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The Justice-Love Foundation: Opportunity to Expand Pullen's Vision

"What does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) These words, often quoted amongst us, have long embodied the deep and genuine calling Pullen members feel towards service within their community and beyond.

The Pullen congregation brings to life this call for social justice every single day as they open their doors and hearts to marginalized people. Pullen's recently acquired status as a sanctuary church; continued outreach efforts to support individuals who struggle to find adequate housing through the Round Table Fellowship; the life-giving ministries with partners in Cuba, Nicaragua, The Republic of Georgia and Zimbabwe; and Pullen's long-standing presence as a leader of social justice issues in our community serve only to highlight this abiding dedication to serve those in need with justice and love.

Inspired by the service Pullen members commit to our community daily, we are honored to announce the establishment of The Justice-Love Foundation. This foundation offers Pullen a unique opportunity to receive funding for social justice initiatives that matter to the congregation, deepening Pullen's position as a leader in social justice and widening the circle of support of those who give and those who receive.

The Justice-Love Foundation will be a separate entity from the church. The foundation will have a 501(c)(3)

status and will be governed by a board of directors, half of whom will be Pullen members and half of whom will be members of the larger Triangle community. We are excited that Bill Crouch, Pullen member and presi-

dent of Crouch and Associates, will be leading the board of directors and Stacy Bluth, former executive director of The Hope Center at Pullen, will serve as executive director during the initial months. Bill's experience as a former college president, successful fundraiser and non-profit consultant, and Stacy's passion and years of work with young, emerging non-profits make them ideally suited for their new roles. Additional board members to date include Barbara Goodman, Lucy Daniels and Abby Sandling.

Over the next few months the foundation will continue to build the board and operationalize its vision with the intent of awarding its first grants to support social justice projects and partnerships in early 2019. The foundation will place a strong emphasis on raising funds from individuals, businesses and organizations that have not typically given to Pullen in the past.

The Justice-Love Foundation will embody the principles that make social justice foundations impactful — we will focus on the root causes of social, economic and environmental injustices and strive to include the people who are impacted by these injustices as decision-makers. Like the Pullen community we take inspiration from, we are dedicated to committing our time, knowledge, skills and access to benefit those in the community who need it most.

As we launch this new stewardship, we seek the prayers and affirmation of Pullen. We are confident that this opportunity will allow Pullen to expand its depth and reach on the critical social justice issues it so passionately champions each and every day.

—Bill Crouch and Stacy Bluth

Would you like to learn more about The Justice-Love Foundation? Please meet with us on Sunday, April 29 after worship in Finlator Hall. You may also reach us at justicelovefoundation@gmail.com or (984) 377-7372.

Worship at 5 PM Next Sunday

Next week our regular Sunday worship service will be held at 5 p.m., followed by a community meal. There will be no morning activities at Pullen that Sunday due to the road closures prompted by the Rock'N'Roll Half Marthon.

—Worship Council

Opportunities to Connect, Serve, Learn and Grow at Pullen

Volunteer Training for Sanctuary Church Initiative Monday

We have scheduled another training session for people interested in volunteering as hosts for our sanctuary guest(s). It will be held on Monday, April 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Finlator Hall.

You may complete a volunteer information application beforehand at www.pullen.org/sanctuary.

—Serena Buckner

LGBTQ 2nd Sunday Lunch Rescheduled to April 15

Friends, we are changing the schedule this month for Second Sunday Lunch due to worship being held in the afternoon next week. We will meet on the following Sunday, April 15. There are no changes to our regular meeting place at Brixx, 402 Oberlin Road, Suite 120. There is a small parking garage or you might want to seek commercial or retail lots near the Brixx restaurant. Hope to see you there!

—Jimmy Smith and Laura Robinson, LGBTQ Committee

Help Out the Food Bank 4/21

Saturday, April 21, is our next Food Bank volunteer day. This is an intergenerational event as we sort food for our partner, The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

We meet at Moe's in Cameron Village at 11:45 a.m. for lunch, then travel for a 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. volunteer shift. There are spaces for 20 volunteers. Contact Brian Crisp at brcrisp@pullen.org to reserve your spot.

