



Pullen

Memorial Baptist Church

August news & updates



Develop organic relationships over meals.
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Upcoming Events

See what's happening this [month](#).

Date: 06.30.23

Income: \$562,055.54

Expenses: \$645,601.63

Difference: -\$83,546.09

Foyers Return

We're excited to announce that we are restarting Foyers at Pullen after being on hiatus since the beginning of the pandemic! Foyer is a French word that means "hearth" or "fireside," suggesting a group that is relaxed, receptive, and open to each other. At Pullen, Foyers are small gatherings of people around a simple meal. There is only so much we can learn about someone in passing after a worship service or at a church meeting, but sharing a meal together allows us to go deeper. Over and over, we have heard people say that participating in Foyers made them feel more connected in our community and provided opportunities to develop organic relationships of care and mutual support.

Who can join a Foyer?

- Members and non-members
- People who are new to this community and those who have been around for a while
- Single people, partnered people, families with or without children

How do Foyers work?

- We will assign people to groups consisting of 6-8 individuals representing 3-5 family units.
- The group commits to meeting once in each household over the next year.
- The host prepares (or provides) a simple meal.

If you want to foster a deeper connection with individuals in the Pullen community, sign up to participate in Foyers!

Sign up using this [online form](#) or contact us to request a printable version.

The deadline for submitting the forms is August 29th; assignments will be made by September 10.

If you have questions or to request a printable signup form, email *Emily Cato* at bobandemily1@gmail.com.

Community Prayer

Celebrating Joys

We celebrate with Mahan Siler returned home after several weeks in rehab;

with Jason Burge and Tami Moultrie who were married on July 15 supported by family and friends;

with Madison Sellers, one of our childcare providers, who received their counseling license and will begin working full-time as a counselor at the practice at a local practice;

and with Allie and Jack Pruden who marked their 2nd wedding anniversary on July 3, while Allie was chaperoning our youth at BYC. We are grateful for dedicated staff members like Allie and supportive partners like Jack.

We give thanks that Steve Braun is recovering well from incisional hernia surgery that he had on July 24. Steve and Ruth greatly appreciate the support they have received this week from their faith family.

Praying in Loss

We pray for Nicolas and Roussell Valle in the loss of their dog, Willi;

for Rollin Kibbe who lost a member of his chosen family, a dear friend, Mark Hansen, on May 25;

for Lu McCraw and Norma Merriman in the death of their longtime friend, Margaret Raymond, who died unexpectedly of a stroke;

and for Ruth Pardue in the loss of her mother, Joan Linville Pardue, who passed away on July 24. A Service of Remembrance will be held for both Joan and Lloyd, Ruth's father on September 9 at 11 am, at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville.

We pray for Tairra Perkins, a member of the board of directors of the Hope Center at Pullen whose husband, Craig Curtis Perkins, died as a result of a motorcycle accident on July 4. This is the second death in the Hope Center Board family this year. We remember Tairra and her children as they grieve this great loss.

We also pray for the family of longtime Pullen member, Mary Cochran. Mary passed away on Tuesday, June 27, surrounded by family. A movement educator and the first Feldenkrais practitioner in the Triangle, Mary will be remembered for her intuitive healing spirit, sense of play, alto voice, warmth, and profound patience. Mary's memorial service will be held at Pullen on August 12 at 1pm.

We will remember Meta Monteleon at Pullen on August 4 at 11:00 am. Meta, who passed away in May, was our oldest non-resident member at 108 years old, and was the oldest living WWII Army

Nurse Corps member.

Praying with our Community

We pray for Barbara Smalley McMahan's sister, Margaret, who has recently contracted COVID, which the family worries may worsen her already declining health due to dementia;

for Linda Rodriguez, who has been in and out of the hospital over the past month. Cards and visits are welcomed as we support both Linda and Bob in the days ahead.

We offer prayer for healing and general well-being for someone close to our community who recently had gender affirming surgery;

for Tony Quartararo's brother, John, who is transitioning from this life to the next, and for Tony as he offers comfort and support;

for Cheryl Stallings's brother, CF Stallings, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia;

for Vanessa Martinucci as she struggles with ongoing health issues;

for Noel Lichtin, who was hospitalized with a puncture wound that came as a result of her dog being in distress as he was dying. We pray for Noel as she continues to recover, and her and her husband, Harold, as they grieve the loss of their beloved dog, Pu.

