



***Grace and peace to all of you
from our Lord and Savior,***

***1 Corinthians 3:11: "For no one
can lay any foundation other than
the one already laid,
which is Jesus Christ."***

In the quiet introspection of Lent,
we are called not just to abstain but
to build—to fortify our inner
sanctums with stones of spiritual
discipline. It's a time to layer our
prayers like bricks, each one a
step closer to the divine, each verse
of scripture a mortar binding us to
the eternal cornerstone, Christ. As
the season unfolds,
let us also embrace the spirit of
humility. Lent teaches us that the
grandest cathedrals of faith are
not always built in the light but often
in the solace of shadows,



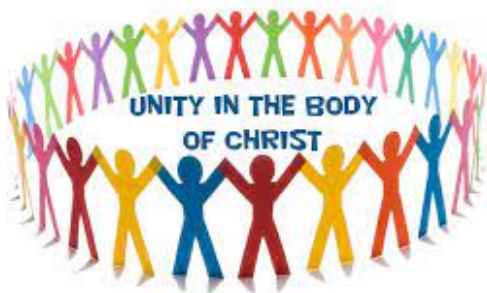
Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Ginny
Dunn (Huntersville Health & Rehab, 13835
Boren St, Huntersville, 28078, Rm #124,
704/249-0374c), Jill Griffin, Tom
McClure (STLC, Rm 502 {please sign guest
register in his room when visiting}), Jack
McClure, Steve Self, Sara
Yarbrough, Allyne Gant, Dale
Luckey, F.D. & Pat Hager, Sarah
Justice, Dennis & Debbie
Abernathy, Jerome Abernathy,
Jimmy McClure, Steve (@ Univ Rehab
& welcomes visitors!) & Sharon
Gilmore, Nancy & Richard Smith,
Debbie White, Nicolas Wilson
(teenage grandson of Ed & Nancy w/brain tumor),
Betty McClure, Jo Price, Jerry
Hunter, Melody Mathews, Judy &
Richard Bogan, Judy Rozzelle,
Angie Ross, Ann Drake, Baby
Carson, Frances Lancaster, Mark
Lackey, Dr. Jeff Ruskusky, Andy

in the silent surrender to God's will.
It is in these hidden acts of devotion
- fasting in secret, giving when no
one sees - that our faith
is tested and strengthened,
far from the eyes of the world that
measures worth by towering spires
and ringing bells. And when the
world tempts us to build our beliefs
on the sands of popular opinion,
let us remember the Galileo affair. It
stands as a somber reminder that
truth is not a chisel to shape to the
contours of convenience but a
plumb line that holds fast, even
when the world turns upside
down. So, as we approach this
week's message by Sheila Black, let
us prepare our hearts and minds for
this important awareness.
In the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, **Pastor Jason**

{Join us this Sunday at 10am for 'Presbyterian
Women's Sunday' and a message on
'**Perspective**' (Proverbs 31:10-31)!}

***Thank you to all that have
graciously made an additional
contribution to our church since
the first of last year. It is very
much appreciated. Please note,
our financial need remains this
year. If you have available funds,
please consider making an over-
and-above contribution to our
general fund. Thank you for
considering this request.***



****Please note that our
"FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN"

Burge, Nancy Mummaw, Ned &
Carolyn Beatty, Sherry Wasek,
Nancy Brammer, Chrissy Hart,
Jack Byers, Kurt Hollar, Bobby
Hotaling, John Park, Michael
Matrone, Joe Picard, Jim & Dawn
Thompson, Lisa Roth, Colette
Roberts, Gloria Ricker, David
Luckey, Jane Jones, Cindy Little,
Gary Hayes, Robert Wood, Brian
Zuercher, KCH/Kenya, NC School
System/Students/Teachers/
Administration, victims of natural
disasters, those suffering from long-
term illnesses, families who grieving
the recent loss of loved ones, and all
those in need of our prayers of
intercession

{*Names are left on for 4 weeks, so if they
are still in need of 'extra' prayer after that,
please let the church office know.}

Homebound List: Jill Griffin, Steve
Gilmore, Sarah Penninger, Tom
McClure, Sara Yarbrough, Allyne
Gant, Jack Parker

Soldier List: Austin McCrary, Clara
DeFeo, Turner Salm, Anne Ledford,
Eddy Self, Andy Dula, Chris Dula,
Seth Seal, John Makahilli Jr., ALL
Vets & families.

