



September 25, 2019

Dear Friends,

World Communion Sunday, October 6, holds great potential for bringing us all together as the family of God to celebrate The Lord's Supper and the presence of the Holy Spirit right in the center of Cook's Memorial sanctuary. We celebrate communion on this particular Sunday as more than brothers and sisters who gather at 3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road. We begin there, of course. But our goal is to represent the Christian family that literally gathers for this feast from all around the globe, literally beginning in the eastern hemisphere about the time we lay our heads down Saturday evening to go to sleep, and continues on across the USA, including Hawaii. This reconciling meal embodies God's invitation for us to come together in a way more urgently needed that ever.

The 2019 publicity says it best:

The church of every time and place wrestles with the distance between our timeframe and expectations and God's. In God's time, the fears we carry can be transformed into new partnership and hope. In God's time, our expectations can be expanded and surpassed by God's faithfulness. The 2019 Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling of God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. Now, may the Lord grant us peace in all times in all ways.

This closing sentence is drawn from *II Thessalonians 3:16*, and is the same theme that was used last year. It is a strong statement, and sets the foundation. But we will also stretch ourselves this year in hearing the Apostles Paul's *second* letter to *Timothy 1:1-14*.

13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

If we truly believe the Holy Spirit lives in us, then we have a witness to bear powerful enough to unite all Christ's believers. Invite a friend, welcome a neighbor, and even inspire a stranger to join us around this table. We have the wonderful privilege of enjoying the different breads kneaded, baked, and brought forth by the children. It will be a unique worship. Come, expecting welcome the Spirit that will have traversed the world, and continues to live in our midst.

Peace, Lynn Thompson Bryant





October 6, 2019 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will have an **INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK BUFFET after worship for our
First Lunch gathering in FH on *October* 6th –

please bring something delicious to share!



BLESSING of the ANIMALS This Sunday, September 29, 6:00pm

Some of our dearest furry, feathery, or scaly animals can be almost like family to the people who provide food, shelter, and protection for our cherished pets. Whether your preference is for dogs, cats, horses, pigs, birds, or some entirely unique species, each one holds a special place in our hearts, homes, and/or barns. Would you like to bring your pet to church to receive a Blessing during our celebration of Genesis 1:20-25 Ceremony? Any of your leashed, caged, or harnessed animals will be welcomed on the lawn in front of the sanctuary. We'll have water bowls, treats, and extra pick-up baggies in case you forget yours. You know your pet's own comfort level around other smaller or larger creatures, even the two-legged types. Please use good judgment in avoiding any terror for your pet or ferocity from it at this festive event. Pet photos and obedient stuffed animals will receive a Blessing, too.



**If you are <u>not</u> receiving the weekly *Enews* on <u>Thursdays</u> via your email, please let the church office know asap at <u>office@cookschurch.org</u> or

704-399-7735, and if you <u>aren't</u> receiving the *bi-weekly newsletter* on <u>Wednesdays</u> by email <u>or mail</u>, also let the church office know asap. We want to be sure we are communicating with everyone...thank you!

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 (October 1st)...meet @ church at 10am! If you have any questions, call Pede Self at 704-516-1753.

EVERYONE is invited to join us on the 2nd
Thursday of every month (October 10th) in FH for
the COMMUNITY DINNER. Dinner is served
from 5:30-7pm and the menu will be Chicken
Fettuccini, salad and dessert. Please bring your
friends & neighbors with you to enjoy a delicious
{and free} dinner and some great fellowship!

SEPTEMBER's non-perishable food item that we are collecting for Loaves & Fishes is CANNED FRUITS. Collection boxes are in the Ed Bldg lobby & Narthex. {October's item will be canned pasta.}

Lily Pad Haven's <u>SEPTEMBER'S</u> collection item is <u>TRASH BAGS/kitchen size</u>. A collection basket is in the Narthex. {October's item will be plastic food storage containers.}

URBAN MINISTRIES IS IN NEED OF EYE

GLASSES. Please bring your old glasses and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

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 repellant; 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 (980/213-7115) or Pede Self (704/516-1753). Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support!

