

# February news & updates

Upcoming Events
See what's happening this month.

#### **Financial Update**

Estimated End-of-Year Numbers for 2023 Income: \$1,224,828.57

Expenses: \$1,193,802.03

Difference: \$31,026.54

# **Amazing February Sunday Groups**

Sundays at 9:30 am

Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities for learning, meaningful conversation, and the possibility of deepening your faith and spiritual life.

-Nancy Petty, Pastor



# The Sacred Writings and Voices of Other Faith Traditions:

Sundays in February at 9:30 am in 310

This Sunday Group will explore the traditions, sacred writings, and voices of other faith traditions. As a church committed to interfaith dialogue, this Sunday group gives participants an opportunity to engage with

practitioners of various faith traditions. We are blessed that four very special guests have agreed to lead these sessions.

- February 4 Tibetan Buddhism led by members of the Kadapa Center
- February 11 Islam, Imam Sami Kocak, Iman of the Cary Mosque
- February 18 The Dead Sea Scrolls, Dr. Jodi Magness ( <u>see</u> <u>Dr. Magness bio here</u>)
- In 1946-1947, the first Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by accident near the site of Qumran. Eventually the remains of approximately 1000 scrolls were found in 11 caves surrounding Qumran. In this slide-illustrated lecture, we examine the meaning and significance of the scrolls.
- February 25, Bahá'í Community, Nancy Hendershot, and other members of the Bahá'í Community in Raleigh.



# The Landscape of the Soul: February 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 am in

February 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 am in 203

For the month of February, we will be exploring the practices of mindfulness, loving-kindness, chanting, and stillness to help us cross the threshold into the landscape of the soul. Each of these practices carries its own energetic vibration which helps us

connect into the flow of divine mercy which feeds and nourishes the

soul. We will look at how some of Jesus' parables and sayings reveal him as a teacher of mindfulness and open a doorway into the soul's landscape. With the practice of lovingkindness, we begin to experience the heart as an organ of spiritual perception and connection in which there is no separation between ourselves and God, or between ourselves and one another. Chanting will help us focus on the breath and prepare the way into stillness, which is the fertile ground of the soul and the gateway into Mystery. Led by Rachel Smith.



#### Pullen 101

Sundays, January 7 – February 18, at 9:30 am in 308

Are you thinking about joining Pullen, or 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 want to get a better sense of who we are. Pullen 101 will be held in room 308 on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am, January 7 - February 18.



#### **Exploring the Bible**

Sundays January 7- May 19 at 9:30 am in 307 and on Zoom

Exploring the Bible is a Bible study class led by a rotating team of teachers, each leading several weeks to focus on various themes or Books of the Bible. The format involves some lecture and lots of open discussion. This class will be taught by Lisa Grabarek, Jim Jarrard, Katie

Founds, and Allen Page. These four offer a rich mix of life experiences in theological study, teaching, parish leadership, counseling, and social justice activism, which promises a rewarding and stimulating class experience. This class has no prerequisites; no Bible study experience is necessary. All are welcome to join us. Email Steve Smith at <a href="mailto:smith@mspraleigh.com">smith@mspraleigh.com</a> to be included in the class emails for updates and Zoom link.

- Feb. 4 Katie Founds- Sabbath in post-biblical Christian history.
- Feb. 11 Katie Founds- Sabbath in the contemporary Christian church.
- Feb. 18 Allen Page He begins a series on wisdom/Sophia/word/logos/knowledge as these concepts evolve in the Biblical traditions.
- Feb. 25 Allen continues the series on wisdom/Sophia/word/logos/knowledge as these concepts evolve in the Biblical traditions.

# **Community Prayer**

# **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Celebrating Joys**

- We celebrate the birth of Oliver Elias Anderson, born on December 29 to Kristen and David Anderson, and little brother to Samuel and Eliana.
- We also rejoice with the Ritzerts, who are now a family of five! Four years after signing with an adoption agency, Jen, Lauren, and new big brother Henry Ritzert welcomed Malaya (two years) and Amir (four months) to their family on October 9 through adoption.

