



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

***Galatians 6:2: "Carry each
other's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the
law of Christ."***

Compassion is more than a fleeting feeling; it's the heartbeat of Christ's ministry, a call to love others as He has loved us. In Galatians, Paul urges us to "carry each other's burdens", underscoring that compassion isn't optional for followers of Christ—it's central. When we meet others in their suffering, we not only honor God but embody His love in action. True compassion moves beyond mere pity or well-wishes. It calls us to roll up our sleeves and step into the messy,



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Frank Norris ((CU, Atrium/Univ), Whitey Ridenhour, Nancy Smith, Jack & Jeannie McClure, Sydney Thompson, Charlie & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Ellen Jackson, Steve Self, Allyne Gant, Sara Yarbrough, Dale Luckey, Matt Thompson, Dennis & Debbie Abernathy, Jerome & Linda Abernathy, Ginny Dunn (*visitors welcome!*) @ The Laurels, Rm #D202, 704/249-0374c), Steve (Univ Nursing & Rehab, Rm 602A) & Sharon Gilmore (Residences @ Windsor, Rm 1408, 980-355-3242), David Luckey, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Nancy Wilson), Betty McClure, Kurt Hollar, Melody Mathews, Michael Matrone, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Carol Calhoun, Kathy

often inconvenient places of others' lives. This might mean taking time to listen to a neighbor going through a loss, offering support to a coworker in a difficult season, or extending grace to someone who has wronged us. As we do, we create space for God's healing work, and often, we find our own hearts softened and renewed in the process. At our church, we are striving to be a community marked by this kind of compassion. We want to look at our city and world through Christ's eyes—seeing not only needs but also opportunities for connection and growth. Our call to “carry each other's burdens” includes serving through ministries, reaching out to the isolated, and praying for one another with sincerity and faith. Compassion costs us something, yes, but it rewards us with a life closer to the heart of God.

In name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Jason

{Be sure to join us this Sunday at 10am
for a sermon from Pastor Jason on
'Walking in Grace' (Eph. 5:1-14)!}

'Cook's Cares': Please join Pastor Jason at his cooking class on **Sundays at 3pm** (the next **Cooking Class** will be held on **Sunday, November 10**). There we'll prepare some form of food that highlights culinary-school level cooking with affordable ingredients found at your local grocery store. But the concept “Cook's Cares” is far broader. ****To that end, I'd like YOU to lead a class** in which you teach to assist people...perhaps you've got some knowledge of plumbing, construction, car repairs, personal bookkeeping, etc. that could help

Gant, Beverly Farquhar (M. McElhaneys sister), Robert Luckey, family of Betty Swanger, Cherie Lowman, Audrey Bryan, Grey Frey, Angie Ross, Murray Lassiter, Judy 'JJ' Jones, Fennel & Milam families (Playschool families/Riverside flood victims), **ALL the many others affected by Hurricane Helena...loss of family members/homes/income/jobs, etc.**, KCH/Kenya, Cook's Homebound mbrs/Active Military personnel, victims of mass shootings/ nat'l disasters, those with ongoing illnesses/grieving the loss of a loved one, and the many others whose name(s) are not listed here but are in need of our intercessory prayer
{*Names on for 4 wks - please let the church office know if they still are in need of add'l prayer. If a name has been removed and is still in need of add't prayer, please contact the church office and we'll be glad to put them back on the list.}

Homebound List: Sara Yarbrough, Steve Gilmore, Allyne Gant, Ginny Dunn

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.

people successfully manage life. Again, focus on techniques or things that you do or can accomplish that would offer a benefit to someone else. Just let Pastor Jason know (jason@cookschurch.org / 704/607-4162) and we'll work from there to potentially schedule a class.

{We recently formed a **new 'Prayer Team'** that has been trained on how to pray with people with the idea of praying deeply for the ongoing needs of our church, church members and our visitors. Our 'Prayer Team' will take part in our worship service by providing prayer leadership immediately following our 10am worship service in the 'prayer room' behind the sanctuary. If you have a need on your heart and would like prayer, please be sure to join them! For more info about this Prayer Team, contact Kay or James Harper (980-275-2075 / 704-614-3550.)}

*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.*



Cook's **GARAGE SALE will be held on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 9!** {Sale hours will be **8am-1pm** – *please spread the*



Congratulations to Rachael & Austin Miles on the birth of their daughter, Emeryn Renee, and sister to Levi, on Sunday, October 27 at 12:35pm!

