



August 14, 2019

Dear Friends,

I have thoroughly appreciated the privilege and opportunity to serve as your Interim Pastor these past 18 months. I have felt inspired, nurtured, and stretched by your wonderful ministry. You have welcomed me into the vulnerable times by your bedside, around tables during times of challenge, and by the graveside of your cherished family members. We have shared great joy at Baptisms, special achievements, and sacred worship. You continue to find and live out countless ways of telling others about Jesus. You experimented with change and trusted in the guidance of the Holy Spirit in creative worship. Personally, I have felt genuinely cared for and even sought out for times of fellowship. "Thank you, very much."

We learn in Interim Training that when the Pastor Nominating Committee activates its Ministry Information Form, we should circulate our Personal Information Form. We also learn the importance of "leaving well." To help me with that, I asked the Session to receive this notice as my Letter of Resignation. Our covenant is that I will serve Cook's Memorial for the next 60 days or until the time you feel ready to issue a Call to your new Installed Pastor. Your PNC is working with tremendous dedication. Please keep them in your prayers as they listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It gives me great joy to know your current and future ministry is very much in God's Hands. I also feel considerable sadness to know my ministry with you is drawing to a close. I will begin my service with First Presbyterian - Monroe as their Interim sometime around October 13.

Thank you for your faithful witness as the living Body of Christ. May your continued ministry bring you meaningful blessings and fulfillment.

Shalom,

*Lynn Thompson Bryant*

Lynn Thompson Bryant



You're invited to be part of our **Summer Sunday School** each Sunday through **September 1<sup>st</sup>** @ **9:00am!** Adults meet in Fellowship Hall or Rm #113 and our Youth & Children meet in Rm #212. To kick-off our 2019-2020 Sunday School year, we will have our **RALLY DAY Celebration** on Sunday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**A CHURCH GARDEN**

First, plant five rows of peas:

- Presence,
- Promptness,
- Preparation,
- Purity,
- Perseverance.



Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip.
- Squash criticism.
- Squash indifference.



No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for meetings.
- Turn up with a smile.
- Turn up with new ideas.
- Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.



## MISSION CORNER

\***URBAN MINISTRY** is in need of donations of these items to give to their guests who are homeless and living on the streets so that they are able to share protein rich snacks and hydrating liquids to promote good health: **protein bars, jerky, canned tuna, bottled water or sports drinks**. Please put your donations in the box in the Ed Bldg during the **month of August**. Thank you!

We are collecting **COOKIES** (any kind) for the **Prison Ministry NOW through September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Collection box for the cookie donations will be in the Narthex. Please see Bonnie Spurlock if you have any questions.

**AUGUST's** non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Loaves & Fishes** is **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY**. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex.

**Lily Pad Haven's AUGUST'S** collection item is **DRYER SHEETS**. 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 Pede Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!



**ALL MEN** are invited to join Cook's Men of the Church on **Sunday, August 18th** at **7:30am** for their monthly breakfast meeting – contact Dale Luckey if you have any questions (704-309-0798).



**Our ADULT CHOIR will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the choir room. ALL members are invited to join them in "making a joyful noise unto the Lord"!**

**Also, our Strings / Youth Ensemble will also resume rehearsal on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00pm.**

Please see our Music Director, Charles Mathews (704-989-3897), if you have any questions about either of these groups.



Those of us that are 50+ years young, our **first** fall event will be on Saturday, **September 7th**. We will meet at Cook's at **9:15am** to ride on the bus to Elmwood Cemetery. We will tour the historic cemetery and a designated arboretum. We will have lunch together afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

Our **second** event will be on Friday, **October 25th**. We will meet for dinner (probably Joeys in Denver) at **5:30pm** followed by a wonderful Halloween treat. We will go to Lynn and Marsha Sifford's for a scary home tour and dessert!

**Please email** (mlove03@gmail.com) **or see me to let me know if you can come on either of these trips and if you can bring a dessert to the Sifford's house.**

We hope you will join us for both of these events! Thanks, Penny Love



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](mailto: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!

### 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!



### Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

*"There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. A time to cry and a time to laugh."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4)

"Humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles."



*Thank you to all of my church family for the prayers and all of the other kindnesses shown to Don and I during my recent surgery and recovery.*  
- Phyllis Monteith

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Now through September 2nd, 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!