#### Praying in Loss

- We pray for Bo Reece and Kyle King in the loss of Bo's father, Tony Reece, who passed away on January 1;
- for Eric, Penelope, and Hugo Rainey in the loss of their mother and grandmother who passed away on January 10 in Asheville;
- and for Tyronne Felton in the loss of his beloved, Stacie Estep, who passed away at just 31 years of age on December 30th. A funeral was held for Stacie last weekend in her home state of Kentucky, and Round Table Fellowship hosted a celebration of her life.
- We hold in our prayers Connie McColl in the death of her brother, Mike, who died on January 9;
- and Vicky Bass in the death of her brother, Rodney Pollard, who passed away on December 29th.
- We pray for the friends and family of Melissa Michener. Melissa died on January 14 after a long illness. A memorial service will be held at Pullen on March 16 at 11:00 am.
- We hold in our prayers Lloyd Childers and the family of Sally Parr. Sally Parr died on January 21
  after a brief battle with cancer. A memorial service is being planned for early March.

#### **Praying with our Community**

- We pray for Sharon Ferber who continues to recover after spending several days in a coma;
- for Jonathan McGregor, a dear friend of Ian McPherson, who has begun hospice treatment as he
  has been fighting stage IV colon cancer for the past year;
- We pray for the father of Bishop Rusudan Gotsiridze, bishop at our partner church, Peace Cathedral, in The Republic of Georgia, whose father is recovering after a minor stroke in December;
- and for Lisa Wilson, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. The cancer was caught early, and so far, no signs of metastasis. Lisa is scheduled for surgery and then will have twelve weeks of chemo, five weeks of radiation, and a year-long targeted treatment.
- We hold in prayer, Santiago Santos Lopez, the child of Allen Tew's co-worker, who underwent surgery for a life-threatening issue;
- Paul Tew, who recently had a successful stent procedure;
- Chris Tew who is recovering after nerve release surgery;
- for James Crook as he recovers from surgery;
- for Rege Longmire who is recovering at home after a stent procedure;
- for Rachael Wooten who is recovering at home after knee replacement surgery;
- and Tom Jackson, former pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest and friend of Pullen, who is now receiving hospice care at Springmoor Retirement Center.
- We pray for Round Table volunteer Marty Keever, as he continues healing from an infection in both legs that has impaired his ability to walk;
- for Rae who asks for prayer and heating blankets for cold nights when they sleep outside and cannot enter the shelter;
- for Oliver's family to get off the streets, and for their health and finances;
- for Mark, who recently fled to this area for his safety;
- for Earnest as he seeks a job, housing, employment, and a change of environment;
- for Lavonia, that she and all her children might make it until tax returns come;
- and for Nicole and the wellbeing of her friends and family–for all good things that touch her to touch them, and for all good things that touch them to touch her too;
- A Round Table guest requests prayer for their mother as she continues on her journey to happiness and peace and their sister so that she can bring up her son in a more healthy space.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor

## Church wide

#### **Pullen Events**



#### The Table

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Finlator Hall

Join us at The Table this month! Our Wednesday evening begins with dinner from 5:30-6:15 pm, and continues with community celebrations, announcements and prayer before we move into our programming for the evening at 6:30 pm. We also offer activities for children and youth. Dinner is \$4 for children (grades K-5), and \$7 for youth (grades 6-12) and adults, with a \$24 cap per family. Check out what's going on in February at The Table!

#### February 7 - Pullen's Got Talent Show

Join us for the fun intergenerational event! Do you sing, dance, write, or recite poetry? Do you play an instrument, create art, tell jokes, or possess some obscure skill? Whatever it is, bring your talent to Carnegie Hall, I mean Finlator Hall, for Pullen's Got Talent on February 7! Please <u>sign up here</u> and tell us more about your act.

#### February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service

Join us in the chapel at 6:30 pm for our Ash Wednesday service, marking the beginning of the season of Lent. This service invites us to self-reflection as individuals and as a faith community that we might use the Lenten season to align ourselves with the movement of the Spirit.

#### February 21 - HERstory

Pat Hielscher shares the backstory of her historic coaching career that began with the launch of UNC Greensboro's intercollegiate volleyball program followed by becoming the first woman to hold a head coaching position at the University of Wisconsin. She went on to coach both volleyball and softball at NC State. Her career was marked not only by wins on the court and the field, but also by her work toward equality in women's sports based on values learned from her parents and her church growing up.