Emeryn weighs 7 lbs, 5 oz and is 19" long. Mike & Deana Stanford are the proud grandparents! May God bless this family with many years of good health, lots of love, and an abundance of joy!



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

word to all your friends & neighbors}! Donations can be brought to 'Rowan Hall' any day, M-F, 9am-5pm...see Cheryl in the church office for a key to get into RH. **ALL** donations *must be brought to RH NO LATER THAN NOON on FRIDAY, 11/8!*

If you have any questions, contact Jeannie McClure (704/519-5021).
Thank you!



Help us to give a Christmas present to a child overseas that normally would not receive one through 'Operation Christmas Child'...collection dates are NOW through November 22.

Here is a *suggested* list of most wanted items to be put in the shoebox: outfit to wear, underwear, flip flops, comb, hair items, toothbrush, washcloth, nail file/clipper, hat/scarf/mittens, sunglasses, doll, stuffed animal, small musical instrument, notebooks, index cards, ruler, pencils, crayons/colored pencils/markers, coloring/picture books, stickers, small puzzles, Uno card game, marbles, magnets, craft items/kit, jump romp, foam ball, finger puppets, slinky, tennis ball, plastic tools/dinosaurs, play cars/trucks/boats, yo-yo, small frisbee/kite/Etch-a-Sketch, bead jewelry/kit, compass, baseball/mitt. Items they do **NOT** want: standard

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.



Please note that our **"Fellowship on the Lawn" will *now* be held outside in front of our sanctuary unless it's raining (will set-up in the Ed Bldg lobby if weather is bad)...please join us after worship to **fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ** and *enjoy a quick treat while you do!*



Please note: We want you to know that we have a **NEW** procedure' for the **receiving of your tithes and offerings to Cook's Church** – we have 2 offering plates available on the offertory table in front of the altar and 2 offering plates available in the Narthex every Sunday for your donations which can be put in either plate before and/or after worship each week, OR you

playing cards, food/candy/gum, used items, toothpaste, liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze or break, shampoo, creams, lip balm bath gels, mirrors or glass, war-related toys/knives/guns, backpacks.

An OCC shoebox and label is in the Narthex and Ed Bldg entranceway for your use or you can use your own.



****‘Upcoming Events’ to put on your calendar:**

Prayer Vigil – THIS Saturday, November 2 - everyone (you(!) & your friends, neighbors, family, etc.) is invited to drop by our sanctuary from 8am-noon to say a prayer for anything that is on your heart that you would like to turn over to God!

All Saints’ Day Remembrance – THIS SUNDAY, November 3, during our 10am worship service, we will light a candle in loving memory of our members that have gone to be with our Lord & Savior in the past year.

Thank Offering ‘Soup & Sandwich’ Lunch – Sun., Nov. 17, right after worship in FH, plan now to join our Presbyterian Women for lunch on this Sunday and enjoy some homemade soup & delicious sandwiches!

Hanging of the Greens Party & Chili Dinner–Sun., Nov. 24 @ 4pm, our Worship Ministry would appreciate your help with decorating our sanctuary for Christmas, and then

can use our new ‘QR code’ that will be in our bulletin and also on the yellow card in the pew rack to make a donation, OR if you prefer, we have ‘online giving’ (see website: www.cookschurch.org, ‘Give Now’ link, for details on that option). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook’s Church!*



"Navigating Family Conflicts" Adult Bible Study!

This study is being led by Fred Cox and Pastor Jason and they would love for **ALL Adults** to join them **each Sunday** at **6pm** in our sanctuary!



Our newly renovated **Fellowship Hall** is now all approved and ready to be used again! It looks great and we thank all that

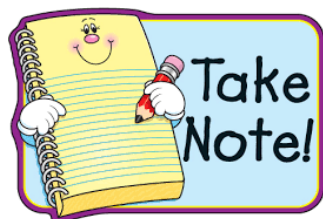
Pastor Jason will be serving up a delicious chili dinner to enjoy afterwards!

