

July 17, 2019



Dear Friends,

We are smack dab in the middle of summer. We know what that means on our calendars: the two months after July 4th go faster than the month of June! But what does that mean for the church? "Right," summer holidays are no more or no less holy than any other holidays. How can we treasure these days with an attitude of reverence and gratitude for how God intends them to be?

Ted Loder offers a beautiful prayer for balance during this rich season. I share it not just for you to read - but to practice. It's called "Let Me Live Grace-fully."

Thank you, Lord, for this season of sun and slow motion, of games and porch sitting, Of picnics and light green fireflies on heavy purple evenings; and praise for slight breezes. It's good, God, as the first long days of your creation.

Let this season be for me a time of gathering together the pieces into which my business has broken me. O God, enable me know to grow wise enough through reflection, peaceful enough through the song of the cricket, recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, Lord, let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell, so that I may see other souls deeply, share in a silence unhurried, listen to the sound of sunlight and shadows, explore barefoot the land of forgotten dreams and shy hopes, and find the right words to tell another who I am.

I am well aware of the grief, illness, suffering, transition, and anxiety that touches many of your lives and hearts. Summer does not necessarily bring care-free days of rest and relaxation. Please don't hear me saying: "I get it," for whatever you may be experiencing, for no one can truly walk in another's shoes. But we need some relief from the natural toil and strain of our challenging experiences. Practice a moment of Sabbath-keeping during the course of each day, and know that God walks with you and me.

Shalom,
Lynn Thompson Bryant



Anticipating Sermon Questions

- July 21 *Luke 10:40*
"Do you not care that I am left to serve alone?"
- July 28 *Luke 8:28*
"What do you want with me, Jesus?"



Summer Sunday School has begun and if you haven't been able to join us yet, you can still do so each week @ **9:00am** for the rest of the summer! Adults meet in Fellowship Hall or Rm #206 and our Youth & Children meet in Rm #212...please join us!



CONGREGATION:

Please note that **Cook's Homecoming 2019** will be held here on **August 25th** and you and your family are invited to join us for worship at 10:00am followed by a picnic lunch on the front lawn afterwards! If you are still in touch with any of our past members or friends of Cook's Church, please be sure to go ahead and invite them to join us also!

MISSION CORNER

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. {August's food item will be peanut butter & jelly.}

Lily Pad Haven's JULY'S collection item is **PLASTIC WRAP/FOIL**. A collection basket is in the Narthex. {August's item will be dryer sheets.}

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!



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 28...new extended deadline!** See David Lyerly if you have any questions.



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.

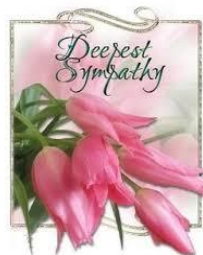


If you **haven't** received yours yet, they are available for you to pick-up in the **church office** M-F, 9-5pm {closed for lunch}.



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!



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Hunt. Betty passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2019. Please remember her family in your prayers during this time of loss.



ALL MEN are invited to join Cook's Men of the Church on **Sunday, July 21st** at **7:30am** for their monthly breakfast meeting – contact Dale Luckey if you have any questions (704-309-0798).



The "Fun Dip" group will be having their first outing on Friday, August 2nd at 6:00pm!! This group has been created for members in the age ranges of 21 -49 years old to spend time with one another.

We will meet at **Textile Lanes** at 680 Park St, Belmont, NC 28012. Price is \$4.00 per person per game + \$3.50 shoe rental.

Please bring your entire family (if you choose) as this age group is composed of many parents.

Please contact **Sandy Birmingham** at 704-724-1620 or lililuck23@aol.com to **RSVP NO LATER THAN Wednesday, July 31st**. If you DO NOT RSVP, you may not be able to be on a lane close to us. Hope you all plan to join us for a family fun night out together!

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!

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!



Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

"Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom." (Proverbs 90:12)

"Today is nature's way of giving yesterday one more chance!"

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!



THE BENEFITS OF NATURE

As a boy, John Muir memorized the entire New Testament. As an adult, he became one of America's outstanding naturalists. Muir recognized the magic and mystery of God's forests, mountains, streams, waterfalls and animals. He founded the conservation group known as the Sierra Club.

Muir died in 1914, but his books are still widely read. "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul," Muir wrote.

