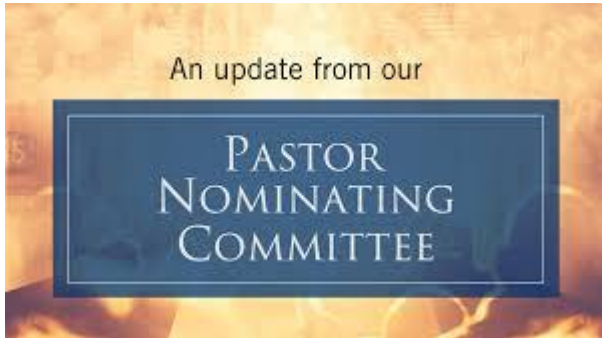




November 6, 2019



Dear Church Family,

The PNC greatly appreciates your prayers and support as we work through what has proven to be a very challenging process in our search for our next pastor. We, as a church family, are all ready for the next chapter of Cook's Memorial to begin.

This process has tested us and will continue to. It tests our patience and it tests our faith. This sort of movement in our lives is part of God's plan. The right plan.

We, as a PNC, decided at the very beginning that we would uphold a higher standard. A commitment was made not to settle for an easy solution and unless all the qualities we want are present...keep looking. We are searching for the sort of inspiration and energy that will help grow our faith and our congregation.

The PNC will be very busy this month. We already have 4 interviews scheduled and this number will likely increase by the end of the week. Some are introductory and some are follow-up interviews. All of these pastors are strong candidates.

If anyone has any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My information is in the directory and I will be happy to talk to anyone in our congregation.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

Joe Chichetti, DMD

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"** or any other **STORY** about the 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!



Cook's Presbyterian Women will hold their **Thank Offering celebration** this coming Sunday, **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.***

PLEASE NOTE:



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Cook's Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on **Sunday, November 24, 2019**, at the end of our worship service to elect Elders for the Class of 2021 and 2022.

MISSION CORNER

Free Community Dinner



EVERYONE is invited to join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month (**November 14th**) in FH for the **COMMUNITY DINNER**. Dinner is served from 5:30-7pm and this month's menu will be turkey, dressing, green beans, yams and dessert. *Please bring your friends & neighbors with you to enjoy a delicious {and free} dinner and some great fellowship!*

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

Lily Pad Haven's NOVEMBER'S collection item is **clothes basket & hangers**. 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!



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 #213) at 9am each Sunday...we are having an open discussion on "forgiveness/forget?" and we'd love to get your input!



Do NOT miss the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24th at Cook's Memorial

Presbyterian Church at 5:30pm...put it on your calendars today!

The delicious ham, turkey, rolls, dressing (w/gravy) and drinks will be provided by the church. Please bring favorite side dishes & desserts and join us for an evening of sharing and hearing about the amazing ministry Cook's is a part of at Children's Hope Alliance (formerly known as Barium Springs Children's Home.)

***ATTENTION MEMBERS:** our Mission Ministry **needs help with set-up, serving & clean-up**...they would appreciate anyone and everyone that would be willing to help! Volunteer by contacting Pede Self at 704/516-1753.

****We will be collecting boys & girls body wash and shampoo** to send to the Children's Home that evening for their use. Please bring your donations of these items with you to our Thanksgiving dinner.

PLEASE, PLEASE invite your family and friends to join you for this wonderful evening!



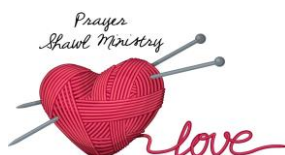
Cook's Christmas Marketplace – Saturday, November 23, 8am-3pm!

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.



ALL MEN are invited to join Cook's Men of the Church on **Sunday, November 17th** at **7:30am** for their monthly breakfast meeting – contact Dale Luckey if you have any questions (704-309-0798).



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

November 17th, 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.



ALL ladies at Cook's are invited to join one of the following

CIRCLE meetings on Tuesday, November 12th: **MORNING Circle** @ 10:00am in FH or the **EVENING Circle** @ 7:00pm also in FH!



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!



THREE KINDS OF GIVING

"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving.

Grudge giving says, 'I have to';
duty giving says, 'I ought to';
and thanksgiving says, 'I want to'.

The latter comes from a full heart.

Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God."

- Robert N. Rodenmayer

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.



Wise Words & Quotes

– Vern McCellan

"The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose. Yet they will be rewarded individually, according to their own hard work." (I Corinthians 3:8-9)

"A bundle of sticks is always stronger than a single twig."



News from Cook's Playschool

Fall has arrived at Playschool!

October was a very busy month with lots of fun activities. We started the month off first and most important reaching our Trike-a-thon goal!!! The children rode their hearts out on "race day"! **SPECIAL** thanks to All the race fans & everyone that contributed to helping us meet our goal!!! Our Playschool swing set is getting a facelift this week as well as all the equipment will be pressure washed and cleaned!!!

Fire Station #33 visited with their firetruck as we spent the month talking about fire safety! The children learned about the story of Daniel & the Lion's Den as they acted out being ferocious lions during CWC. We ended October with the children visiting our Pumpkin Patch and having Class Halloween parties.

A **SPECIAL** thanks to James Harper & Dale Luckey for removing the dead tree that Duke Power took down! We really appreciate you both!



