and church leaders, Fellowship Hall provided Emergency Shelter for people whose homes were damaged or destroyed when the Catawba River far exceeded its banks. You have contributed an **enormous** supply of new clothes, book bags, and generous gifts for eager and thankful recipients at Kajiado Children's Home in Kenya. Yours have been holy acts of compassion and support toward increasing peace and shalom for our brothers and sisters.

Finally: As Christian Education, Worship, and Congregational Care continue over the summer, we are looking at the Questions People asked Jesus long ago and learning about their relevancy for today. The Four Questions for July come from Luke 20:22, 10:25, 10:40 and Luke 8:28. July 7 will offer an opportunity for Intergenerational, Interactive, and Interdisciplinary Worship! Let your Spirit be drawn to Prayer, Creative Illustration, Bible Study, or Music as we bring forth the Question: “Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Summer is well under way. May your days be filled with intentional activity of work and play, issuing and receiving the Peace of Christ, and teaching and learning to walk the paths of righteousness of our Lord and Savior.

Peace,

*Lynn Thompson Bryant*



### Equilibrium

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,  
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,  
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,  
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,  
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,  
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,  
May your mind stay clear of all its names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough  
To feel in the depths the love of God.

John O'Donohue in  
*To Bless the Space Between Us*



Please be sure to  
join us at  
**Coulwood's  
4th of July**

**Parade, Thursday, July 4th!**

We need YOU and YOUR FAMILY to either ride on our church float or walk alongside it giving out candy and church information...meet at Coulwood Middle School at 8:00am. **\*\*We also need donations of HARD CANDY** (anything that will not melt) **and help decorating the float the night before...time tba!**

## MISSION CORNER



The Group from Cook's that goes to help serve drinks to the guests of **Urban Ministries** during their lunch would like to invite **YOU** to join them on the **1st Tuesday** of every month (**July 2nd**)...meet @ church at 10am! If you have any questions, call Pede Self at 704-516-1753.

**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. {July's item will be powdered milk.}

**Lily Pad Haven's JUNE'S** collection item is **TARGET gift cards**. A collection basket is in the Narthex. {July's item will be plastic wrap & foil.}

**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**: 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!



**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 20:22 and Mark 10:25** if you want to prepare. Adults will join together for the next two Sundays in Fellowship Hall and ALL Youth & Children will meet in Rm #212. EVERYONE will meet together in FH on the **FIRST Sunday** of every month at 9am.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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}.



## Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

*"Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring."*

(Proverbs 27:1)

*"Years do not come to be counted; they come to count."*



*Thank you very much to those of you who either called or sent cards to my family and me after the loss of my husband Jerry. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers lifted our spirits and meant so much to us during this most difficult time. With heartfelt appreciation, we are so grateful to each of you. With warm regards,  
Kathy (Dunn) McKee and family*





I read the following poem in a recent issue of *The Christian Century*, and appreciated how it echoed the story of the Good Samaritan, which was our scripture for June 9. It holds some powerful imagery of neighborly values for today. The reference to Jean Valjean is from *Les Miserables*. He was imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, and befriended by a Bishop who is the only one who will help him after his release.

### Statues

“What does justice look like?  
He asked, and I said, that’s easy.  
A bronze statue of a woman  
In robes, blindfolded,  
Holding up scales. Precisely,  
He said, you can almost hear  
The correct little clicks of those  
Weights in the balance. Now,  
He said, what does mercy look like?  
That one stumped me.  
Is there a lesson here, I asked, and  
He said, perhaps sculpt a woman  
In a bathrobe, making a sandwich,  
And her scowling boy, who prefers  
Peanut butter to ham. Or carve  
Bienvenu foisting his candlesticks  
On cringing Jean Valjean.  
Or fashion the brittle father  
Rushing down the clay path  
To embrace his prodigal, but –  
I get the idea, I said,  
There would have to be two.  
Not quite, he said.  
There would also have to be  
Movement. Not easy with statues,  
With things that stay put, things done  
So right that they make little clicks.”