#### February 28 - Intergenerational Lectionary Project

This is an opportunity for us all to shape a worship service together! It comes from the pre-pandemic "Lectionary Lunch", where people met weekly to discuss the focal text for the upcoming Sunday and share their thoughts about it and how to embody the themes in worship. This week, in collaboration with our children's and youth programs, we will hear wisdom across generations and use it to shape worship for Palm Sunday.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor

#### The Table Survey:

Due by February 9

The Pullen Wednesday Night Committee is seeking feedback on the Wednesday night offerings of programming and food at The Table. This will help us develop meaningful content and support the community-building that occurs during this time. We value input from all members of the church community, including both regular attendees on Wednesday evenings and those who generally don't attend. Please complete the survey by Friday, February 9. Survey link: <a href="https://forms.gle/m8dNP5hvxeAwq6yR6">https://forms.gle/m8dNP5hvxeAwq6yR6</a>



#### **Pullen Mission Women**

February 6 at 10:00 am in Room 203

Reaching out to each other and the world is the focus of Pullen Mission Women. In monthly Circles, women meet for fellowship, support, devotions, and informative, inspirational programs. The Circles respond to local and international needs through financial assistance, in-kind gifts, and direct assistance. PMW also joins with other women through Church Women United programs.

Pullen Mission Women meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. We gather in person at the church in Room 203 on even-numbered months and on Zoom on odd-numbered months. Please contact Deb Norton for information and Zoom links.

Contact: Deb Norton



#### **Leadership Day**

February 10 from 9:00 am - 12 noon in Finlator Hall

There's still time to sign up for Leadership Day. It will include training for church staff and officers; those serving on councils, committees, and as coordinators, and for those participants interested in how the church's organizational structure and processes work. Please RSVP at <a href="mailto:pullen.org/connect">pullen.org/connect</a>, and let us know if you need childcare by Sunday, 6/4.

-Kevin Neiley and Nancy Jones



## Congregations for Social Justice 17th Annual Meeting

February 11, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm in Finlator Hall

This year, in person! Our Speaker, Gene Nichol - will discuss his book <u>Indecent Assembly.</u> The CSJ Social Justice Award will be presented to Cathy Tamsberg. Light refreshments will be served. We'd like to know how many to plan on for seating and refreshments, so please <u>Click here to RSVP.</u>
Peace, Salaam, Shalom,

-Al Reberg, for the CSJ Steering Committee

#### Loving-kindness Meditation for the World

February 14, February 28, March 13, and March 27 in the Chapel at 5:00 pm

Our world is currently in a state of unrest—unresolved conflict and wars leading to much suffering, polarized viewpoints spewing hatred into social media, the devastation of our planet and beyond, and we could go on. With so much at stake and so little that any one person can do to change things externally, it is time to pray. Prayer can change the course of the world. The congregation is invited to gather for thirty minutes of loving-kindness meditation for the world six times during Epiphany. The dates are January 17, January 31, February 14, February 28, March 13, and March 27. We will gather in the Chapel at 5:00 pm and end at 5:30, just in time for you to attend the Wednesday night supper and program. Let's change the world through our prayers!

-Ann Eller



#### **New York Times bestselling author Cole Arthur Riley**

February 16 at North Carolina Central University at 2:00 pm and Mt. Level Baptist Church at 7:00 pm

Peace Hill at Avila is proud to offer two opportunities for hearing the accomplished author and poet Cole Arthur Riley on Friday, February 16. 2024. Cole Arthur Riley is a bestselling writer and poet. She is the author of NYT bestseller *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us.* Her writing has been featured in The Atlantic, Guernica, and The Washington Post. Cole is also the

creator and writer of Black Liturgies, a project that integrates spiritual practice with Black emotion, Black literature, and the Black body. Her new book, Black Liturgies, will be released in January. You can find her on Instagram at @blackliturgies. There is no fee for either event, but registration is recommended. The afternoon presentation will be held from 2-3:30 pm at Miller Morgan Auditorium on North Carolina Central University campus. For more details and to register, go to: <a href="https://peacehillavila.org/event/dignity-justice-and-joy-holding-on-to-our-dignity-in-challenging-times/">https://peacehillavila.org/event/dignity-justice-and-joy-holding-on-to-our-dignity-in-challenging-times/</a>