*We wish a Happy Birthday
to the following:*

Nov 11 - Jerome Abernathy, Pat Hager

Nov 12 - Pam Crosby

Nov 13 - Austin McCrary

Nov 14 - Sarah Glaser, Max McClure

Nov 15 - Hudson Putnam

Nov 16 - Emma Kennedy

Nov 17 - Barbara Stevens, Charlie McCrary

Nov 19 - Lynn Sifford

Nov 20 - Sarah Penninger, Scott Jones

Nov 23 - Merja Hunt



Nov 10: Audrey Brady, Sandy
Birmingham

Nov 17: Linda Lynn, Sydney
Thompson

Nov 24: 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: Nov 10-Spiritual Life/Adult SS
Class; Nov 17-Cook's Youth; Nov 24-Viewpoint SS
Class

Usher Schedule: November-Audrey Brady
(11/17 & 24), Mike Stanford, Marty Crosby, Penny
Love

Sound Tech Schedule: November-Chris
Birmingham

Teller Schedule: Nov 10-Audrey Brady, Bonnie
Pace, Lucile Savelle; Nov 17-Audrey Brady, Sheila
Black, Melinda McElhaney; Nov 24-Ginger Thompson,
Gordon Stanley, Dwight Black

Weekend Opener/Lockup: November-Alex
Bogojevich



During these next 2 weeks,
Nov 10-23, please make a
special effort to recognize
**Loretta Hinson and Nancy
Stanley** with a visit or a card.

They would love to hear from you!

Loretta Hinson, c/o Brookdale @ Concord, Rm #2,
2452 Rock Hill Church Rd, Concord, 28027

Nancy Stanley, 10923 Ridge Acres Rd, 28214

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.*



****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!



*Please remember in your prayers the
following people:*

Members

Carolyn Young (Huntersville Oaks)	Jerome Abernathy
Frances Dean (now home)	Connie Stroup
Dan Griggs (blood clots in legs)	Nancy Stanley
Debbie White	Jill Griffin
Mildred Grice	Blake Benfield
Vera Smith	Allyne Gant
Hazel Dunn	Gerri Rhodes
Pat Hager	Steve Self
Corky McClure	Cook's Pastor Search

Friends & Relatives

Scott Troxler	Pamela & Brian Zuercher
Kevin Cook	Cole/Davidson family
Jeff & Emalie Barnes	Mary Hightower
Marcia Larson	Gloria Bammel
Kristen & Bobby Benfield	Gary Shuler & son
Dee Peterson	Jeff & Gloria {fractured hand} Herman
Grier Stanford	Gloria Ricker
Kelly Cousineau	Susan Kenley
Cynthia & Mike Wicker	Theo Helms
Sherry Smith	Richard Meyer
Ronnie Farmer	Ginger (White) Eagle
Melanie Paul	Clyde Culbreth
family of Melanie Traci (husband in Hospice, 35 yr old)	
Mike Helms	dementia patients/caregiver
those affected by hurricane & other natural disasters	
shooting victims/families throughout the world	
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.



10/27/19: 93
11/03/19: 112

2019 Offerings:

Weekly offering needed for Budget YTD: \$313,392
YTD General Fund offerings rec'd: \$300,906

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, November 10

- 9:00am – *Sunday School Classes for all ages!*
 10:00am – *Worship Service/sanctuary*
 ~11:00am – *PW's Thank Offering Celebration/Soup & Sandwich Lunch for everyone!/FH*
 ~11:15am – *FINANCE Ministry mtg/office*
 ~ 7:00pm – *SESSION meeting/FH*

Monday, November 11...*Thank you Veterans!*

- 12-2pm – LPH meeting/FH
 6:30pm – Cub Scouts mtg/Ed Bldg

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
 ~10:00am – *Morning CIRCLE meeting/FH*
 6:00pm – Aerobics/FH
 ~ 7:00pm – *Evening CIRCLE meeting/FH*
 7:00pm – Boy Scouts/Ed Bldg

Wednesday, November 13

- 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 14

- 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
 ~ 5:30-7pm – *COMMUNITY MEAL/FH*

Friday, November 15

- 6:30pm – Scouts/Award Ceremony set-up/FH

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00am – Eagle Scout Ceremony & setup/FH

Sunday, November 17

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

Monday, November 18-**DEADLINE** for next newsletter

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

- 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 21

- **Cook's Marketplace set-up/FH**
 9:30am – Playschool/Ed Bldg
 6:30pm – Brownies/bsmt

Friday, November 22

- **Cook's Marketplace set-up/FH**

Saturday, November 23

- ** Cook's Marketplace/8am-3pm/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 **DECEMBER, 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. 18th**
@ 4pm for next newsletter!



Our poinsettia
supplier has moved
up their "Order
Deadline Date" so
therefore we have to
get our ‘Poinsettias’
orders in earlier

than normal. If you'd like to help us decorate the
sanctuary in honor of and/or in memory of a loved
one(s), please complete the form below and return
it to the church office **NO LATER THAN**
SUNDAY, December 1st!

They will be in our sanctuary on Sundays,
December 15 & 22. You may take them home
after our 10am worship on the 22nd or if you don’t
mind, leave them for our Christmas Eve worship
service at 5pm if you plan to attend but please be
sure to take them home after that service.

Again, the deadline to turn in your order with
payment is no later than Sunday, **December 1st**.
Contact the church office at 704/399-7735 or
office@cookschurch.org if you have any
questions.

<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>
\$10.00	6.5" (2 plants per pot in red)
_____ (Total # of Plants)	\$_____ (Total Amt Paid)

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____



Veteran's Day
Appreciation Dinner
THIS 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); Handwarmers;
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Home of the Free because
of the Brave!!!