### 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](http://www.emfusa.org). We currently have **4** students that are eager to learn that a home has been found for them!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Christmas in Paw Creek – 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **FIRST ANNUAL GOLF4FREEDOM TOURNAMENT - in support of human trafficking survivors**

**Friday, August 23 @ 9am**  
Tega Cay Golf Club  
\$100 for single and \$400 for foursome  
For ticket purchases, sponsorship opportunities, auction item donations or to provide financial support, go to [one.bidpal.net/golf4freedom/welcome](http://one.bidpal.net/golf4freedom/welcome)  
Contact [alexa@lilypadhaven.org](mailto:alexa@lilypadhaven.org) for further information.

### **The Salvation Army would like you to join their team!**

They have several full-time seasonal jobs for their Angel Tree program which will run from 10/3-12/20. If you have a passion for helping those in need and enjoy the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, they have the perfect job for you...assistant manager, volunteer coordinator, donor coordinator, backpack/bike/special handling coordinator, toyland coordinator, warehouse supervisor, registration staff (5 weeks only). If interested, contact send a cover letter & resume with your skills and interests to [beth.butchino@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:beth.butchino@uss.salvationarmy.org). Candidates will be contacted the week of Aug. 26th and interviews will be conducted the week of Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.



*We wish a Happy Birthday to the following:*

- August 22 - Tom McClure  
August 23 - Will Harper, Dianne McClure  
August 24 - David Chaney  
August 25 - (Sharon Gilmore), Bonnie Pace, Chris Birmingham  
August 27 - Jennifer Chaney  
August 28 - Delaney McClure  
August 29 - Debbie McCrary  
August 30 - Jill Griffin  
August 31 - Zoe Rollins



**Aug 18:** Dolores Freeman, Toni Thompson

**Aug 25:** Sandy Birmingham, Mary Thompson

**Sept 1:** Linda Lynn, 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:** Aug. 18-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class; Aug 25-Cook's Youth; Sept 1-Presbyterian Women

**Usher Schedule:** August-William & Lucille Savelle, Jerry McClure, Max Love; September-Jerry Spurlock, Barbara Stevens, Melinda McElhaney, Gordon Stanley

**Sound Tech Schedule:** August-Joe Chichetti; Sept. 1-Dave List

**Teller Schedule:** Aug 18-Ginger Thompson, Scott Jones, Sheila Black; Aug 25-Audrey Brady, Dwight Black, Gordon Stanley; Sept 1-Audrey Brady, Sheila Black, Dwight Black

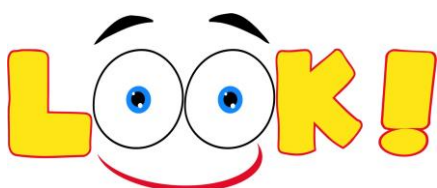
**Weekend Opener/Lockup:** August-William Savelle; September-Mike Stanford



During these next 2 weeks, Aug. 18-31, please make a special effort to recognize **Nancy Stanley and Loretta Hinson** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Nancy Stanley, 10923 Ridge Acres Rd, 28214  
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.*



Cook's Presbyterian Women are hoping someone has a **LOVESEAT** that is in good condition that they are no longer using and would like to donate it to the church's pastor's

office. It has recently been renovated and the one that is currently there needs to be replaced. If you

do, please contact Pede Self at

704/516-1753.



*Please remember in your prayers the following people:*

Members

- |                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Allyne Gant                 | Cook's Pastor Search              |
| Hazel Dunn                  | Matt Thompson                     |
| <i>family of Betty Hunt</i> | Nancy Stanley                     |
| Phyllis Monteith            | Pat Hager                         |
| Debbie White                | Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks) |
| Jill Griffin                | Mildred Grice                     |
| Steve Self                  | Vera Smith                        |
| Corky McClure               | Gerri Rhodes                      |

Friends & Relatives

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>family of Sarah Nixon</i> | <i>family of Danny McClure</i>   |
| Al Thompson                  | Kevin Cook                       |
| Brian Zuercher               | <i>family of Larry Rupp</i>      |
| Emalie Barnes                | William Savelle's uncle & family |
| Marcia Larson                | Bill Perrella                    |
| Kristen & Bobby Benfield     | Gary Shuler & son                |
| Richard Meyer                | Cole/Davidson family             |
| Dee Peterson                 | Jeff & Gloria Herman             |
| Gloria Bammel                | Gloria Ricker                    |
| Kelly Cousineau              | Susan Kenley                     |
| Cynthia & Mike Wicker        | Theo Helms                       |
| Grier Stanford               | Mary Hightower                   |
| Anita H.                     | Richard Meyer                    |
| Meredith Eagle               | Sherry Smith                     |
| Ethan Vissers                | Janet Howie                      |
- shooting victims/families throughout the world  
 Natural disaster victims dementia patients/caregiver  
 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cookschurch.org)) or Pastor Lynn (330-701-0426 / [ltb4unc@alumni.unc.edu](mailto:ltb4unc@alumni.unc.edu)) of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing.