Daily Dig for September 23

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

How can we not lose our souls when everything and everybody pulls us in different directions? How can we "keep it together" when we are constantly being torn apart? Jesus says, "Not a hair of your head will be lost. Your perseverance will win you your lives" (Luke 21:18–19). We can only survive our world when we trust that God knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. We can only keep it together when we believe that God holds us together. We can only win our lives when we remain faithful to the truth that every little part of us, yes, every hair, is completely safe in the divine embrace of our Lord. To say it differently: when we keep living a spiritual life, we have nothing to be afraid of. (Source: Bread for the Journey)



For those of us that are 50+ years young, I need to remind you that I need a head count for our *Tang* event on

October 25th - we will meet for dinner at Joey's in Denver at 5:30pm followed by a wonderful Halloween treat. We will go to Lynn & Marsha Sifford's for a scary home tour and dessert! So far, I have the following attending: Max & Penny Love, Ben & Barbara Stevens, Michael & Ginger Thompson, Don & Phyllis Monteith, Elizabeth Bolick, Dwight & Diane Black, Dave & Gaye List, Jean Oats, Dolores Freeman, Jack Parker and Johnnie Quinn. If you want join us for a fun filled and scary night or have any questions, please email me (mloveo3@gmail.com) because I'll be in CA until 10/1. — Penny Love

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YOU & YOUR
FAMILY ARE
INVITED
to Cook's

MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, October 4th at 6:30pm. Dinner (chicken, rice & veggies) served in FH from 6:30-7:15pm: popcorn & drinks served

7:15pm; popcorn & drinks served during movie ("Lion King" {old one}) @ 7:30pm on front lawn...bring your own blanket/lawn chairs.

Raffle tickets sold beforehand for a giveaway. Also, there will be a Biblical search throughout the movie that will "test your memory"...winners get a prize! This event is being sponsored by Cook's Children & Youth Ministries.



Cook's **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**will meet on Sunday,

October 6th, at 9am in

the parlor. Please join us for a time of devotion, fellowship and instruction if needed. Call Audrey Brady (704-609-7931) with questions.

Presbyterian Women

ALL ladies at Cook's are invited to join one of the following CIRCLE meetings: SATURDAY

MORNING, October 5th @ 9:30am in the parlor of FH or Tuesday, October 8th for the MORNING Circle @ 10am in FH or the EVENING Circle @ 7pm also in Fellowship Hall.



The Laundry Ministry
(Loads of Change) will
meet at the Pawtucket
Laundromat on the Fourth
Friday of each month from

6-9pm. Everyone is welcome to help us assist in laundry for our neighbors on need. Contact Audrey Brady with questions at 704/609-7931.



Michael Mauney, member of Cook's who has the beautiful garden next door, is looking for a **ROOM TO RENT** – garage, basement, etc. – closer to the church than he is currently lives.

Please call him at 704-534-1400 if you do! Thanks!

NEWS FROM COOK'S PLAYSCHOOL



Cook's Playschool is looking forward to kicking off our

Annual "TRIKE-A-THON" Fundraiser. This will be our 11th year hosting this event in which children receive sponsors for their participation. We love this event as it involves the children working toward a common goal for their Playschool, in a positive and fun way. There is NO selling involved and Playschool receives 100% of the proceeds! This event will help us to continue to purchase supplies for our "special" events (and visitors) such as Fire Safety, our Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Program & Santa's visit, Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny visit and our Mother's Day Programs...just to name a few; as well as the children making and sending cards to Cook's Homebounds every month! We are also in hopes of making a few playground improvements by painting our swing set and purchasing new swings & chains.

The event will take place on Thursday,
October 17, 2019. You are welcome to come
out and watch (from our Observation Deck)
each classroom mount their "trike" bike and
ride on our Playschool designed outdoor track.
Each child will then be presented with a
"Ribbon of Participation." If interested,
contact the Playschool office for class times!

The TRIKE-A-THON is an all-volunteer effort - NO professionals are involved and again 100% of the proceeds will be used directly by the Playschool. Your contribution helps every child attending Cook's!
- Cook's Playschool



Cook's Christmas Marketplace – Saturday, November 23!