—Brian Crisp

Need to share something?

Send any submissions for publication in the Sunday *Update* or *PullenNews* to news@pullen.org.

The deadline for the Update is the preceding Tuesday. The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the last Sunday of the preceding month.

Updated Pullen Directory Information Available

It has been several years since we published the 2015 Pullen pictorial directory and a number of people have joined us since then. Since it will be a while before we tackle the production of another directory, we have printed the contact information for people who have been entered into our database since the directory was printed three years ago. This includes members and non-members.

If you'd like this information to insert into your directory at home, feel free to pick one up. You can find them in the rack just inside the door of the Information Room (off the main foyer). Please note that this print-out does not include updates for people who are listed in the 2015 directory. You'll need to call the church office if you learn that an address, email or phone number has changed.

—Congregational Care Council



Interfaith Meditation Group Meets April 15 in Poteat Chapel

Everyone is invited to the ongoing Interfaith Meditation held on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Poteat Chapel. The hour typically includes a 20-minute period of silence in which participants can engage in Centering Prayer or any other preferred form of seated meditation. This is followed by a time of "Sacred Listening" in which participants reflect on a question or topic posed by the person facilitating the group.

Join us this month on Sunday, April 15.

—Karla Oakley and Ann Eller

Constitution & Bylaws Revisions

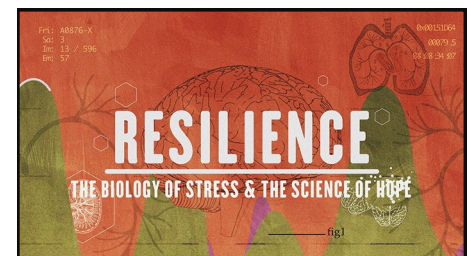
With Brooks Wicker and Nancy Petty, a committee is working on proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws for the congregation's consideration. The committee's proposals will cover both form and substance. Formal revision proposals focus on correcting grammar, clarifying wording, and improving organization. Substantive revision proposals are limited to creating consistency, updating content, removing unnecessary content, and adding content needed for clarity and thoroughness. In creating its proposals, the committee has the benefit of input from staff and chairs of committees and councils. Committee members are Emily Cato, Lisa Grabarek, Nancy Jones, and George Reed. Feel free to share any questions or concerns with a committee member.

—Lisa Grabarek

Pullen Urgent Repairs

Funds Given to Date: \$477,603

Funds Spent to Date: \$138,856



"Resilience" Movie April 11

On Wednesday evening, April 11, we'll alter our adult program schedule slightly in order to view "Resilience." This film is a compelling one-hour documentary on the correlation between adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress. Learn how ACEs can affect brain development and have long-term effects on mental and physical health, and how we can mitigate their impact. In order to accommodate the length of the film, we will begin the program at 6:15 p.m. The discussion, led by former County Commissioner Yevonne Brannon, will conclude at 7:45 p.m. although those who need to leave at 7:30 are welcome to do so. Please join us for this important opportunity.

—Wednesday Night Committee

Pullen People

We Grieve With:

- ☞ Erin Newton in the death of her father, Carl. Carl died at Glenaire on March 24.
- ☞ The family of Mary Croghan. Mary died Saturday, March 10 after having had a reoccurrence of cancer. Mary was a faithful member of the Pullen Orchestra.
- ☞ Ivan Gobern in the sudden death of his partner, Tim Hovis. Tim died of a stroke on Sunday, March 4.
- ☞ Pamela Knight, whose cousin died on March 12.
- ☞ Pat Williams, a Round Table volunteer whose husband was killed in a car accident in March.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for a loved one and looking for a place to help sustain you on the journey, you are invited to join a group of people who meet monthly for mutual support and education. The support group is facilitated by Rev. Meg Hunn, Assistant Rector at Christ Episcopal Church (downtown across from the Capitol). The group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the church at 12:30 for lunch (which is really delicious! \$6) and a speaker and interaction. The group, which ranges from seven to 20 people, welcomes and includes people from different churches who are current caregivers as well as those who have been caregivers. All have wisdom to share.