We pray for Janice Overman who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and was recently accepted into a study for a breakthrough drug;

for Alyssa Rockenbach's sister-in-law who was recently hospitalized;

for Ian McPherson's mother, Paula Roney, who will have outpatient surgery on August 3;

and for Shirley Hubert, who recently moved to a memory care facility near her sister in Savannah, GA. Shirley loved being part of the Pullen family, and will miss the special friends and missions that have meant so much to her. As we pray for her in this transition, please also consider sending a note to let her know that we are thinking about her.

Shirley Hubert
22 South Cromwell Rd
Savannah, GA 31410

Praying with our World

We pray for our neighbors in Rocky Mount who are reeling from the devastating tornado this past week. We pray for our own Oppie Jordan as she provides support to the citizens of Rocky Mount through her work there.

Church wide

Pullen Events



Summer Sunday Series: Why Church? Why Pullen? Why Now? Starts this Sunday!

Sundays at 9:30 am in Finlator Hall August 6 & 13

Our community has taken a new shape in recent years, yet pandemic precautions left us with fewer opportunities to connect and reflect. As we discern together where the Spirit is leading our congregation in this next chapter of its history, we must take stock of who we have been, who we are now, and whom we are becoming together.

This summer, our Summer Sunday program (9:30-10:30 am) will be

an exciting series that pairs new and long-time members to share what brought them to Pullen and why they have stayed active in the church for many years. In some cases, we will hear stories of people leaving Pullen to return years later. Sharing our stories is one way that we build community and unite in the mission of doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly. I once had a mentor that would say to me, "Nancy, it's all about relationship." If he was right, and I have a hunch he was, strengthening our relationships with one another (really getting to know one another) will make us a stronger community in whatever ways we labor to build God's kin-dom here on this earth.

As these stories weave us together, we will trace our emerging hopes and dreams for the future of Pullen Church. So, mark your calendars now for the following Sundays this summer and let's show up for one another. There will be fellowship time from 10:30-10:50 am. Youth are invited to join us for Summer Sunday Series, as there will not be Youth Sunday Groups over the summer.

The speakers for August 6 will be Ted Buckner, Maggie Zeillmann, Henry Stephens Powers, Erin Newton, and Karen Sazani.

-Nancy Petty, Pastor



The Table this Summer: *Second Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Finlator Hall*

We are now operating on our summer schedule at The Table meeting on the second Wednesday of each month in June, July, and August. If you're in town, come by for dinner, conversation, and these programs. Dinner is \$4 for children (grades K-5), and \$7 for youth (grades 6-12) and adults, with a \$24 cap per family.

August 9 - Who are Pullenites? Individual identities that form a special community

This Wednesday evening session will encourage you to explore who you were and who you are now—how has your identity changed by participation in the Pullen community and other experiences? This exploration will be done using your hands and art. You don't need to be an artist; we will use words and images to think about who we are. Each person will leave with a small, handmade booklet that reflects their personal growth and identity. The session will be led by our own, Valerie Collins, known for painting colorful abstracts and bold social justice heroes' portraits.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor



Memorial Service for Meta Monteleon *August 4 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary*

We will remember Meta Monteleon at Pullen on August 4 at 11:00 am. Meta, who passed away in May, was our oldest non-resident member at 108 years old, and was the oldest living WWII Army Nurse Corps member.



Summer Worship Choir Resumes on August 6!
Sundays in August at 9:30 am in 128-B

Friends of all ages are invited to form the Summer Worship Choir which enlivens congregational singing and offers accessible music for worship in August. Join us as we resume on August 6, meeting in the Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B) at 10:30 am. Gain a new perspective

by worshipping from the choir this summer!

-Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music



Pullen Women's Group: *August 21 at 6:00 pm at Dos Taquitos (6101 Glenwood)*

Calling all those who identify as female! Please join us for the next Pullen Women's Group. We get together to visit each other and catch up with no special agenda. Newcomers are welcome. This is a way to get to know other Pullenites! Please call/text Rita Rakestraw at 919-360-0975 if you can make it.

-Rita Rakestraw



Sunday in the Park: *September 10 at 11:00 am at the Gregg Museum Lawn*

Please save the date and join us on September 10 at 11:00 am on the lawn of the Gregg Museum as we worship together with all creation! After worship, we'll share a potluck meal.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor



Pullen 101: *Sundays beginning September 17 at 9:30 am in 203*

Are you thinking about joining Pullen, or just want to learn more? Pullen 101 is a unique opportunity to hear from Pullen staff and members about our history, values and the ways we put our faith into action. The intimate 7-week class gives you an opportunity to ask questions and get to know other people at the church. Pullen 101 is for those who are new to the community, thinking about joining, or just want to get a better sense of who we are. Pullen 101 will be held in room 203 on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am, September 17 - October 29. Please register by September 10. You may register on **Realm** if you have an account, or simply email me at

covery@pullen.org.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor



2023 Greater Triangle Area Crop Walk: *Sunday, October 29, 2023 Starting at 99 N Salisbury St*

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why we're participating in the 2023 Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Service and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. We are excited to announce that Pullen's Round Table Fellowship has been selected as one of the local hunger initiatives that will receive a portion of all funds raised! So please join our Round Table team and register at the link below to be a walker, sponsor, or both. Last year,

the Greater Triangle Area Crop walk raised \$56,850, and together we hope to surpass that goal at this year's event. Please donate to our team today!