A Christmas Organ Recital – Sun., **Dec. 8** @ 2:30pm, join David, along with 2 other guest organists, in our sanctuary to enjoy some inspiring and festive Advent & Christmas music!

Queen City Ringers Holiday Handbell Concert – Sat., **Dec. 21** @ 2pm, this will be a fun & beautiful concert @ Cook's to bring your whole family & friends to enjoy!
Cook's Adult Choir's Christmas Cantata – Sun., **Dec. 22**...please join us at our 10am worship service in which our Adult Choir will present the Christmas story' in song!



We are getting ready to clean out Room #206 on the top floor of the Ed Bldg - if you have anything stored in that room that you want to keep, please be sure to relocate it soon! If you have any questions, see Neal Hager.
Thank you!



Cook's Worship Ministry needs YOUR help!!!!

worked so diligently to get it repaired and renewed!
Please remember to be "kind" to it when using it for any event and be sure to contact the church office to schedule events for its use.



Congregation – please help us to spread the word that the "**Heartbeats Women's Center Mobile Lab**" is in Cook's parking lot **most every Tuesday from 1-4pm** (depending on rain/heat) and *anyone* is invited to stop by to receive one of their (free) services. *Heartbeats* is dedicated to serving our community with quality care by offering free and confidential medical services (pregnancy testing, ultrasounds), practical assistance, and emotional support. For more details, their website is heartbeatspcc.org and phone # is 704-489-0708.

CHECK THIS OUT!

For more details on ALL of our upcoming church events, be sure to 'check out' our website (www.cookschurch.org) & Facebook page, as well as the Thurs eNews and weekly mailed newsletter!

We have many people involved in each Sunday's worship service and we are currently looking for **anyone that can help with 'audio/visual tasks'** (live streaming of service, showing slides on screen, running cameras, sound system, etc. - AV experience a plus but not mandatory... **it's not really as hard as it sounds!**), **'Fellowship on the Lawn'** and **'nursery' workers**. Even if you can help once a month or once a quarter, it would be a great help. Questions or to sign-up, contact Denise Vead (704-564-8030) – thank you!

****Important Note** - If you can't be here in person for worship on Sundays and would like to watch our service online, look for them on **'YouTube – Cook's Church CLT'**. And please sign up for this YouTube subscription:

Link: Cook's Church CLT - YouTube

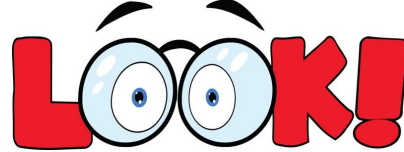


Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

We now have a new **'Digital/ Communications Team'** that will meet monthly - **time/date tba**. If you have any questions about this Team, contact Reg King.

Cook's **SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday** of each month in Rm #113.

***ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's



**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 funds to Cook's Church...you

CIRCLE meeting will meet on the **second Tuesday of every month (Nov. 12)** at **10:30am** or **7:00pm** in **Fellowship Hall**. Contact **Pede Self** with questions at **704/516-1753**.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will meet monthly (as needed) at **7:30am** in the lobby of the Ed. Bldg. and **ALL MEN** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact **Dale Luckey** with questions at **704/309-0798**.

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** normally meets on the **second Thursday** of each month at **6:30pm** in Rm #113 - check with **Neal Hager** to see when they will meet again.

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** 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** of each month at **11:15am** in Rm #113. Contact **Joe Thompson** if you have any questions at **704/399-8837**.



Don't forget to turn your clocks "back" one hour when going to bed THIS

can use the QR code above, or your debit/credit card and that "app" is available to download from our website... www.cookschurch.org. If you have any questions, call **Ginger Thompson, Treasurer @ 704/562-7558**.

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 (www.cookschurch.org)!

Have you read your recent church newsletter? Recent issues of our Cook's Communicator can be found on our church website (www.cookschurch.org)!

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November 2, 2024!**

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