



July 3, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Ubuntu is a beautiful concept. I first learned of it from a Ghanaian priest. It has grown in Western understanding largely due to Bishop Desmond Tutu's increased use of it when establishing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Wikipedia offers the same translation Fr. Patrick used: Ubuntu can be translated as "human kindness," but has a much bigger scope. It embodies the ideas of connection, community, and mutual caring for all. According to Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, it means: "I am what I am because of who we all are."

The children, leaders, and teachers at Kajiado Children's Home, and all the supporting, sponsoring, spirit-giving members of Cook's Memorial and our sister churches, portray a wonderful illustration of Ubuntu practices. Because of your generosity, the nine of us who visited KCH delivered fifteen 50-pound suitcases filled with clothes, shoes, school supplies, reading glasses, bookbags, books, sports equipment, and vitamins for the School and children. With beaming smiles and sparkling eyes, **87** children and youth received your gifts.

I expected to be showered with appreciation. I did not expect to feel immersed in gratitude, embraced with love, and invited to experience floods of joyful enthusiasm. We all shared an exuberant wave of feeling up-lifted, buoyed by faith, and inspired by the trust, hope, and grace of these children.

Children generally have such an affect on us. These children are different. Not only are they orphans. Some have been rescued from forced marriages at age 12, some come from brutally abusive homes, and others struggle with their own mental challenges. But these kids exude a thriving, supportive family system of caring for each other throughout all their hardships, joys, and achievements. They sing and dance with dynamic energy - at worship, at evening devotions, the monthly birthday party, and while waiting in line before the next big event, whatever it may be.



I hope you receive a marked sense of fulfillment and a deep stream of Ubuntu for the prayers, gifts, and encouragement you shared and continue to direct to the Kajiado Children's Home. Their parting words during great hugs and some tears were: "God Bless You," and please convey our lasting appreciation and gratitude to our friends and sponsors at Cook's Memorial. What an amazing

reciprocal connection we are privileged to experience. I know my heart is still singing.

Shalom,

Lynn Thompson Bryant

**Join us THIS Sunday,
July 7th at 9:30am
COMBINED Christian
Education / Worship / Brunch
in Fellowship Hall!**

Intergenerational, Interactive,
Interdisciplinary Illustration of Luke
20:22. Select from Prayer, Music, Craft,
and Bible Study Oases to Create our
Worship Experience followed by Brunch
and Fellowship!



FIRST LUNCH

Please be sure to
join us for our next
FIRST SUNDAY
Lunch this

Sunday, **July 7th**, in Fellowship Hall
immediately following our worship service
(menu is 'brunch foods')!



Summer Sunday

School has begun and if
you haven't been able to
join us yet, you can still do
so each week for the rest

of the summer! ***Please note:**
EVERYONE will meet together in FH
THIS SUNDAY, JULY 7th, at
9:30am for combined Sunday
School, WORSHIP & brunch!



ATTENTION: Cook's
Session has called for a
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING on Sunday,
July 14, 2019, following our
10:00am worship service to
elect Deacons to the Class of 2022.

MISSION CORNER

EVERYONE is invited to join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month (**July 11th**) in FH for the **COMMUNITY DINNER**. Dinner is served from 5:30-7pm and the menu will be hamburgers, potato salad and dessert. *Please bring your friends & neighbors with you to enjoy a delicious {and free} dinner and some great fellowship!*

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

Lily Pad Haven's JULY'S collection item is **PLASTIC WRAP/FOIL**. 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: 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 Pedo Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!



CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION HAS A NEED!

Charlotte Rescue Mission is running "extremely low" on **SHAVING CREAM** that they provide to all residents (one of the most commonly used items there) due to the consistent/on-going need to both provide this to their folks upon entry to the program & throughout the 120 days they are there with them.

Also, if any member of our church that might be associated with/work for/own a company that produces the product (shaving cream) that, at some point, could possibly put them in touch with the company in order to develop an on-going "partnership" with, which may give them an opportunity to never run low or out. {Here is their contact information: Charlotte Rescue Mission, Jeff Glenn, Community Relations Manager, Direct: 704.334.4635 ext. 237, Main: 704.333.HOPE www.charlotterescuemission.org

"Many thanks", in advance, for stepping up to help us help them to meet this need. ****There will be a box in the Ed Bldg lobby to put your donations in through JULY 14.**



ATTENTION TANG (those who are 50+ years young!): We are planning a **POP-UP Trip to the Daniel Boone Inn** in Boone, NC. We will be taking the bus to lunch on **Thursday, July 11th**, leaving Cook's at **9:30am** and will be home by late afternoon. The buffet lunch is \$20 plus tax - cash only. Gas is \$5 each. I have **SIX** spots left...call Penny Love @ 704/458-1258 **asap** to reserve your seat!



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}.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We really need **3-5 more workers for our nursery during worship** so if you would be willing to serve God by watching over our youngest members, please contact the church office asap at 704-399-7735 or office@cookschurch.org. We'll need you to complete our Child Protection Policy forms and then we'll get you on the nursery schedule. Thank you!

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME
to a Christian exchange student from Spain
for the coming 2019-2020 school year!**

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange organization. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org. We currently have **four** students that are eager to learn that a home has been found for them!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas in Paw Creek – 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair @ Paw Creek Presbyterian Church (7400 Mt. Holly Rd) – Saturday, 11/23/19 – 8am-2pm
Vendors: \$25 for space + \$8 for table. Event will include breakfast, lunch & BBQ sales. **We are seeking vendors for Christmas in Paw Creek: arts, crafts, toys, services, etc. Vendors please call Jan McClure (704/394-8481) for information and registration. Hurry! Space is limited!