If you are interested, you can email Meg Hunn at mhunn@ccral.org to get on the email list and to RSVP for lunch. Ruth Pardue from Pullen regularly attends. If you have questions, you can email me at rpardue57@gmail.com.

—Ruth Pardue

Faith Connections on Mental Illness Workshop

Faith Connections on Mental Illness will sponsor a day-long workshop on April 13, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill. *Cultivating Mental Health: Hope and Healing* is a day-long interfaith conference to explore ways faith communities can support families and individuals living with mental illness. It will focus on addiction, depression in the elderly, and mental health resources available in the community. The workshop runs from 8:00 am to 4:15 pm. Learn more about it and how to register at: faithconnectionsmentalillness.org/annual-conference.html

—Cathy Tamsberg

Tribute to Phil Letsinger

Phil was always so helpful in hanging art work in the Grope Group classroom, but always very modest about his own work. We thought that you would like to see some of his art that he valued enough to save. Please stop by the Grope Group classroom on the third floor and see several of his silk screen prints, along with some watercolors and pen and ink sketches.

—Sarah Almlblad

April 1, 2018

Wednesday Nights in April

Wednesday meals and programming continue each week as the Pullen family gathers in the month of April. We'd love to have you join us for good food, fellowship and meaningful programming for all ages each week. Dinner is served from 5:15 - 6 p.m. The cost is \$6 for youth and adults and \$3 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The family maximum is \$20. Reservations are not required.

The Children's activities begin at 6 p.m., and the program hour for adults is 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth begin their check-in at 6:15 p.m.

April 4 – *Cuba-Coventry Connection*



COMMUNITY OF THE
CROSS OF NAILS

In February Pullen member Erin Newton was present when our partner church in Matanzas, Cuba became part of

the network of reconciling churches in the Community of the Cross of Nails centered in Coventry, England. On this evening, hear Erin share about the moving experience of seeing two of Pullen's international partners become partners with each other.

April 11 – *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*

This highly-acclaimed film about the impact of early trauma on children will focus our attention on how we can support a healthy life for all of God's children. Following the hour-long film, former County Commissioner Yevonne Brannon will facilitate our discussion. Some parents from Wiley International Magnet School may also join us.

NOTE: *This film will begin at 6:15 PM. The discussion will run until 7:45 PM although those who need to leave at 7:30 are welcome to do so.*

April 18 – *Understanding Opioid Addiction*

Opioid addiction is all over the news and impacts a frightening number of individuals and families. Pullen member Chris Tew, a licensed counselor and addiction specialist at the Duke



Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic, will help us better understand addiction in general and opioids in particular, including the increase in addiction among our elders.

April 25 - *Fun Stories to Honor Our Beloved Cathy Tamsberg*



Associate Pastor Cathy Tamsberg is retiring this month after 17 years of service on our church staff. Join us on this Wednesday evening as we celebrate Cathy with stories, laughter and memories of her time among us.

We hope you will join us for these important discussions on Wednesday evenings in April.

—Wednesday Night Committee

Adult Education at Pullen

Lunch & Learn About Our Georgian Partners

Last June, five Pullen members traveled to the Republic of Georgia for two weeks to worship and be in community with our partner church, the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia—Peace Cathedral in Tbilisi. We would like to share some of our experiences and pictures with you. Please join us on Sunday, April 15 in Finlator Hall immediately after worship for a light lunch and program. The program will begin about 12:30.

—James Crook, Nancy Jones, Brian Crisp,
Barbara Ann Hughes, James Hutchby

Theology on Tap for Young Adults

You are invited to join me and the young adults of Pullen to share a beer and discuss theology during our weekly Theology on Tap. We meet on Tuesdays at the Boylan Bridge Brewpub on Boylan Avenue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend! I am looking forward to your insights that always inspire and challenge me.

