



October 9, 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you for participating in music, prayer, and service as the body of Christ's people who gathered at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian for *World Communion* yesterday. I appreciated the extended Spirit that also connected us through your text, email, and prayerful communications. I so enjoy the reality of celebrating the height, depth, and breadth of God's love in this particular service. It represents a grand unifying worship experience when people from north, south, east, and west come together to receive The Lord's Supper.

One tangible symbol of the breadth of our relationships came with the shared leadership of our sisters from First United Presbyterian Church at 406 N. College St. We invited Elders Donna Fair and Natalie Beard to join our circle around the Table. Thank you for welcoming them!



Another tremendous gift brought forward by the Youth and Children was the symbolic and delicious bread they mixed, kneaded, and baked. What a wonderful labor of love and participation they, and Master Chef Sandy Birmingham, contributed to our celebration. There were no crumbs remaining!



Thank you ALL: Charles, Choir, String-musicians, Joe, and congregation for the beautiful music we absorbed and expressed. You even sang in Spanish with joy and praise! Dinah, Lucile, and Steve helped us travel around the world, too.

And, our fellowship continued with a delicious International Potluck Buffet for our First Sunday Lunch. Many of you prepared very tasty dishes with recipes from a wide variety of places. I hope you tried some of the delicious curry that our guests, Matthew and Joy, brought. They are from Jamaica, and were happy to add a blend of their traditional food.

"Thank You," in a wide variety of languages was the theme of the dessert table! Nothing could have been finer. Thank you, Audrey and Carrie, for that very special gift.



Thank you, Gaye, for taking us to Kajiado with your slides during lunch!

Ever since my first World Communion experience in 1982 at Westminster Presbyterian in Akron, Ohio, I have found this day to be one of profound remembrance for the places and people I have loved and served here and around the world. Of course, you have made a deep and lasting impression on my heart that will be strongly remembered now and long before October 4, 2020. I have the utmost confidence that as you continue to listen to the Holy Spirit, Cook's Memorial will continue to light the path for all who want to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

May His Peace be with you,

*Lynn Thompson Bryant*

### Blessing of the Animals

Hooray and Alleluia! On Sunday evening, September 29, many of you brought your furry friends to receive blessings, treats, and happiness. Of course, cats and dogs were well represented. We welcomed two bunnies and one guinea pig, too! Our celebration on the church lawn allowed the pets to meet new friends and to receive our appreciation for the care, love, and support they bring to our lives.



## MISSION CORNER

**EVERYONE** is invited to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month (**October 10<sup>th</sup>**) 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!*

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

**Lily Pad Haven's** **OCTOBER'S** collection item is **plastic food containers**. 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.

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



*CWS has already shipped over 450 blankets to help families recover from Tropical Depression Imelda and Hurricane Dorian. Our congregation is part of the healing! Thank you all for your past (& future) support on Blanket Sundays!*

**PLEASE READ**

\*\*If you are not receiving the weekly **Enews on Thursdays** via your email, please let the church office know asap at [office@cookschurch.org](mailto:office@cookschurch.org) or

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



## **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.



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 5:00pm / bus to leave Cook's @ 4:30pm (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**) 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, Gaye List, Jean Oates, Terri Oates, Dolores Freeman, Jack Parker, Johnnie Quinn, Carrie Troxler, Ginny Dunn, Christi Brafford, Bev Weldy and Lynn & Marsha Sifford. If you want join us for a fun filled and scary night or have any questions, please contact email me ([mlove03@gmail.com](mailto:mlove03@gmail.com)/704-458-1258). – Penny Love



**ALL MEN** are invited to join Cook's Men of the Church on **Sunday, October 20th** at **7:30am** for their monthly breakfast meeting – contact Dale Luckey if you have any questions (704-309-0798).



*Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Brafford. Mary passed away on September 25, 2019. Please remember her family in your prayers during this time of loss.*

**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**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](http://www.pawcreekpc.org).

**Hopewell Presbyterian Church** (10500 Beatties Ford Rd) invites you to attend their **FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK-or-TREAT** on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm. For more info call 704/875-2291 or visit their website at [www.hopewellpresbyterian.com](http://www.hopewellpresbyterian.com).

**Mountain Island Community Church** (4316 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd) invites you to join them at their **SUPER HERO HARVEST PARTY and TRUNK-or-TREAT** on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. For more info, call 704/399-3316.



**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.**

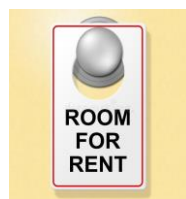
Here are 3 more names of Cook's College Students for this school year. We provide this to you so that if you'd like to send them a card to let them know you're thinking of them, birthday wishes or a word of encouragement, please do so!



Tommy Riggs (bd 9/6)  
53 Ed Norton Rd.  
Cullowhee, NC 28723  
[triggs1995@yahoo.com](mailto:triggs1995@yahoo.com)

Ellie Riggs (bd 7/3) \*graduates in 12/19  
134 Horn Ave, #19  
Boone, NC 28607  
[ellieriggs97@yahoo.com](mailto:ellieriggs97@yahoo.com)

Ryan Riggs (bd 10/28) (attending CPCC)  
9038 Babbitt Way  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
[ryanriggs2486@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanriggs2486@yahoo.com)



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!