Tom Schmidt, Pastor of Cross of Christ Fellowship  
in Naperville, Illinois

### We Need Your Help



Beginning this coming **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, **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.



*We wish a Happy Birthday to the following:*

- June 23 - Connie Stroup, Melissa Jones, Steve Gilmore
- June 24 - Lindsay Jones
- June 28 - Nikki Kennedy
- June 29 - Mike Stanford
- July 1 - Billie Sigmon
- July 2 - Kinsley Birmingham
- July 3 - Ellie Riggs, Donna Winters
- July 6 - Michael Thompson, Anna Alexander



- June 23:** Beth Noles, Mary Thompson
- June 30:** Linda Lynn, \*NEED VOLUNTEER
- July 7:** {working on schedule}

{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 23-Men of the Church; June 30-New Horizon SS Class; July 7-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class

**Usher Schedule:** June-Sheila Black, Johnnie Quinn, William & Lucile Savelle; July-Dwight Black, Penny Love, Denise Vead, Christi Brafford

**Sound Tech Schedule:** June-George Wilz; July 7/14-Chris Birmingham

**Teller Schedule:** June 23-Audrey Brady, Christi Brafford, Scott Jones; June 30-Ginger Thompson, Melinda McElhaney, Gordon Stanley; July 7-Ginger Thompson, Dwight Black, Christi Brafford

**Weekend Opener/LOCKUP:** June-Dale Luckey; July-Gordon Stanley



**6/09/19:** 119  
**6/16/19:** 99

### **2019 Offerings:**

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$176,928  
YTD General Fund offerings rec’d: \$176,346



During these next 2 weeks, June 9-22, please make a special effort to recognize **Melva Thompson and Loretta Hinson** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Melva Thompson, 8944 McClure Circle, 28216  
Loretta Hinson, c/o Brookdale @ Concord, Rm #2,  
2452 Rock Hill Church Rd, Concord, 28027

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.*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

During the summer months, **ALL alarms** in each building will be set at **7:00pm** UNLESS there are meetings scheduled for later than that **and** on our church calendar. If you need to be in the church later than 7pm, please notify the church office asap. Thank you!



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

- Cook's Mission Trip Group to Kenya (6/20-30)
Abram Glaser Nancy Stanley
Hazel Dunn Jill Griffin
Phyllis Monteith Mildred Grice
Staci McClure Russ Sasnett
Steve Gilmore 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

- Brian Zuercher (Grand Strand Hosp) Ronnie Griffin
Kay Mathews Emalie Barnes
Kelsey & Jonathan Prescott & twin boys Kevin Cook
William Savelle's uncle & family Terry Thompson
Gary Carter Melody Mathews
Larry Rupp Marcia Larson
Kristen & Bobby Benfield Gary Shuler & son
Richard Meyer Cole/Davidson family
Dee Peterson Jeff & Gloria Herman
Bill Perrella Gloria Bammel
Kelly Cousineau Susan Kenley
Cynthia & Mike Wicker Theo Helms
Gloria Ricker Mary Hightower
Anita H. Richard Meyer
Meredith Eagle Kay Siskron
Trent (family of Jean Oates) Gillis
Peggy Hough Grier Stanford
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 \_\_\_\_

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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 23

9:00am – *Sunday School classes for all ages!*  
 10:00am – *Worship/Gideon Sunday/sanctuary*  
 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)

### Monday, June 24

### Tuesday, June 25

9am-2pm – LPH meeting/FH  
 9:30am-1pm – Playschool Summer Session/Ed Bldg  
 6:00pm – Aerobics/FH  
 7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### Wednesday, June 26

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

### Thursday, June 27

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

### Friday, June 28

### Saturday, June 29

### Sunday, June 30

9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*  
 10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*  
 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)



### Monday, July 1 - **DEADLINE for next newsletter**

~ 7:00pm – **PROPERTY Ministry mtg/Rm 113**

### Tuesday, July 2

~10:00am – **Group to Urban Ministries/bus**  
 6:00pm – Aerobics  
 7:00pm - Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### Wednesday, July 3

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201  
 ~ **Decorate Cook's Parade Float/time tba**