Register/donate

Pullen News



Pullen Welcomes Church Organist/Pianist

On August 13, our congregation will welcome Ju Hyun Kim as church Organist/Pianist. Ju's life-long love of the piano and pipe organ began in his home country of South Korea and continued when he came to the United States for college and graduate school. His background includes positions in a variety of churches and his creative gifts as both soloist and accompanist are coupled with a strong philosophy of worship. Let us join in giving Ju a warm welcome to Pullen's Music Ministry!

-Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music

Kid's Ministry



Messy Church: *Sundays at 9:30 am in Room 122 on August 6, 13*

In conjunction with the Adult Summer Sunday Series: Why Church? Why Pullen? Why Now? children will enjoy a "come-as-you-are" experience of creativity, celebration, and hospitality. They will enjoy being together, making things together, and celebrating God together through activities and stories from the Bible. Caregivers are invited to enjoy this experience along with with the children! Please note: childcare will be available for preschoolers at 9:30 am.

- Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and their Families



Pullen Kids Quest: *Summer Dates: 2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm*

Kids from Preschool-Fifth Grade are invited to join us for Pullen Kids Quest! after Community Dinner in Finlator Hall. Preschoolers will have childcare. K-5 will have a rotation of Active Play, a planned "Quest" involving Story Time, Craft Time, Game Time, and fun Experiments. See you there!

- Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and their Families

Pullen Kid's Family Lunch: *August 27 at 12:15 pm (Register for Location)*

Traditional School will begin Monday (as some of you are already back to school). Come join us for lunch, community, and end-of-the-summer celebration! Register at the link below.



- [Tommy Cook](#), Minister with Children and their Families

Register



Pullen Kid's Teacher/Volunteer Training: August 27 at 9:15 – 10:45 am in Finlator Hall

Did you know that Pullen Kids includes Sunday Groups, Pullen Kids Quest on Wednesday Nights, Children's Worship, care for Preschoolers and infants, as well as special events? We are in need of some volunteers to help us accomplish all this! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have special talents you would like to share with our children (art, crafting, storytelling or reading, etc...) we'd love you to join us to help be a part of the ministry we call "Pullen Kids." Please join us to find out where you might meet some of our needs, and learn about keeping our children safe in our

spaces at the church. Please sign up by clicking the link below.

- [Tommy Cook](#), Minister with Children and their Families

Register

Youth Ministry

Wednesday Nights - Summer Schedule

Wednesday Night Live meets from 6:00-7:30 this Summer unless otherwise noted.

8/2: **Nerf battle**

8/9: **Movie night** (Dinner at 5:30 pm)

Last Days of Summer Celebration - August 19, 8-10:30 pm

Before everyone goes back to school, we'll take some time to enjoy a summer night together watching a movie under the stars. Join us on the terrace by the chapel where we'll watch The Super Mario Bros. movie and enjoy popcorn and sweet treats!

-[Chalice Overy](#), Associate Pastor

Wednesday Night Live: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in Room 130-H

Wednesday nights this fall, our youth will explore "the Question," which is really just many questions rolled into one. While no single question captures "the Question" completely, the authors of ***Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most*** offer a few for our consideration in their introduction: "What matters most? What is a good life? What is the shape of a flourishing life? What kind of life is



worthy of our humanity? What is true life? What is right and good?" In the coming months, we will explore these questions (and more!) together, drawing from the wisdom of sacred traditions from around the world and throughout human history. Modeled on the very popular *Life Worth Living* course at Yale, this class will offer Pullen students an opportunity to step back and reflect on the kind of life they hope to live--and the friends they want to accompany them along the journey.

-[Jan McPherson](#), Minister for Social Justice and Students

Around the Pullen Community



Beyond Executions: Remembering 43 Lost and Creating a Future without Death Row: August 19 at 12:00 pm at Pullen

Please join us in Raleigh on Saturday, August 19th, from noon to 2:00 pm when we will mark 17 years since the last execution in our state and tell Governor Cooper "No More Death Row"! We will begin at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church inside at noon where we will read the names of the 43 people executed in North Carolina since 1984. Nick Courmon will also debut a new spoken word piece entitled "Cradle to Gurney". For those who would like to, we will then march less than a mile to Central Prison where we will hold vigil for about 15 minutes. There will be

shuttles for those who don't want to walk from the church to the prison. Please join us and bring your family and friends!