—Nancy Petty

Climate Church, Climate World Author Connects Faith & Environmental Activism

Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m.
Author Jim Antal speaks at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

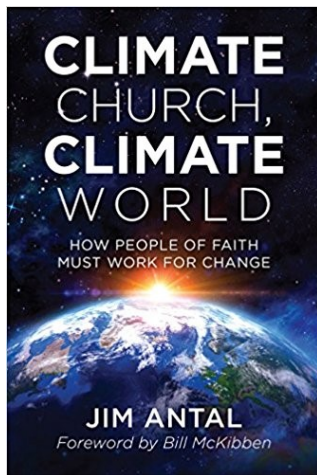
Why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change – and how should we do it? *Climate Church, Climate World* helps answer these questions and empowers the reader to join others in taking action. We can expand the Golden Rule to include future generations. We can shift our focus from personal salvation to collective salvation. Because climate change amplifies all forms of injustice – hunger, refugees, racism, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses and war – defense of creation is a campaign for justice. By reorienting what we prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices, we can honor creation as we cultivate hope and discover new joy.

Dr. Jim Antal is a United Church of Christ denominational leader, award-winning activist, and public theologian. He serves as the national spokesperson on climate change for the UCC and leads the denomination in Massachusetts.

“Jim Antal shows how the church can engage the urgent moral crisis of climate change. This book will inspire both the courage and conviction people of faith need to provide the leadership necessary to realize God’s dream of a just world in which humanity is reconciled to all of creation.”

—Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu (December 2017)

—Care of Creation Mission Group



On the Horizon

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Fellow and Sister Pullenites:

Your search committee has been tasked with the daunting challenge of filling the soon-to-be-available position of Associate Pastor at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. We have been meeting since November and began receiving applications at the beginning of the year. We have received over 75 applications, and we have been considering every one with the thoughtful attention to which each one was entitled. Through that initial process, we reduced the number of candidates to fewer than 20, and for this smaller pool of candidates we identified four questions to which we asked each of the candidates to respond. Three of the four questions were to be submitted in writing, and the fourth was to be submitted on video. The candidates were given the privilege of choosing which of the questions would be written and which one would be on video. We received all the written and video responses, and from this list we have identified those candidates whom we want to interview in person.

We are now about the work of setting up these interviews. We will interview these candidates in April. It is our hope that from this group of applicants we will reduce the number still further until we will see emerge the individual who will be our choice to fill the position.

Even once that individual is selected, there is still much to do. That individual will meet with committees, councils and staff and the whole congregation. Everyone involved knows the importance of appropriate deliberation through it all, leading to the moment when that individual’s name will be brought before the church in conference.

We thank each of you for your interest and well-wishes we have received as we have undertaken this process. Thank you for your continuing prayers as we move toward the conclusion of our work.

—Jim Jarrard, Chair

Sarah Almblad, Jason Burge, Davis Greene,
Suzanne Newton, George Reed, Abby Sandling,
Jonathan Sledge, Pat Thomas and Steven Toth



SAVE THE DATE

Pullen Visits Durham Bulls

Sunday, June 3

Pullen’s annual day at the ballpark, sponsored by the LGBT Fellowship, will take place this year on Sunday, June 3. Join us for what we hope will be a beautiful late-spring day to watch baseball and fellowship with one another. Opening pitch is at 5:05 p.m.

Fifty tickets have been reserved. Email Randall Brady at rbrady@scmmetals.com to get yours.

April 1, 2018

Youth & Their Families

Teens Against Bullying Workshop for Youth and Parents on April 14 at Pullen



The Family Resource Center South Atlantic Teens Against Bullying (TAB), will host the 2018 Youth Summit, "Expand the Circle, Reach All Victims." TAB is a teen-led, volunteer driven approach to addressing victimization through bullying and cyberbullying, and promotes this approach through their

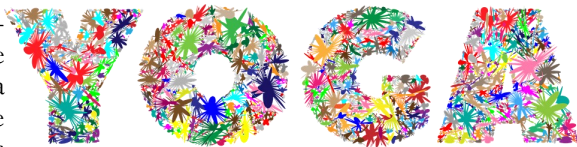
mission statement "Victimized but not a Victim." The purpose of this summit is to raise awareness about youth victimization, and to create easy access and resources for potential youth victims of bullying and other crimes. Join us on April 14 to learn various ways to advocate for and identify youth victims of bullying and cyberbullying. There will be workshops for youth and parents, vendors, entertainment, food and prizes.