Please pray for all daily; to make
changes to any of these lists,
contact the church office @ 704/399-
7735.

*** WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO BE ABLE TO MINISTER
TO YOU!**

Please don't hesitate to notify
the church office (704-399-7735 /
office@cookschurch.org)
or Pastor Jason Bryant
(704-607-4162 /

Jason@cookschurch.org or
jaydbryant@gmail.com) of any
deaths, sickness, surgeries,
births, etc. that you and/or a
family member may be
experiencing so that we can let
our Elders and Deacons know
so that they can minister to you
and/or your family.

will be set-up in the lobby of the Education Building for the rest of the 'cold/rainy' months. Join us there after worship to ***fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ*** and enjoy a quick treat while you do!



**"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!"
NEW Adult Bible Study starts
THIS SUNDAY, March 10 -
"The Way"**

ALL Adults are urged to attend our 'new BIBLE STUDY' titled "**The Way**" each Sunday at **6pm** in our sanctuary starting March 10! This study will be led by Pastor Jason and Fred Cox. Please make plans now to join them 'each Sunday' because let's face it...**'IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!'**



We'd need your help once again to make the area beside the sidewalk at the road alongside the church look better! Please make plans to aid with the 'spreading of mulch' along that



Looking for a class that will help you grow in your knowledge of what God's Word is saying to each of us?

You are always invited to join us at one of our Sunday School classes (for all ages!) each Sunday at 9am to study His Word and what it means for our daily living!

For more info, contact Paige Benson at 704/488-7417.

*****The 'Viewpoint Sunday School Class' will meet again on Sunday, March 17, at 9am in Room #207.***

Contact Reg King with questions.



*****NOTE:*** don't forget to '***spring***' your clocks ***FORWARD*** one hour this coming ***Saturday night, March 9***, when going to bed!

area on Saturday, *MARCH 16*,
from 9am-1pm (rain date of 3/23).

Bring any tools you may need to spread mulch (shovels, rakes, etc), gloves, your own water/snack and once again, a readiness to make a difference. *Thank you for your willingness to help in making our church area look it's best!*



HOLY WEEK Events **@ Cook's:**

- 1) Everyone will have a part this year in our '**Palm Sunday Processional**' to begin our 10am worship service on **Palm Sunday, March 24**.
 - 2) Mark your calendars *now* for our '**Maundy Thursday**' service on **March 28 @ 7pm** – Sam Nadler will be our guest speaker – more details to come and we *hope you will join us!*
 - 3) **ALL children** are invited to participate in our "**Easter Egg Hunt**" that will be held on **Saturday, March 30** – more details to follow!
 - 4) We will have our '**Easter Sunrise Service**' **Easter morning, March 31**, at **7am** on the front sidewalk!
- Please bring a chair from home if you'd like to sit for this 30 min



It's time to order '**Easter Lilies**' that will fill our sanctuary with beautiful flowers, and also 'in honor of' or 'in loving memory of' a loved one on **Easter Sunday morning**. Order forms are available in the Narthex, the church office & the entranceway of the Educational Bldg, and are due to the church office by **THIS SUNDAY, March 10**...completed forms/payment can be put in the box in the Narthex or brought to the office.



2024 Flower Calendar dates that are

AVAILABLE: If you'd like to supply our sanctuary flowers in honor and/or in loving memory of a loved one, these dates are available at this time:
April 14; June 2; June 30; Sept. 15; Nov. 3; Dec. 29. Contact the church office if you'd like to reserve a date!

service, and doughnuts, pastries, coffee & juice will be served afterwards.

5) We ask that you bring '**flowers from home if you have some available**' to help in "**flowering the small cross**" on our front steps before worship on **Easter Sunday, March 31!**

6) *You & your family are invited to join us as celebrate our Risen Savior on **Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10am!***



Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Cook's **SESSION will meet on the **2nd Sunday (THIS Sunday, March 10)** of each month at 7pm in Rm #113.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on the **third Sunday (March 17)** of each month at 7:30am (Ed Bldg lobby) and **ALL men** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact Dale Luckey with questions at 704/309-0798.