**Wise Words & Quotes**

– Vern McCellan

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish."*  
(Proverbs 29:18, KJV)

*"When it comes to spotting the faults of others, too many people seem to have 20-20 vision."*



**Veteran's Day Appreciation Dinner**  
**SATURDAY,**

**NOVEMBER 9th • 5:30 - 8:30pm**

**Anna & Peyton will be our Entertainment!!!**

Cooks Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall

**Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert**  
**\$10.00 adults \$5.00 children (3-12 years old)**

All proceeds will assist with shipping of  
**Operation North State's**  
**NCCARES Christmas Box Project**  
(care packages sent to deployed troops)!

We will also be **collecting items** to help fill the boxes. Items that have been requested are:  
**Chapstick (aloe); Toothbrushes/Toothpaste;**  
**Handwarmers**

**Home of the Free because of the Brave!!!**

\*\*If you'd like printed flyers to hand out or share with your friends, contact Sandy Birmingham at 704/724-1620...spread the word!



Cook's Presbyterian Women will hold their **Thank Offering celebration** on **November 10<sup>th</sup>** right after worship in

Fellowship Hall. This time of year, it is appropriate to remember not only our blessings but the needs of others in our communities and around the world. **All are invited to join us for soup and sandwiches.**



**"Congratulations" to Connor & Tamara Vead on the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Paige, on Tuesday, October 1, 2019! Brooklyn weighs 8 lbs, 9 oz and is 20<sup>3/4</sup>". Mike & Denise Vead are the proud**

**grandparents! May God bless this family with years of good health, happiness and love!**



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

- Oct 13 - Dolores Freeman
- Oct 14 - Ginger Thompson
- Oct 15 - Betsy Boone, Ginny Dunn
- Oct 18 - Johnnie Quinn
- Oct 21 - T. J. Thompson, Al Alexander
- Oct 22 - Roy Lynn
- Oct 25 - Laura Pace, Melva Thompson



- Oct 13: Audrey Brady, Sandy Birmingham
- Oct 20: Linda Lynn, Sydney Thompson
- Oct 27: Dolores Freeman, Mary 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:** Oct 13-Viewpoint SS Class; Oct 20-Presbyterian Women; Oct 27-Men of the Church

**Usher Schedule:** October-Johnnie Quinn, Bonnie & Lyle Pace, Sheila Black (10/20)/Gordon Stanley (10/13 & 27)

**Sound Tech Schedule:** October-George Wilz

**Teller Schedule:** Oct 13-Audrey Brady, Bonnie Pace, Lucile Savelle; Oct 20-Ginger Thompson, Sheila Black, Melinda McElhaney; Oct 27-Audrey Brady, Gordon Stanley, Bonnie Pace

**Weekend Opener/Lockup:** October-Dwight Black



During these next 2 weeks, Oct 13-26, please make a special effort to recognize **Annie Luckey and Melva Thompson** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Annie Luckey, 9906 Harwood Ln, 28214  
Melva Thompson, 8944 McClure Cir, 28216

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](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!



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

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

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              |
| Janet Howie                      | Mary Hightower          |
| Sherry Smith                     | Richard Meyer           |
| Chiffon Mosely                   | family of Al Abedi      |
| Ronnie Farmer                    | Chyna Brown & family    |
| Darryl Bird                      | Smith family            |
| Chuck & Mr. R. Garber            | Melanie Paul (CMC-Main) |
- 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 Johnnie Quinn (704-392-0562 / johnnie\_quinn@hotmail.com) of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing.



9/29/19: 102  
10/6/19: 103

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$283,904  
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$270,065

**CHECK THIS OUT!**



**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, October 13

- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~11:15am – **FINANCE Ministry mtg/office**
- ~ 7:00pm – **SESSION meeting/FH**

### Monday, October 14

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
- 6:30pm – Cub Scouts/Ed Bldg

### Tuesday, October 15

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
- 6:00pm – Aerobics/FH
- 7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg

### Wednesday, October 16

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

### Thursday, October 17

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
- 6:30pm – Brownies/bsmt

### Friday, October 18

### Saturday, October 19

{Rain Date for Auto Show if needed}

### Sunday, October 20

- ~ 7:30am – **MEN'S Breakfast mtg/FH**
- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
- 10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
- 11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)
- ~11:15am – **DEACONS meeting/wing of sanc**
- ~11:15am – **MISSION Ministry mtg/Rm 113**

### Monday, October 21-**DEADLINE for next newsletter**

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
- 6:15pm – Jr Girl Scouts/bsmt
- 6:30pm – Cub Scouts mtg/Ed Bldg

### Tuesday, October 22

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

### Wednesday, October 23

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

### Thursday, October 24

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

### Friday, October 25

### Saturday, October 26

- ~ 3-6pm – **FALL FESTIVAL/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:

|                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Interim Pastor:</b>                | Pastor Lynn Thompson Bryant   |
| <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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{ **Online Directory now available on [www.cookschurch.org](http://www.cookschurch.org)**}

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

*God, we thank You for:*



Written articles to be in Church  
Office by **Monday, Oct 21**  
**@ 4pm** for next newsletter!



## **COOK'S CAR SHOW 2019**

will be here **THIS Saturday, October 12, 2019** from **8:30am-2:30pm**...rain date of October 19th if needed. 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 12<sup>th</sup> (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 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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!