Please join us for this unforgettable event! Contact Bryan Lee at blee@pullen.org for registration information or to learn how you can get involved.

—Bryan Lee

Youth 2 Cuba Yoga Fundraiser

Join Rochelle Ellis for a gentle flow class



in support of Pullen Youth's mission to Cuba. Pair breath with movement and stretch your body, as these teenagers will stretch their minds and cultural perceptions. The classes will be offered on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m.

For over 25 years, youth from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church have been traveling to Matanzas, Cuba to share in the lives of the youth at our sister church, La Primera Iglesia Bautista Matanzas. These two opportunities for donation-based yoga classes will help support this ongoing relationship.

All skill levels are welcome and this is a "pay what you can" class. You may register online by going to pullen.org/youth where you will find more information and a link to register.

—Bryan Lee

Ministry with Children

VBMess Summer Day Camp

Registration is now open!

Visit www.pullen.org/vbs2018

Rising 1st—6th Graders // June 25-29, 9 AM—5 PM

When we take seriously the teachings of Jesus, we learn that life can be a VERY BIG MESS. Jesus loved those who others hated, cared for those who need help and lifted up the lowly. It was un-

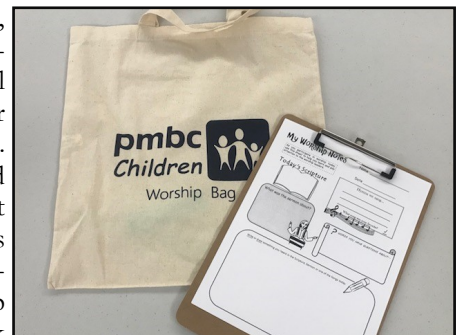


expected and it was messy. At Pullen's week long day camp, we will get messy learning stories about Jesus' messy life, getting messy with craft and games and getting messy by serving others in our community. Sign up now for a week of fun, messy action!

—Tommy Cook

Worship Bags for Children are Here!

This Sunday, April 1, children in Kindergarten-5th Grade will have access to our new Worship Bags. The bags are filled with items to assist children and parents or guardians participating in worship (pencils, paper, book



marks for the hymnals, pipe cleaners, etc.). Although some churches call this a "busy bag" or a "quiet bag," I believe they will assist our families in becoming engaged with worship. Bags will be located in the East Foyer (Cox Avenue side) by the sanctuary. At the end of worship, please return your bag by placing it in the baskets at either exit.

—Tommy Cook

Worship Nursery Helpers Needed

We are in need of caring adults to work along side our paid childcare workers during the worship hour, Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Adults need to be church members or attend Pullen on a regular basis. A background check is also required. Our goal is for helpers to assist at least four times a year. If you would like to serve the church by sharing smiles with these precious little ones, please contact Tommy Cook.

—Tommy Cook

Music Ministry Events to Encourage & Inspire

Transcendent Experiences: Choral Festivals & Conference

In January through March of this year, Pullen's Chancel, Youth and Children's choirs all participated in their annual festivals that take them to an historic church in Charleston, SC, a resort conference center in Myrtle Beach, SC, and to a camp in the Uwharrie mountains near Asheboro, NC, respectively. In February, I also had the rejuvenating opportunity to participate in the Southern Division Conference of the American Choral Directors Association meeting at the Kentucky Center for the Arts and other venues in Louisville, KY. While the places that host the choral festivals and conference expanded our experience by taking us outside of our home environment, what occurred at these various locations was even more transcendent.

Transcendence took place when witnessing Pullen Chancel Choir members grow in their choral art through work with a clinician and a choir of 200; the Youth Choir exploring music and worship with 250 middle and high school singers; and our Children's Choir enjoying nature and forming a festival choir with 60 other young singers. At the festivals, Pullenites of all ages renewed old friendships and made new friends with others from our state and region. Through conversation, activities, music-making and worship, the festivals allowed us to share our own uniqueness while learning from others and connecting with them. Our lives and our awareness of the world and the human community were expanded.