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for being a sponsoring CWS Blanket congregation! Church World Service couldn't do our Blankets Ministry without congregations like yours. We are so grateful for your generosity.

With gratitude, Sam Fore, Congregational Outreach Specialist, Church World Service
{FYI – Cook's donated \$540 in 2019 for blankets.}

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!



*We wish a Happy Birthday
to the following:*

July 8 - Debbie Myers

July 12 - Deana Stanford, Blake Benfield, Nan McClure

July 13 - Drew Mann

July 15 - Triston Thompson

July 17 - Van Quinn

July 19 - Emily Chichetti

July 20 - Connie Luckey



July 7: Beth Noles, Toni Thompson

July 14: Audrey Brady, Cheryl Rollins

July 21: Linda Lynn, Sydney 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: July 7-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class; July 14-Cook's Youth; July 21-Viewpoint SS Class

Usher Schedule: July-Dwight Black, Penny Love, Denise Vead, Christi Brafford

Sound Tech Schedule: July 7th/14th-Chris Birmingham; July 21st/28th – Dave List

Teller Schedule: July 7-Ginger Thompson, Dwight Black, Christi Brafford; July 14-Audrey Brady, Sheila Black, Bonnie Pace; July 21-Ginger Thompson, Johnnie Quinn, Melinda McElhaney

Weekend Opener/Lockup: July-Gordon Stanley



6/23/19: 85

6/30/19: 99

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$191,672
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$192,325



During these next 2 weeks, July 7-20, please make a special effort to recognize **Annie Luckey and Betty Hunt** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Annie Luckey, 9906 Harwood Ln, 28214

Betty Hunt, c/o Arbor Acres, Rm 603, 1240 Arbor Rd, Winston-Salem, 27104

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

"Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all offenses." (Proverbs 21:21)

"Irony, isn't it, that in tennis "love" is nothing but in life "love" is everything!"



*Please remember in your prayers
the following people:*

Members

Betty Hunt (Forsyth Medical Ctr, W/S)	Nancy Stanley
Hazel Dunn	Jill Griffin
Phyllis Monteith	Mildred Grice
Steve Gilmore	Carolyn Young
Steve Self	Corky McClure
Pat Hager	Gerri Rhodes
Debbie White	Vera Smith
Mork/Weldy family	Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

Al Thompson (eye surg 6/27, brother of Mary & Joe)	
Karen Hallman & family (death of mother)	
Bobbie & Jack Penninger & family (death of Jack's mom)	
Brian Zuercher	Ronnie Griffin
Gary Carter	Emalie Barnes
Kevin Cook	William Savelle's uncle & family
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	Gillis
Peggy Hough	Grier Stanford
family of Ed Sing	
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: Austin McCrary, Triston Thompson, Terrell Gore, Turner Salm, Anne Ledford, Eddy Self, Cecilia (Parker) Loren, Ronald J. Ransbottom, Shane Bennett, Andrew Simmerson, T.J. Sudderth, John Makahilli Jr., Jake Gibson, John Gibson



****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 /
lfb4unc@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 _____

Name _____

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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, July 7

~ **9:30am** – **SUNDAY SCHOOL/WORSHIP/BRUNCH for EVERYONE!**/FH

Monday, July 8

9am-1:30pm – LPH meeting/FH

Tuesday, July 9

~ **9:00am** – **YOUTH Mission** (Middle School)/

Friendship Gardens/bus

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

6:00pm – Aerobics/FH

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

Wednesday, July 10

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

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

Thursday, July 11

~ **9:30am** – **TANG group to mountains**/bus

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

~ **5:30-7pm** – **COMMUNITY MEAL**/FH

Saturday, July 13

~ **9:00am** – **YOUTH Mission** (Middle School)/

Stream Clean-Up/bus

Sunday, July 14

9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*

10:00am – *Worship/Congregational Meeting*

to elect Class of 2022 Deacons/sanctuary

11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)

~**11:15am** – **FINANCE** Ministry mtg/office

~ **7:00pm** – **SESSION** meeting/FH

Monday, July 15 - DEADLINE for next newsletter

~ **time tba** – **YOUTH Mission** (Middle School)/

Lydia's Loft/bus

Tuesday, July 16

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

6:00pm – Aerobics

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

Wednesday, July 17

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

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

~ **1:00pm** – **YOUTH Mission** (Middle School)/

Classroom Central/bus

Thursday, July 18

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

Friday, July 19

***Middle School YOUTH to Carowinds**/bus

**Donations
Needed**
Can you help?

We need donations of **MEDIUM** size flower **VASES** please! If you have some at your home

that you don't think you will use, please bring them to the church office whenever it is convenient for you. We use them sometimes when members want their Sunday flowers distributed to our homebound and/or sick members. {**NO** bud vases please.} Thank you!



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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"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:

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Lynn Thompson Bryant
Coordinator of Youth & Children Ministries:	Graham Hughes
Music Director & Organist:	Rev. Charles Mathews
Office Manager:	Cheryl Cole
Custodian:	Susan Mundell
Playschool Directors:	Kelly Carter/Bobbie Penninger
Treasurer:	Ginger Thompson
Financial Secretary:	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), Barbara 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 15**
@ 4pm for next newsletter!



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@ncmissions.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.



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

tomorrow, 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 (500 Kentberry Dr, 28214) at **8:00am**.

The parade starts at **9am** and we'll gather back at the church between **10-10:30** to un-decorate the vehicles.

****We also need donations of**

HARD CANDY (anything that will not melt/bring to the Parade with you).

And last, we need help decorating the float, bus and possibly a trailer

TONIGHT, July 3rd! 'PIZZA' will be served to those who come to help from

5:30-6pm, at **6pm** we'll have a devotion led by James Harper, and from **6:30-8pm** we'll do the decorating!