8/04/19: 87

ATTENDANCE

8/11/19: 128

**2019 Offerings:**

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$224,928  
YTD General Fund offerings



rec'd: \$231,268

**CHURCH  
CALENDAR**

**Sunday, August 18**

- ~ 7:30am – Men’s Breakfast meeting/FH
- 9:00am – Sunday School Classes for all ages!
- 10:00am – Worship/Men’s Sunday/sanctuary
- 11:00am – Fellowship on the Lawn (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- 1:30pm – Group to L. Rupp funeral/bus (if needed)

**Monday, August 19**

- 6:30pm – Cub Scouts Leader/Parent mtg/Ed Bldg

**Tuesday, August 20**

- 6:00pm – Aerobics/FH
- 7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg

**Wednesday, August 21**

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- ~ 6:00pm – Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
- ~ 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 22**

**Friday, August 23**

**Saturday, August 24**

**Sunday, August 25**

- 9:00am – Sunday School Classes for all ages!
- 10:00am – Worship/Homecoming Sunday/sanctuary
- 11:00am – Picnic & Fellowship on the Lawn... everyone is invited to join us!

**Monday, August 26-DEADLINE for next newsletter**

- 9:00am – Playschool Teacher Workday/Ed Bldg

**Tuesday, August 27**

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

**Wednesday, August 28**

- 9am-2:30pm – Quilting Bees/Rm 201
- 9:00am – Playschool Teacher Workday/Ed Bldg
- ~ 6:00pm – Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
- ~ 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 29**

- 10:30am-12:pm - Playschool OPEN HOUSE... drop-in for new parents/Ed Bldg

**Friday, August 30**

**Saturday, August 31**

- 3:00pm – Cub Scouts OPEN HOUSE & Field Day



Thank you so much to everyone who put in many hours last week

working with the children & adults and preparing dinner at our Vacation Bible School – we appreciate your dedication and hard work to make it a huge success!



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 25, 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
- 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.

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm; (704) 399-7735;  
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*Sermons/newsletters are available on our website!*  
Now you can find us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)!  
{ [Online Directory](#) now available on [www.cookschurch.org](http://www.cookschurch.org) }

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## Good News Inside!

*God, we thank You for:*

Spirit will be circling around and within us,  
touching all our hearts with abundant joy  
as we experience how much we love each  
other. May that be our witness!



Written articles to be in Church  
Office by **Monday, Aug 26**  
**@ 4pm** for next newsletter!



**Sunday, August 25**, will bring joyful worship, a cream-of-the-crop colorful banquet table, and the most festive fellowship anywhere to be found as we celebrate **Homecoming Sunday!** One of Cook's Memorial's greatest ministries is extending generous hospitality. While that may be the case on any Sunday, August 25 goes way beyond normal.

Our summer sermon series has addressed Questions People asked Jesus. Our focus for this occasion is: "What are five loaves and two fishes among so many?" We don't expect to feed five thousand, but we know there will be more than enough for everyone present. We also trust the Holy



**COOK'S  
PLAYSCHOOL  
NOW  
ENROLLING  
2019-2020  
SCHOOL YEAR**

Allow your child to grow, learn, and socialize with peers in a warm, loving, Christian environment at Cook's Playschool. We now have a few openings in certain age groups. There is availability in our Toddler II and Toddler III classrooms where your child attends Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. There is also availability in our Tremendous 3's classroom where your child attends Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. Tuition for our 3-day program is \$230 per month and for our 4-day program is \$280 per month. Registration is a one-time payment of \$90. There is a sibling discount of \$10 per month. You may contact Kelly or Bobbie at

704/394-4422 or email us at  
[cooksplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:cooksplayschool@gmail.com) Call to enroll  
today! We would love to have you as part of  
our Playschool family!

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