I enjoyed the same kind of transcendent experience at the Louisville conference where I was privileged to connect with five choirs of youth and adults from Florida, Kentucky and Puerto Rico, who would sing my composition, "In Praise of the Village" in a concert promoting peace. I appreciated the opportunity to tell them about Pullen and my work, and to get to know their stories. It was moving to speak with singers from the University of Puerto Rico who had to overcome great financial and situational obstacles to participate. It was a joy to hear the two participating high school choirs sing with equal energy, though they came from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds. And it was inspiring to hear a Florida choir of professional adult educators and an African-American gospel choir combine with the others to provide one glorious 250-voice choir. The diverse choirs came together as part of a worldwide peace awareness project called "A Voice 4 Peace" that combines the concept of Contact Theory with choral music-making to embody and bring about peace. Their stories and experience can be viewed at: <http://avoice4peace.org/av4p-louisville>.

These are the kinds of life-enhancing opportunities provided by Pullen. Thanks to all who support and participate in the work of our church and the Pullen Music Ministry – you help us provide a place of welcome and transcendence for everyone!

—Larry E. Schultz,
Minister of Music



Kees Koopman and Ryan Cherry receiving senior recognition for attending festival each year since 6th Grade.



Pullen's Adult *Festival by the Sea* participants.



***Raise a Song* festival singers with children from Pullen.**



The Youth *Festival by the Sea* choir at work with clinician, Jefferey Redding.

The Hope Center at Pullen

Greetings from The Hope Center at Pullen. March was a busy and exciting month at The Hope Center and April is looking just as full. Here are a few highlights from our month and items to put on your calendar!

Celebrating Housing Stability

We are again celebrating housing stability with our clients. In March, two more of our young people signed leases using their HOME TBRA vouchers. This voucher provides 24 months of housing assistance to a young person while the individual works to attain milestones related to job-readiness, achieving educational goals, and becoming a compliant tenant. We will continue to walk alongside each young person, providing case management support to help each individual progress in these critical areas.



A picture is worth a thousand words! This housing stability is working for our clients. Three of the recent “graduates” of HOME TBRA have moved on to obtain or are slated to obtain their Section 8 vouchers, which provide access to long-term affordable housing and another “graduate” recently obtained an apartment in income-based housing, which is a scarce resource in Wake County. We are thrilled for our clients and are thankful to our Transition

Specialists who work hard to help our young people make these strides.

Recap and Thank You: Resilience Screening

On March 13, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church graciously opened its doors for The Hope Center to host a screening of *Resilience*, a documentary on the correlation between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress.

It was a widely attended event that drew people from the Guardian ad Litem community, social services agencies, Pullen members, Hope Center volunteers and the general public. The documentary underscores that safe, stable relationships are the pathway to building resilience. We were excited to share how the core of our work is building a network of safe, stable relationships with young people who have a history in foster care and how these relationships are changing the lives of the young people we serve.

If you missed this event, Pullen will be hosting its own screening on Wednesday, April 11.

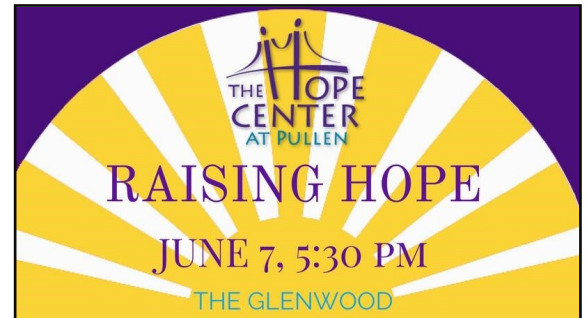
Raising Hope Sponsorships Now Available

This year’s Raising Hope Dinner and Silent Auction is set for June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at The Glenwood. The planning committee is hard at work putting together a memorable evening. We will be honoring Cathy Tamsberg for her extraordinary commitment to The Hope Center.



Sponsorships for the event are now available. There are a number of levels of sponsorship, all of which include tickets to the event. Visit www.hopecenteratpullen.org to find out more about how to become a sponsor or drop by our office during business hours to pick up a form. We’d be delighted to see you.

Individual tickets will go on sale in early May. If you want to volunteer to help with the event, please email RaisingHope4Youth@gmail.com. We would love to have your help.