At the evening event, participants will gather at Mt Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham from 7-8:30 pm. A book signing will follow the presentation. For more details and to register go to: <a href="https://peacehillavila.org/event/dignity-justice-and-joy-holding-on-to-our-dignity-in-challenging-times-2/">https://peacehillavila.org/event/dignity-justice-and-joy-holding-on-to-our-dignity-in-challenging-times-2/</a>

Both events are co-sponsored by Duke University Chapel, Living the Word Justice and Equity Ministry, Resource Center for Women & Ministry in the South, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, and Episcopalians United Against Racism.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor



## **Pullen Women's Group:**

February 26 at 6:00 pm at Shaba Shabu, (3080 Wake Forest Rd)

Calling all those who identify as female! The next Pullen Women's Group will meet on Monday, February 26, at 6:00 pm at Shaba Shabu, 3080 Wake Forest Rd. We visit each with other and catch up with no particular 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.

Contact: Rita Rakestraw

## **Pullen Building Tour**

March 3 at 9:30 am

Frank Farmer will lead a building tour from 9:30-10:30 am on March 3. We hope that folks who are newer to Pullen will take this opportunity to get acquainted with the different aspects of our building and the purpose our facility serves in carrying out our mission. The tour will begin in room 308. Please let us know you will attend by contacting Frank Farmer at <a href="mailto:farmerfa@earthlink.net">farmerfa@earthlink.net</a>.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor

# **All-day Shape-Note Singing Convention**

in Pullen's chapel, Saturday, March 9

The annual all-day North Carolina Shape-Note Singing Convention will return to Pullen's chapel on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Singers who meet monthly to sing in Raleigh, Durham, or Chapel Hill will host the event. In past years, 80-100 singers have attended from across NC as well as from several other states, and



they love the acoustics of our chapel. This event is free of charge.

Registration will open at 9:30 am, and singing will commence at 10:00 am. We will pause for a potluck lunch about noon in Finlator Hall, and then continue until about 3:30 pm or until our voices give out, whichever happens first!

Extra copies of the tune books, The Sacred Harp—meaning the human voice—and Shenandoah Harmony, will be available to borrow. Anyone is welcome to sing or to listen, and to stay for a little while or all day.

You may be familiar with this American a capella tradition from hearing the Sacred Harp tune "Idumea" (YouTube audio, 3:19) sung in the film Cold Mountain. More resources are available at https://fasola.org, and several

recordings of other tunes can be found at

https://www.npr.org/2003/12/05/1534280/preserving-the-sacred-harp-singing-tradition.

Shape-note music is participatory, not a performance, and formal music training is not required. Singers sit in a hollow square, one voice part per side (treble, alto, tenor/lead, bass), and anyone can sing any part. Many people take turns requesting tunes and leading them. The term "shape note" derives from the shaped note heads in the music: rather than all round notes, there are triangles, circles, squares, and diamonds. To help singers learn or remember the tune, the participants "sing the shapes" (fa, sol, la, mi) the first time through before moving on to the text.

We hope you can join us for any part of the day!

-Erin Newton, 919-460-9797

# **Pullen News**

#### **Congregational Meeting:**

February 18 at 12:15 pm in Finlator Hall

Per our Constitution and Bylaws, there will be a congregational meeting, the purpose of which is to hear a motion from the Finance Committee regarding the adoption of the 2024 budget.

Contact: Jim Jarrard

#### **Staff Retreat**

February 19-20

The Pullen staff will be on retreat on February 19 and 20 to begin discussing the implementation of goals and objectives, as determined by the visioning process.

-Nancy Petty, Pastor

#### **Community Visits**

Community visits offer an opportunity to connect with our members by visiting them in their own communities. About half of our home-based members live in four retirement communities, so we visit each of these three times a year. It's a chance to connect with people we don't see much anymore, as well as other residents who are still very visible at church. We normally meet in a common area for about an hour with everyone who is able to come. Then, we visit with others who are less mobile in their rooms. If you would like to join in on one of these visits, look at the calendar below and click the link to add your name to the list for a particular date. If you are a resident of one of these communities, please mark your calendar and plan to visit with us. We would love to see you!