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** meets on the **second Thursday (next Thursday, March 14)** of each month at 6:30pm in Rm #113 - see Neal Hager with questions.

Cook's **MISSION Ministry** meets on the **first Friday** of each month at 10:00am in Rm #113...contact Fred Cox with questions at 980/288-3307.

Cook's **WORSHIP Ministry** meets on the **first Thursday (**has been**



Food Collection

We will be collecting **non-perishable food items** for '**Loaves & Fishes**' on Sundays, **March 24 & 31!** Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway.



The 'Laundry Ministry's** next mission will be the **last Monday of this month - March 25.****



A special thanks to Diane & Dwight Black, Hayden Bolz, Thomas Forehand, Suzy Hager, Melinda McElhaney and Suzie McClure for helping prune the rose garden. Next

moved to Thursday, March 14)

of each month at 2:00pm via Zoom and/or in the church office...contact Denise Vead for details at 704/564-8030.

Cook's **FINANCE MINISTRY** meets on the **fourth Sunday (March 24)** of each month at 11:15am in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions at 704/399-8837.



****ALL Ladies** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** on the **second Tuesday (this coming Tuesday, March 13)** of each month at 10:30am or 7:00pm in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pede Self with questions at 704/516-1753.

****Also, ALL ladies** are invited to join our **Women's Choir this Sunday, March 10** as it will be 'Women's Sunday @ Cook's! {Meet in the choir room at 9:30am please for a quick rehearsal.}

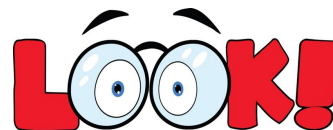


Cook's **COMMUNITY MEAL** (which is open to *everyone!*) is held on the **second Thursday (March 14)** of every month from 5-6:30pm. It is temporarily being held at Hillcrest Baptist Church (corner of Bellhaven Blvd & Kentberry Dr, across from

will be weed killing and mulching. Anyone interested in helping let me know.

- Jeannie McClure

And thank you, thank you, Reggie, for taking care of the Community Garden sign!!!



**Anyone who would love to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" is invited to join Cook's Adult Choir! Contact Clayton for questions at claydeacon@gmail.com.*

****Cook's NURSERY** is available each week (for SS at 9am & worship at 10am) for our youngest members, ages birth thru 4 yrs old!



...that **IF** your picture is posted in our online church directory (to access go to

www.cookschurch.org and

at the very bottom of that page you will see "Church Directory"...click on that button), you can go into your information and make changes such as address, phone #'s, if in military past or present, the different groups you have been a part of at the church, etc. If you have any problems and/or questions on how to do so, please contact Gaye List at gayelist@gmail.com. Also, if your picture (or families') is not currently in our directory, please send a photo to the church office

(office@cookschurch.org) and we'll see about getting it and your information included asap!

NEWS FROM FINANCE MINISTRY

The Finance Committee would like you to know that we now have another way to donate

Sports Page Rest) until our FH is repaired. ***This month's menu will be Shepherd's pie, sides & dessert.** Please mark your calendars and join us for this free & delicious meal and some great fellowship...be sure to invite a friend and/or neighbor to join you!

funds to Cook's Church...you can use your debit/credit card and the "app" is available to download from our website... www.cookschurch.org. If you have any questions, call Ginger Thompson, Treasurer @ 704/562-7558.



The Digital Ministry of Cook's is working on all things that you need to stay connected with Cook's as well as resources to grow in your faith. Check out our *REFRESHED* website - CooksChurch.org. Join us today and be a part of our online community!

** We're *now* on 'Instagram' so be sure to check it out and "Like" and share!



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Cook's Church has a FACEBOOK page!

Come check us out and stay connected!

www.facebook.com/pages/Cooks-Memorial-Presbyterian-Church



SERMONS:

Did you miss worship this past Sunday?
Do you ever want to listen to a recent sermon again?

Recent sermons from Sunday morning worship can be found on the Cook's Church website!

Click here:

www.cookschurch.org/sermons

Have you read your recent church newsletter? Recent issues of our Cook's Communicator can be found on our church website!

Click here:

www.cookschurch.org/newsletters

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