Don’t Forget About Our Gumby’s Pizza Fundraiser

Pizza! Pokey Stix! Wings! Gumby’s Pizza (2712 Hillsborough Street) will graciously donate 25% of proceeds to The Hope Center from orders made on Monday, April 9 from 11:00 am – 11:30 p.m. We are excited for this great excuse to eat out (twice!) that day. **In order for Gumby’s to proceed with the fundraiser, Gumby’s needs to know by April 6 that at least 20 people plan to participate on April 9.** Please follow this link to sign up for the event: www.groupraise.com/events/54959. Remember to mention The Hope Center when you place your order! Thanks for your participation!

Opportunities to Help Our Young People

- *Nutritious Meals.* Please consider donating a nutritious meal for us to serve at our Wednesday Life Skills Group over the summer! These meals are a big draw for our young people to come to group and your help would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested in helping in this way, please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849aeaf2da7f85-lunch to sign up.
- *Summer Transportation Volunteers.* We are hard at work preparing for Summer Internships. Last year, 23 young people participated in the program. One of the greatest barriers to our young people accessing job opportunities is transportation. We need volunteers to support these youth by driving them to and/or from their internship once or twice a week. We do not yet know the routes needed, but if you are interested in learning more about what will be needed, please contact Meredith Yuckman, myuckman@hopecenteratpullen.org or 919-322-2751x3.
- *Full or Queen Bed Needed.* We are also anticipating TWO MORE YOUNG PEOPLE signing leases using a HOME TBRA voucher in April. While many of the furnishings and home goods will be accessed through partner agencies, we know that one young person will have a need for a new full or queen size bed (bed frame, box spring, and mattress). If you can help fill this need, please contact kmiranda@hopecenteratpullen.org.

Thank you for your continued support of our work and the young people we serve!

—Hope Center Staff

Youth 2 Cuba Fundraisers

April 6—Bliss Body Yoga, 7 p.m.

Pay-What-You-Can Yoga Class to Support Youth Travel Fund.

Join Rochelle Ellis for a gentle flow class in support of Pullen Youth's mission to Cuba. All people with varying yoga experience are welcome. Visit www.pullen.org/youth for a registration link.

April 8—Brixx Pizza in Cameron Village, 12-3 p.m.

Brixx will donate \$3/pizza and \$1/child pizza to the Cuba team. Look for flyers being handed out to take with you to the restaurant that day.

April 22—David's Dumplings

15% of sales will be donated to the Cuba team.

April 29—Bliss Body Yoga, 2 p.m.

Pay-What-You-Can Yoga Class to Support Youth Travel Fund.

Rochelle Ellis will lead a donation based Yoga Class in our chapel. Register online at www.pullen.org/youth and bring your donation with you that day.

May 6—Brixx Pizza in Cameron Village, 12-3 p.m.

Brixx will donate \$3/pizza and \$1/child pizza to the Cuba team. Look for flyers being handed out to take with you to the restaurant that day.

May 20—David's Dumplings

15% of sales will be donated to the Cuba team

Wisdom of Women



The NC Council of Churches' 2018 Critical Issues Seminar will focus on women. The theme for this daylong event is "The Wisdom of Women" and will cover topics such as the the Equal Rights Amendments, sexual harassment and work place policy, elected office, health care, and public education. This conference is for people of all ages, genders, and ethnic and racial backgrounds. Co-sponsors for this year's event are AFL-CIO, Church Women United, Women Advance NC, MomsRising, NARAL, ERA NC, and the NC Faith Forward Coalition.

The seminar will be held April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for the public and \$15 for students. Opening worship will be led by The Rev. Dr. Donna Coletrane Battle. Donna is a native of Yanceyville, NC and currently serves as the chaplain at Meredith College. Anita Earls will deliver this year's keynote address. Anita is a civil rights attorney with 30 years' experience litigating voting rights and other civil rights cases in partnership with community-based organizations. She was the founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a non-profit legal advocacy organization in Durham, North Carolina. She left that position in January 2018 to run for a seat on the North Carolina Supreme Court.

After lunch, a variety of workshops will be offered in two sessions. Detailed information and online registration is available at: ncchurches.org/event-single/wisdomofwomen/

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