Date	Community	Address	Time
Jan 16	Springmoor	Springmoor Cir., Raleigh	3:00-4:30 pm
Feb 13	The Oaks at Whitaker Glen	501 E Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh	2:00-3:30 pm
Mar 19	Glenaire	4000 Glenaire Cir., Cary	2:00-3:30 pm
Apr 16	The Cardinal at North Hills	4030 Cardinal at North Hills St., Raleigh	3:00-4:00 pm

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VraRCilY16SKGBV\_VQmKeulszIPCOh5igYlef1CDX50/edit?usp=sharing

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor

#### **Souper Bowl Sundays**

You are invited to support our Round Table Ministry by contributing vegetable beef soup cans in February. These donations will help provide a hot lunch for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity or homelessness. Leave your donations in the blue cart outside of the front office.

-lan Mcpherson, Minister of Social Justice and Students

#### Support the White Flag Shelter

As temperatures fall, the White Flag Shelter is in need of hand-warmers, socks, and other winter outerwear. Additionally, the shelter is always looking for volunteers to help run its operation and provide meals through the winter season. If you have any of these items or would like to volunteer with the White Flag Shelter, please contact Pastor Vance Haywood at vanceh@stjohnsmcc.org. Location and declaration info for the White Flag Shelter can be found at <a href="https://www.stjohnsmcc.org/emergency-shelter/declarations.html">https://www.stjohnsmcc.org/emergency-shelter/declarations.html</a>. If you see anyone out in the cold and in need of shelter, please share this information with them. It could save their life.

-lan Mcpherson, Minister of Social Justice and Students

#### Festivals by the Sea and Music-Making at Pullen

Participants in Pullen's Adult Choir enjoyed their annual Festival by the Sea in Charleston, SC, January 26-28. Conducted by Jennaya Robison of the National Lutheran Choir, the festival weekend included connecting with new and old friends, growing in musicianship, and experiencing meaningful worship through choral song. Pullen's Youth Choir is currently preparing for their festival which takes place March 1-3, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Guest conductor will be Maria A. Ellis (aka "Girl Conductor"), a passionate music educator who works for racial inclusion, diversity and equity in the choral arts. For more information on the festivals, go to: <a href="festivalbythesea.org">festivalbythesea.org</a>.

Opportunities for creating community are available weekly through participation in Pullen's choirs and orchestra. In February through May, Pullen's Youth and Adult Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings and combine to lead worship on Sundays. Pullen's Orchestra for Youth and Adults rehearses and plays for worship on periodic Sundays, and Pullen's Children's Choir and Music Discovery Groups continue their "Imagine God!" experiences during Sunday Groups. All are welcome! For more information on Pullen's Music Ministry, go to: pullen.org/music.

-Larry Schultz, Minister of Music









Dear Pullen family,

First, let me express my gratitude for all of the loving support and messages I've received since my beloved Tom died on September 26, 2023.

There will be two Celebrations of Life for Tom. Both will be held at Pullen.

A Celebration will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, February 17 in the Pullen sanctuary. Another Celebration with a focus on Tom's love of InterPlay will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, March 16 in Pullen's Finlator Hall. A short reception will follow each Celebration.

All are invited to attend both or one of these Celebrations. Below is a link to Tom's obituary.

With a grateful heart,

**Ginny** ♥

https://endswellcremation.com/in-memoriam/thomas-henderson/

# **Pullen Youth Ministry**

#### **Wednesday Night**

Wednesday Night, February 7

Pullen Youth will join children and adults in Finlator Hall for Pullen's Got Talent this Wednesday night! Please bring your musical instruments, dance moves, art projects, or other skills to show off during this night of intergenerational fun! If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Chalice.

#### **Sunday Group**

9:30-10:30 am in 130-H

This week, we'll discuss freedom and restoration and consider how we support one another in using our gifts in the world.

#### Youth Choir Rehearsal

Each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in 128-B

All current youth choir participants are signed up for Festival by the Sea! Continue to be on time for choir each Wednesday as we learn new festival music and music for worship.

## Youth Choir Joins Adult Choir to Lead Worship!

Meet in the Rehearsal Hall (128-B) at 10:20 am Each Sunday

Beginning this Sunday, February 4, through May, the Youth Choir will join voices with Pullen's Adult Choir to lead Sunday worship! During this season, both choirs will share festival and other music in worship, lead congregational singing, and assist the Children's Choir in presenting the musical, "Imagine God!" Youth Choir singers will meet in the Rehearsal Hall on Sundays at 10:20 am to robe and rehearse.