[Learn More](#)

[Register](#)



ONE Wake's Internal Assembly: August 31 at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church (813 Darby St) and on Zoom at 7:00 pm

Join leaders from across Wake County to review and ratify proposals for action from ONE Wake's Research Action Teams. Over the last two months our Teams have been working diligently to shape our new priorities (housing, transportation, and mental health) into tangible, winnable issues.

On August 31 we will hear the results of this hard work, and every leader will be asked to vote by institution on whether or not to support specific action proposals that will address diverse interests from Cary to Zebulon. Research Action Teams that are not ready by August 31 will have until the final deadline of December 1 to submit a proposal.

Please register today to ensure that the unique voice and interests of your institution are represented in our decision making process on 8/31.

[Register for In-Person](#)

[Register for Online](#)

Race and Housing Dialogue: September 19 at 7:00 pm at Cary First Christian Church

On Tuesday, September 19th from 7– 8:30 pm, Cary First Christian Church, Crosspointe Church, and Transformation Fellowship Christian Church are hosting a Race & Housing Dialogue at Cary First Christian (1109 Evans Rd, Cary). We will watch *Segregated By Design*, a 17-minute documentary based on the book ***The Color of Law***. This documentary (click [here](#) to watch the trailer) examines the often-forgotten history of how our federal, state, and local governments unconstitutionally segregated every metropolitan area in America through law and policy and the lasting impact it has today. We will watch the film together, and then break out in smaller groups to discuss. We will end by talking about how to advocate for changed policies. Please join us for this important conversation. We are intentionally inviting Black and white congregations to participate because our experience has been that this leads to the most compelling dialogue. We are asking everyone to register using this [link](#): Be sure to include your congregation in the Organization box.

Here are some thoughts that previous participants have had:

- “All need to know the history of the challenges and discrimination in our history and its continuing impact today.”
- “It was a dynamic discussion with a diverse group of people who expressed different perspectives.”
- “It encouraged interaction which is the first step toward positive change.”
- “I walked away with action steps for advocacy and opportunities for community involvement.”

[Register](#)

Participate in an Interfaith Service: *November 19 at 2:00 pm at Greystone Baptist Church (7509 Lead Mine Rd)*

We are looking for participants for music, arts, dramatic reading, rituals, and speakers for 2-3 minutes. The theme is Gratitude for Creation (thanksgiving for the earth) - we are still looking for a catchy title. The service will be planned for one hour, with refreshments to follow. We are also looking for youth to participate. Anyone who is interested in collaborating on music, talks, or dramatic readings, please contact Christian at christian.mcivor@greystonechurch.org

-Tami D. Johns, Unity of the Triangle

July Hope Center Update

The last month has brought some great opportunities to the youth and young adults in our programs:

- Members of our staff and Youth Advisory Board joined First Lady Kristin Cooper at the Executive Mansion to discuss challenges within the foster care system. We are so fortunate that the First Lady is an advocate for current and former foster youth!
- One of the young women in our programs was a surprise recipient of the Gilbert Scholarship Inc's 50th scholarship of \$1,500 to help with college costs. This scholarship fund was created solely for the purpose of helping foster youth attain a post-secondary education.
- Truist Bank staff volunteered their time and expertise to teach our foster teens about all the financial responsibilities that come with adulthood. After a passionate presentation from Truist, each teen received a unique fictional scenario including marital status, monthly household income, number of children, and credit score. Then they visited each educational station addressing things like auto, budgeting, housing, retail, and childcare to essentially balance out their monthly budget.

Our Teen and Transition program specialists are currently going through training to become official life coaches. This new training will certify them in this area and improve upon the practices we already have in place to help foster youth.

We are moving forward in the process of our partnership with CASA to build a new apartment complex with 9 1-bedroom units specifically for our clients! Housing is an ongoing challenge, and this

opportunity is truly a blessing. We are still very early in the process, but our Youth Advisory Board will soon be meeting with staff from The Hope Center and an advertising team to help select the best name for this property. We are very excited to see this come to fruition, even if it's in small bits. Are you interested in helping our youth? Contact Brittney Sherley at bsherley@hopecenteratpullen.org to learn more.

-Brittney Sherley (she/her), Director of Development and Communications for The Hope Center



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