### Thursday, July 4

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

~ **8:00am - meet @ Coulwood Middle School to ride/walk alongside Cook's July 4<sup>th</sup> Float!**

### Friday, July 5

### Saturday, July 6



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Recent flooding in Mtn Island devastated homes near our church. *A plea has been issued for everyone who can to*

*volunteer to help. It's easy to sign up & help out.*

**Prior to going down Harwood Ln. into the flooded areas to help, please call 704/840-0513 or email [f.mecklenburg@nmissions.org](mailto:f.mecklenburg@nmissions.org) to coordinate your efforts with a team that's working with someone in need.** It's that easy!

You'll be given guidance by experienced workers. Right now they desperately need help assisting people to simply get things out of their homes, remove the "muck" & being there to encourage others in their plight. It's important to remember that people are suffering in our area and need our help, but very few are coming. **As the church, we MUST respond. They need US... PLEASE HELP.** Please share this information with your friends. We need to raise awareness.



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 **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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*"Cook's mission is to love God, love yourself, love your neighbor and go tell others about Jesus."*

*"We, the members of Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church, are a community on a journey of faith dedicated to spiritual growth and Christ's teachings. We are committed to be a community of God, open to all people. We pledge to be witnesses for God and to be caring Disciples of Christ."*

### STAFF:

<b>Interim Pastor:</b>	Pastor Lynn Thompson Bryant
<b>Coordinator of Youth &amp; Children Ministries:</b>	Graham Hughes
<b>Music Director &amp; Organist:</b>	Rev. Charles Mathews
<b>Office Manager:</b>	Cheryl Cole
<b>Custodian:</b>	Susan Mundell
<b>Playschool Directors:</b>	Kelly Carter/Bobbie Penninger
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ginger Thompson
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Audrey Brady

**RULING ELDERS: Class of 2019:** Sheila Black (Education), Audrey Brady (Cong Care), Penny Love (Worship), Jerry Spurlock (Property); **Class of 2020:** Dale Luckey (Property), David Lyerly (Missions), Bonnie Pace (Finance); Johnnie Quinn (Clerk); **Class of 2021:** Joe Chichetti (Personnel), Dan Griggs (Nominating), William Savelle (Worship)

**DEACONS: Class of 2019:** Steve Gilmore (New Members), Dave List (Special Needs), Bonnie Spurlock (Homebound), Deana Stanford (Special Needs); **Class of 2020:** Debbie Myers (Homebound), Jack McClure (Homebound), Jeannie McClure (Moderator/Special Needs); **Class of 2021:** Dwight Black (Homebound), Barrbara Stevens (New Members), Sydney Thompson (New Members)

### **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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

**Sunday Schedule:** *Sunday School for ALL ages at 9:00am; Worship Service at 10:00am; Fellowship on the Lawn (Cookies & Drinks for everyone) immediately after worship.*

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## ***Good News Inside!***

*God, we thank You for:*



Written articles to be in Church  
Office by **Monday, July 1**  
**@ 4pm** for next newsletter!



### **Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church 2019 Donations vs Expenses**

Total 2019 Donations to General Fund <b>EXCLUDING CATCH-UP DONATIONS:</b>	
Jan-May 2019	\$118,670.70
General Fund Expenses	
Jan-May 2019	<u>\$140,068.98</u>
Total Amount Spent over Donations	
Jan-May 2019	\$(21,398.28)
Amount Spent over Donations per month	
	\$(4,279.66)

We have survived so far because  
of the Catch-Up Donations \$ 42,000.00

The Session wants to let the congregation know where we stand financially with real numbers so everyone understands the position we are currently in. We are spending about \$4,000-\$5,000 per month **MORE** than we are bringing in. We currently have money in the General Fund because of the Catch-Up campaign that was held before Easter; at our current rate of spending that will last us about 6-8 more months if we don't have any large unexpected expenses.

Cook's members have always stood by the church in time of need but with the membership down and an aging facility it is getting much harder to do. We are constantly looking for ways to bring in funds and/or cut expenses. If anyone has any suggestions, we would love to hear them.

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