#### **Pullen Orchestra Resumes**

February 4 and 11 from 8:45-9:30 am in 128-B

After a January break, youth and adult members of the Pullen Orchestra meet to rehearse and play for worship. Rehearsals on February 4 and 11 are from 8:45-9:30 am. The group will play for orchestra member Tom Henderson's memorial service on Saturday, February 17, meeting before the 2:00 pm service. The orchestra will play in Sunday worship on February 18.

## Youth Volunteers are Needed for Parents' Night Out

February 9th, 5:30-9:30 pm

Pastor Tommy is looking for youth volunteers to assist with crafts, games, and clean up for the Parents Night Out event with the Children's ministry. Please let Tommy or one of the youth ministry team members know if you're interested!

# **Signs of the Times Exhibit**

At the NC Museum of History- February 11th at 3:00 pm Pickup at Pullen

Join us after worship in Finlator Hall to gather and depart for lunch downtown, then explore the history of protests exhibited at the NC Museum of History. Bring money for lunch downtown! Pickup at Pullen at around 3 pm. RSVP here so we can make sure we have enough transportation.

-Allie Pruden, Youth Ministry Coordinator

# **Kids Ministry**

#### **On-Call Infant Care Volunteers Needed!**

Beginning in February, volunteers will be welcoming infants and toddlers into the nursery at Pullen during Sunday Group and Worship. When care is needed for Sundays at Pullen, we are looking for more volunteers to be available (on call). If you are interested in holding, rocking, and caring for babies and toddlers during Sunday Groups and worship, please contact **Serena Buckner** for more information!

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families



#### **Pullen Kids Parent's Night Out:**

February 9 from 5:30-9:30 pm. Registration deadline February 5

Parents, you can check in children at the church and have a night out. Children enjoy a movie and fun with their friends. <u>Sign up by February 5</u>! We'll have Pizza, but you can pack a snack if you have a picky eater. <u>Sign up HERE!</u>
-<u>Tommy Cook</u>, *Minister with Children and Their Families* 



# Peace In/Peace Out Spring Kids Camp for Children in 2nd-5th Grades

March 2- 3 at Camp New Hope in Chapel Hill (4805 NC-86). Registration deadline February 14

Children will share an experience with each other and new friends as we join together for fun and explore inner and outer peace. The cost for the camp is \$60 per person, and the deadline to register is February 14! Register Here

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families



#### **Pullen's PALs (Parents and Littles)**

February 24 Transfer Co. Food Hall at 4:30 pm

Are you the parent of a baby or toddler looking to connect with other parents at Pullen? Join the Pullen PALs (Parents And Littles)! Please contact Maggie Zeillmann at 919-757-3658 for more information.

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families

# **Around the Pullen Community**

Find More information about these opportunities at <u>pullen.org/connect</u>.

#### WAKE Up and Read Annual Children's Book Drive

January 17 - February 17

Learn More

#### **HYMN By Lolita Chakrabarti**

at Burning Coal Theatre Company (224 Polk St.) January 25-February 11 Learn More

#### **Racial Equity Workshop:**

February 2-3 at Benson United Memorial Church (4706 Creedmoor Road)

Learn More

# Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Community Planning Meeting

Feburary 6 from 7-8:30 pm at the Sikh Gurudwara (3214

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Banner St., Durham, NC 27704).

Community of the Cross of Nails: Litany of Reconciliation via Zoom

Third Tuesdays at 12:00-12:30 pm

**LGBT Center Care Packages** 

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#### **February Hope Center Update**

- We are thrilled to share that we raised more than \$114,000 during our 2023 Annual Campaign. Thank you to our family of dedicated supporters.
- There are some new ways you can help our foster youth this Spring. We are hosting two complimentary events for our clients:

2/24 – "Self Love/Self Care Wellness Fair". We are looking for complimentary vendors to offer stations – nails, chair massages, nutrition, wellness products, personal training, etc, as well as giveaway items. We are also looking for a caterer that would be able to donate lunch for our clients at the event.

3/23 – Easter Egg Hunt. We need baskets, filler, candy, plastic eggs, and other fun items to fill the baskets. If you are able to help by donating items or services for either of these events, please email <a href="mailto:bsherley@hopecenteratpullen.org">bsherley@hopecenteratpullen.org</a>.

-Brittney Sherley, Hope Center Director of Development and Communications









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