Imagine the Fellowship Hall transformed into a Christmas Marketplace - filled with handmade crafts, jewelry, wreaths, metal and wood working creations, and more... Just in time for Christmas, we hope to offer our community and congregation a place to shop for unique handmade items for home and gifts. All proceeds will go to the Cook's Building Fund. *If you have items that you make and would like to donate your items and/or are willing to volunteer to meet up and make some items for this exciting event, please call/text Suzie McClure at 704-363-4365 at or Amy Chichetti at 980-214-1078.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Attend our Job Fair and learn how you can help bring the Good News of God's love to millions of boys and girls around the world!

Samaritan's Purse has seasonal employment opportunities available in November and December at our *Operation Christmas Child* warehouse.

WHERE: Charlotte Processing Center, 7100
Forest Point Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28217
WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 11:00am-4:00pm
Interviews conducted on-site. Save time by filling out an application online prior to the event. First and second shifts available. See all available processing centers positions and apply on-line @ samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs.



Urban Ministry's Annual Art Show: October 5

When experiencing homelessness it is often difficult to separate yourself from that label. Over the last year our

ArtWorks 945 artists have had the chance to discover who they are at their core. Through discussing the works of Matisse we learned to refine our art to its purest form and found out own essence in the process. We invite you to celebrate the art we have created in this process. Join us on **Saturday**

October 5, 4-7pm, for our Annual Art Show, "The Essence of Who I Am." It's a free, family friendly event with the artists. Light refreshments provided. Pieces will be available for purchase. 50% of the purchase goes to the individual artist and 50% helps to maintaining the studio.



Christmas in Paw Creek – Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, November 23, 8am-2pm, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church (7400 Mt. Holly Rd) - for more details, go to www.pawcreekpc.org.



We wish a Happy Birthday to the following:

Sept 29 - Jimmy Phipps
Oct 1 - Jackie Rozzelle
Oct 2 - Phyllis Monteith, Pede Self
Oct 5 - Scott Stroup, Terry Oates
Oct 7 - Ron Paasch
Oct 9 - Jerry Spurlock
Oct 10 - Emma Chaney

Oct 11 - Graham Hughes



<u>Sept 29</u>: Linda Lynn, Cheryl Rollins<u>Oct 6</u>: Beth Noles, Toni Thompson<u>Oct 13</u>: Audrey Brady, SandyBirmingham

{If you <u>cannot</u> 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: Sept 29-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class; Oct 6-Cook's Youth; Oct 13-Viewpoint SS Class

<u>Usher Schedule:</u> <u>September</u>-Jerry Spurlock, Jimmy McClure, Melinda McElhaney, Gordon Stanley; <u>October</u>-Johnnie Quinn, Bonnie & Lyle Pace, Sheila Black

Sound Tech Schedule: Sept 29-Dave List;
October-George Wilz

<u>Teller Schedule:</u> Sept 29-Audrey Brady, Gordon Stanley, Christi Brafford; Oct 6-Ginger Thompson, Dwight Black, Christi Brafford; Oct 13-Audrey Brady, Bonnie Pace, Lucille Savelle

Weekend Opener/Lockup: September-Mike Stanford; October-Dwight Black



During these next 2 weeks, Sept. 29-Oct. 12, 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 <u>Loretta Hinson</u>, 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.



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!



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

Barbara Stevens & family (death of sister, Suzanne Rodden) Connie Stroup Jill Griffin Mildred Grice Blake Benfield Nancy Stanley Allyne Gant Hazel Dunn Debbie White Pat Hager Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks) Vera Smith Gerri Rhodes Steve Self Corky McClure Cook's 2019-20 SS year Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

Garland Griggs Pamela & Brian Zuercher Gail Monteith Kevin Cook Marcia Larson Cole/Davidson family Jeff & Emalie Barnes Bill Perrella William Savelle's uncle & family Gloria Bammel Kristen & Bobby Benfield Gary Shuler & son Dee Peterson Jeff & Gloria Herman Grier Stanford Gloria Ricker Kelly Cousineau Susan Kenley Cynthia & Mike Wicker Theo Helms Mary Hightower Janet Howie Sherry Smith Richard Meyer Ethan Vissers Clyde Culbreath Stephen/Ben/Chad/Brian Herman Chiffon Mosely family of Al Abedi

those affected by hurricane & other natural disasters shooting victims/families throughout the world

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, Andy Dula, Chris Dula, Seth Seal



*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.



