



October 23, 2019



During the time that we are without a pastor who normally writes the main article on the front page for each newsletter, we thought we'd try something new. If you have a **"FAVORITE MEMORY OF COOK'S CHURCH"** that you'd like to share with us, please write a few paragraphs about it and send it to me as soon as possible. Hopefully I will receive several so that I have enough for the next 6-8 newsletters. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me at 704/399-7735 or office@cookschurch.org. You can send your submissions to the above email address or bring a hard copy to the church office. Thank you and we look forward to reading about the things that make Cook's Church special to many of you!

From October 6-9, I attended an Eviscerating Racism Conference. This conference talked about racism within the Presbytery as well as outside of the Presbytery. It has opened my eyes to how racism is still at large today in the church, in society, and how deeply rooted it is in many people's backgrounds. Here is just one thing that really stuck with me.

Before I went to this conference, I would hear things about race being a social construct but I didn't believe it. I thought since everyone has skin colors that are different, they can be categorized by them. I was ignorant. It was not until the 1600's that this concept was introduced. A French physician, François Bernier, decided to split people up by the color of people's skin. Five years later another French man, John Baptiste, decided the "whitest" skin was the most beautiful and it started to stick after 1720. John used the description of a woman from the caucus mountains as an example of how beautiful white skin is. This is where we get the word Caucasian.

One thing I will do is no longer check Caucasian on anything that asks me what "race" I am. I will simply check other and write human. Unless one is from the caucus mountains, there is no reason to use this word that has stayed within the systems for generations to keep everyone else in their place, below "white" people. The lighter the skin does not equal the better the person. Jesus would agree, as He was a person of color and He loves everyone equally.

- Sarah Justice



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.

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 (**November 5th**)...meet @ church at **10am!** If you have any questions, call Pede Self at 704-516-1753.

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. {November's item will be cereals.}

Lily Pad Haven's **OCTOBER'S** collection item is **plastic food containers**. A collection basket is in the Narthex. {November's item will be clothes basket & hangers.}

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!



ATTENTION ALL LADIES @ COOK'S!

If you'd like to attend a **CIRCLE** meeting but can't make it during the week, then please join **Audrey Brady** on the **first Saturday of every month** {November 2nd} at **9:30am** in the parlor of Fellowship Hall.



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.**



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 me **TODAY** (mlove03@gmail.com/704-458-1258). – Penny Love



Have you ever had a spouse/child/friend/coworker say or do something that hurt you? What does the Bible have to say about how to handle this?

Come join us in the Viewpoint Sunday School Class (Rm #207) at 9am each Sunday...we are having an open discussion on "forgiveness/forget?" and we'd love to get your input!



FIRST LUNCH/PROGRAM - everyone is invited on **November 3rd** after worship

in FH! In addition to a delicious lunch, Ashley Brown, the Innkeeper for Room In The Inn, will speak about the program & opportunities for us to reach out to our neighbors. We will also explain the Loads of Change laundry ministry.



Do NOT miss the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24, 2019 at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church at **5:30pm...put it on your calendars today!** More details to come. **PLEASE, PLEASE** invite your family and friends to join you for this wonderful evening!



The Laundry Ministry (Loads of Change) will meet at the Pawtucket Laundromat on the FOURTH Friday {October 25} 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.



****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!



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!



ATTENTION YOUTH, CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

The Youth, Children & Parents Planning Council meeting with Graham will meet Sunday, November 3rd, at 11:15am in Rm 113 - please plan to attend - we need your input!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The city of Charlotte is offering **FREE TREES** to residents in our zip code. For information about this go to <https://treescharlotte.org/event/west-side-zip-code-treestore/>

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.



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

"A glad heart makes a happy face; a broken heart crushes the spirit."
(Proverbs 15:13)

"The curve of a smile can set a lot of things straight."



PW's BAKE SALE REPORT

Cook's Presbyterian Women want to say 'thank you' to all the BAKERS that provided the baked goods and 'thank you' to those who PURCHASED them at the Men's Antique Auto Show! The proceeds totaled \$444.00 in which PW will use to help with mission projects here at Cook's throughout the upcoming year.



