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 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!

**OCTOBER**'s non-perishable food item that we are collecting for **Grow & Fish** 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 repellant; shampoo/conditioner; 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 Blankets](image)

**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 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!

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**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.

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**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.

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 Rigs (bd 9/6)
53 Ed Norton Rd.
Cullowhee, NC 28723
triggs1995@yahoo.com

Ellie Rigs (bd 7/3) * graduates in 12/19
134 Horn Ave, #19
Boone, NC 28607
ellieriggs97@yahoo.com

Ryan Rigs (bd 10/28) (attending CPCC)
9038 Babbitt Way
Charlotte, NC 28216
ryanriggs2486@yahoo.com

Cook’s Presbyterian Women will hold their Thank Offering celebration on November 10th 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 ½”. Mike & Denise Vead are the proud grandparents! May God bless this family with years of good health, happiness and love!

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

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**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.

**Hopewell Presbyterian Church** (10500 Beatties Ford Rd) invites you to attend their FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK-or-TREAT on Friday, October 25th from 6-8:30pm. For more info call 704/875-2291 or visit their website at 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 26th from 5-7pm. For more info, call 704/399-3316.

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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!

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**Wise Words & Quotes**

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"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.”

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**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!!!

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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

(If you cannot keep nursery on your assigned day please find a substitute by ‘swapping dates’ with someone on the nursery schedule.)

Greeeter 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, Lucille Saville; 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 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**

family of Mary Bradford  
Barbara Stevens & family (death of sister, Suzanne Rodden)
Vera Smith  
Connie Stroup  
Mildred Grice  
Debbie White  
Hazel Dunn  
Pat Hager  
Vera Smith  
Steve Self  

Friends & Relatives

Garland Griggs  
Gail Monteith  
Marcia Larson  
Jeff & Emalie Barnes  
William Savelle’s uncle & family  
Kristen & Bobby Benfield  
Dee Peterson  
Grier Stanford  
Kelly Couseineau  
Cynthia & Mike Wicker  
Janet Howie  
Sherry Smith  
Chifton Mosely  
Ronnie Farmer  
Darryl Bird  
Chuck & Mr. R. Garber  

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) if you or a member of your family has passed away.

**ATTENDANCE**

2019 Offerings:

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

FREE 2020 Calendars are available in the Ed Bldg lobby – feel free to take one if you want and share with others!
**C H U R C H  C A L E N D A R**

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/basmt

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/basmt
- 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

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**H A V E  Y O U  E V E R  W A N T E D  T O  B E  P A R T  O F  S U N D A Y ’ S  W O R S H I P  S E R V I C E?  T H E N ,  W E  N E E D  Y O U ! ! ! !  W e  a r e  c u r r e n t l y  l o o k i n g  f o r  p e o p l e  t o  r e a d  G o d ’ s  W o r d  o n  S u n d a y s.  I f  y o u  a r e  i n t e r e s t e d,  p l e a s e  c o n t a c t  T e e n a  R i d e n h o u r  (704-516-8957 / teenandenhour@bellsouth.net).  W e  h a v e  s h o l t s  o p e n  a s  s o o n  a s  O C T O B E R  2 0 1 9  . . .  s t e p  r i g h t  u p . . .  Y O U  a r e  v e r y  v a l u e d  p a r t  o f  o u r  s e r v i c e!**

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**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.**

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**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 equipping Disciples of Christ.”

**STAFF:**

Interim Pastor:  
Pastor Lynn Thompson Bryant

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Rev. Charles Mathews

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Cheryl Cole

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Susan Mundell

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Kelly Carter/Robbie Penninger

Treasurer:  
Ginger Thompson

Financial Secretary:  
Audrey Brady

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**RULING ELDERS:** Class of 2019: Sheila Black (Education), Audrey Brady (Cong Care), Penny Love (Worship), Jerry Sparlock (Property), Class of 2020: Dale Luckey (Property), David Lyerly (Missions), Bonnie Pace (Finance), Johnnie Quinn (Clerk)

**DEACONS:** Class of 2019: Steve Gilmore (New Members), Dave List (Special Needs), Bonnie Sparlock (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, Jeanie 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:

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 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!