This summer take time to visit a national park, a state park or another wilderness area. The great outdoors is a perfect place to connect with God, as well as to build lasting family memories.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT HALF

An elderly clergyman chugging slowly along on a sidewalk was hailed by a middle-aged workman as they neared each other. "Hi Jerry," said the workman cheerily. "How are you?" The old pastor replied, "Oh, I'm about 50/50." The worker replied, "Well, take the better half and forget the other half."



We wish a **Happy Birthday**
to the following:

- July 23 - Vera Smith
July 24 - Don Monteith, Victoria Stanford
July 25 - Dale Luckey, Ashley Hale, (Kevin Cook),
Aiden Wilson
July 27 - Frank Norris
July 29 - Linda Abernathy
August 3 - Susan Hagler, Denise Vead, Linda
Alexander, Nancy Amert



July 21: Linda Lynn, Sydney
Thompson

July 28: Cheryl Rollins, Mary
Thompson

Aug. 4: Dolores Freeman, Toni
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 21-Viewpoint SS Class;
July 28-Presbyterian Women; Aug. 4-Men of the Church

Usher Schedule: July-Dwight Black, Penny
Love, Denise Vead, Christi Brafford; August-William &
Lucille Savelle, Jerry McClure, Max Love

Sound Tech Schedule: July 21st/28th – Dave List;
August-Joe Chichetti

Teller Schedule: July 21-Ginger Thompson, Johnnie
Quinn, Melinda McElhaney; July 28-Audrey Brady,
Bonnie Pace, Dwight Black; Aug. 4-

Weekend Opener/Lockup: July-Gordon Stanley;
August-William Savelle



7/07/19: 48
7/14/19: 99

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$206,416
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$200,001



During these next 2 weeks,
July 21- Aug. 4, please make
a special effort to recognize
**Mildred Alexander and
Loretta Hinson** with a visit
or a card. They would love
to hear from you!

Mildred Alexander, c/o Carmel Place, Rm 206,
6612 Carmel Rd, Charlotte, 28226

Loretta Hinson, c/o Brookdale @ Concord, Rm 2,
2452 Rock Hill Church Rd, Concord, 28027

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



Please remember in your prayers
the following people:

Members

- family of Betty Hunt* Nancy Stanley
Hazel Dunn Jill Griffin
Phyllis Monteith (surg this week) Mildred Grice
Debbie White Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks)
Steve Self Pat Hager (surg this week)
Corky McClure Steve Gilmore
Gerri Rhodes Vera Smith
Mork/Weldy family Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

- Al Thompson Karen Hallman & family
Bobbie & Jack Penninger & family Gary Carter
Brian Zuercher Kevin Cook
Emalie Barnes 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 Grier Stanford
family of Ed Sing Sherry Smith
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 /
ltb4unc@alumni.unc.edu) of any deaths, sickness,
surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family
member may be experiencing.



CHURCH CALENDAR



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 AUGUST, 2019...step right
up...YOU are a very valued part of our service!

Sunday, July 21

~ 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!)

**Sr High YOUTH to Montreat/bus (thru Sat)

~11:15am – MISSION Ministry mtg/Rm 113

Monday, July 22

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
9:30am-1pm–Playschool Summer Session/Ed Bldg

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

Sunday, July 28

9:00am – Sunday School Classes for all ages!
10:00am – Worship Service/sanctuary
11:00am – Fellowship on the Lawn (cookies &
drinks for everyone!)
2-6pm – Rozzelle Family Reunion/FH

Monday, July 29 - **DEADLINE for next newsletter**

Tuesday, July 30

6:00pm – Aerobics
7:00pm - Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

Wednesday, July 31

9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2



WHATEVER THE WEATHER

No matter the forecast, weather can remind us of
God's presence:

- * When it's **sunny**, remember that Jesus is the
Light of the world (John 8:12).
- * When it's **cloudy**, remember that God often
spoke to and guide His people from a cloud
(Exodus 13:21-22).
- * During a **thunderstorm**, remember the thunder
and lightning when God beckoned Moses to
Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16).
- * When it **rains or snows**, remember that
God's Word serves His purpose just as
precipitation does (Isaiah 55:10-11).
- * When it's **windy**, remember that "a wind from
God' came at Creation (Genesis 1:2), and God's
Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost like a mighty wind
(Acts 2:2).



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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), 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.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm; (704) 399-7735;
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Website: www.cookschurch.org/www.cmpcyouth.weebly.com
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Good News Inside!

God, we thank You for:



Written articles to be in Church Office by **Monday, July 29 @ 4pm** for next newsletter!



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 _____

Adult _____ Child _____ Age _____

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Adult _____ Child _____ Age _____

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