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

- Oct 27 - Annie Luckey
Oct 28 - Mark Tweddale, Ryan Riggs
Nov 1 - Mike Lucas, Jim Smith
Nov 3 - Heather Knutson
Nov 4 - Joyce Norris
Nov 5 - F.D. Hager
Nov 9 - Sarah Justice



- Oct 27:** Dolores Freeman, Mary Thompson
Nov 3: Dolores Freeman, Toni Thompson
Nov 10: Audrey Brady, Sandy Birmingham

{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 27-Men of the Church; Nov 3-New Horizon SS Class; Nov 10-Spiritual Life/Adult SS Class

Usher Schedule: October-Johnnie Quinn, Bonnie & Lyle Pace, Gordon Stanley (10/27); November-David Lyerly, Audrey Brady, Mike Stanford, Marty Crosby

Sound Tech Schedule: October-George Wilz; November-Chris Birmingham

Teller Schedule: Oct 27-Audrey Brady, Gordon Stanley, Bonnie Pace; Nov 3-Ginger Thompson, Bonnie Pace, Max Love; Nov 10-Audrey Brady, Bonnie Pace, Lucile Savelle

Weekend Opener/Lockup: October-Dwight Black; November-Alex Bogojevich



During these next 2 weeks, Oct 27-Nov 9, please make a special effort to recognize **Carolyn Young and Mildred Alexander** with a visit or a card. They would love to hear from you!

Carolyn Young, 9330 Belhaven Blvd, 28214
Mildred Alexander, c/o Carmel Place, Rm 206, 5512 Carmel Rd, Charlotte, 28226

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.*



****Do this on Saturday night, November 2nd, before going to bed!**



Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Members

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| <i>family of Mary Brafford</i> | Jerome Abernathy |
| Debbie White | Jill Griffin |
| Connie Stroup | Nancy Stanley |
| Mildred Grice | Blake Benfield |
| Vera Smith | Allyne Gant |
| Hazel Dunn | Gerri Rhodes |
| Pat Hager | Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks) |
| Steve Self | Corky McClure |
| Cook's Pastor Search | |

Friends & Relatives

- | | |
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| Scott Troxler | Pamela & Brian Zuercher |
| Kevin Cook | Cole/Davidson family |
| Jeff & Emalie Barnes | Bill Perrella |
| Marcia Larson | 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 | Ronnie Farmer |
| <i>Chyna Brown & family</i> | Darryl Bird |
| Smith family | Ginger (White) Eagle (brain surg 10/29) |
| 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.



10/13/19: 86
10/20/19: 94

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$298,648
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$290,695

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 27

9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
11:00am – *Fellowship on the Lawn* (cookies & drinks for everyone!)

Monday, October 28

6:30pm – Cub Scouts Parent/Leader mtg/Ed Bldg
6:30pm – Riverbend H/O mgt/FH

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

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 31

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg

Friday, November 1

Saturday, November 2 {Time Change...back 1 hour!}
~ 9:30am – *Saturday Morning CIRCLE meeting*/FH

Sunday, November 3

9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
11:00am – *FIRST LUNCH* (lunch for everyone!)
~11:15am-*Children/Youth/Parents mtg*/Rm 113

Monday, November 4-**DEADLINE** for next newsletter

9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
6:15pm – Jr Girl Scouts/bsmt
6:30pm – Cub Scouts mtg/Ed Bldg
~ 7:00pm – **PROPERTY** Ministry mtg/Rm 113

Tuesday, November 5

****VOTING all day in FH****
9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
~10:00am-**Group to Urban Ministries**/bus
7:00pm - Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg 3rd floor

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

Saturday, November 9
~ 5:30-8:30pm – **VETERANS** Appreciation
Dinner & Entertainment/FH



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 **NOVEMBER, 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:

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 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); **Class of 2022:** Susanna
Justice (New Members), Nan McClure (Special Needs), Lucile Savelle
(Homebound), Bev Weldy (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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Good News Inside!

God, we thank You for:



Written articles to be in Church
Office by **Monday, Nov. 4th**
@ 4pm for *next* newsletter!



**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!



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!