9/15/19: 105 **9/22/19**: 85

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$269,160 YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$248,677



FREE 2020 Calendars are available in the Ed Bldg lobby – feel free to take one if you want and share with others!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

9:00am - Sunday School Classes for all ages!

10:00am – Worship Service/sanctuary

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

~ 6:00pm - Blessing of the Animals

Ceremony/parking lot

Monday, September 30

9:00am - Playschool/Ed Bldg



Tuesday, October 1

9:00am - Playschool/Ed Bldg

~10:00am - Group to Urban Ministry/bus

6:00pm - Aerobics/FH

7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg

Wednesday, October 2

9am-2:30pm - Quilting Bees/Rm 201

9:00am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm - Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

6:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

9:00am - Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:30pm – Brownies/bsmt

Friday, October 4

~6:30pm-MOVIE NIGHT & Dinner/FH & lawn

Saturday, October 5

~ 9:30am - Saturday Morning CIRCLE meeting/parlor

Sunday, October 6

~ 9:00am - PRAYER SHAWL Ministry/parlor 9:00am - Sunday School Classes for all ages!

10:00am-Worship/World Communion/ sanctuary

11:00am – First Lunch/International Potluck Buffet...please bring an international dish to share for lunch...everyone is invited!

Monday, October 7 - DEADLINE for next newsletter

9:00am - Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:15pm – Jr Girl Scouts/bsmt

 $6{:}30pm-Cub\ Scouts\ Parent-Leader\ mtg/Ed\ Bldg$

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

Tuesday, October 8

 $9:00am-Playschool/Ed\ Bldg$

~10:00am – MORNING Circle/FH

6:00pm - Aerobics/FH

~ 7:00pm - EVENING Circle/FH

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

Wednesday, October 9

 $9am-2:30pm-Quilting\ Bees/Rm\ 201$

9:00am - Playschool/Ed Bldg

6:00pm - Strings/Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

9:00am - Playschool/Ed Bldg

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

Friday, October 11

~ **5-7pm** – <u>BAKERS</u> – deliver baked goods donations to FH for Bake Sale on 10/12

Saturday, October 12

~ 8:30am~2:30pm – Annual Antique Auto Show & PW's Bake Sale/parking lot



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 OCTOBER, 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:

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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)

<u>DEACONS</u>: 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

<u>Sunday Schedule:</u> 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, Oct 7 @ 4pm for next newsletter!



COOK'S CAR SHOW 2019

will be here on

Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 8:30am-2:30pm...rain date of October 19th. There will be Hot Rods, Street Rods, Classic Cars and Antique Cars. Admission is free and Cook's Men of the Church will be making and selling hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Our Presbyterian Women will have their Bake Sale with all the delicious goodies. This is a wonderful time for fellowship with family, friends and neighbors so please join us!

Cook's Presbyterian Women are having a BAKE

SALE on Saturday,
October 12th (rain date-

October 19) during the Car Show. Our bake sales at this event are always very successful. Proceeds will go in WOC treasury for various mission and church projects. BAKERS: please bring your baked goods to Fellowship Hall on Friday evening (Oct. 11) between 5-7pm or to the Bake Sale table first thing Saturday morning. Cakes, pies, candy, breads, cookies, muffins, etc. Don't cut cakes and pies...whole are good sellers. Pecan pies are always in demand. Thanks for your contributions!!



Saturday, October 26, 3:00 - 6:00pm

Cook's FALL FESTIVAL - EVERYONE is invited!

Games, Candy, Cake Walk, Prizes,
Fire Truck, Hayride & Pumpkin
Patch, Costume Parade/3:30pm...kids
wear your best costumes,
Hot Dogs for sale
(\$2 for hot dog, chips, drink or
\$3 for 2 hot dogs, chips, drink),
Sno-Cones and more!

Be sure to invite your neighbors and friends to come with you!

Cook's Presbyterian Women will be participating in the Fall Festival held on October 26th. We will need lots of candy and trinkets for the games we are doing. We need ALL who can to donate candy to hand out and trinkets to give the winners of the games we will be sponsoring. You can give them to Johnnie Quinn or Pede Self. Thanks!