



# Pullen

Memorial Baptist Church

## July news & updates

### Upcoming Events

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

### Finance Report:

**Date:** 4/30

**Contributions:** \$543,815

**Expenses:** \$433,970

**Difference:** \$109,845

### Joys and Concerns

#### We rejoice with these members of our community:

Nancy E. Petty who has been engaged in ministry with the people of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church for 30 years now. We give thanks for her courage, compassion and steady leadership.

Rob and Noelle Schofield in the marriage of their daughter Evelyn Schofield to Dan Rufolo on June 5. Evelyn and Dan were married here in Raleigh, and live in Summit, NJ.

James Jeter and Emily Winstead-Porterfield and their families, Vanessa and George Jeter and Bob Winstead and Ellen

### An Invitation to Formation

In seminary I was taught that, if we are to interpret scripture in a faithful way, we needed to engage the practice in community. I think the same is true when it comes to interpreting the times. That is, making sense of what is happening in the world, and discerning what God requires of us to live faithfully in the present and shape the future that we believe is possible. When we engage in this practice together our perspective is broadened, our assumptions are challenged, and we find support in our efforts to embody God's kingdom and grace in our missteps along the way. This fall, we're offering many opportunities to be formed together in Sunday Groups!

We'll continue conversations about race and privilege, engage scripture, share the wisdom of our own sacred stories, and develop tools to ground our work and enrich our lives. There are many groups to choose from because there's a lot to talk about! We hope you will find something that peaks your interest or speaks to your passion. With many options comes smaller class sizes, inviting deeper engagement of the subject matter. It also gives us an opportunity to get to know each other. If you're a newer member or attendee looking to connect with others in the Pullen community, this is a great opportunity. If you're looking for an accomplice in the work you feel called to, you may just find that person in a Sunday Group. Take a moment to look at the list of offerings below. Sunday Groups begin on September 18, and meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am. We have groups that run 10 weeks, and others that meet for 4-5 sessions. We also look forward to bringing some of our long-running Sunday Groups back to in-person gatherings.

I know you're just getting settled into summer, but we want to give you plenty of time to consider how you want to engage. Faith formation is the work of the entire community. It's one of the many ways we show up for one another. I'm inviting you to join us for Sunday Groups this fall!

### September 18 – November 20

**Bible Basics** - This is the ideal course for anyone seeking a solid introduction to the Bible or who has lingering questions about it. The Bible is the central document of our faith, but few know it very well. The course will address questions like: Where did the Bible

Porterfield. James and Emily, former Pullen youth, were married in Raleigh last month.

Grace Evans and Jay Butler celebrate the marriage of their daughter Kate to Sam Zokee-Burke on June 18 in Black Mountain, NC. Kate and Sam will be moving to Sam's hometown city of Melbourne Australia.

### **We hold in prayer:**

Paulette Campbell whose sister Lee Dyson died unexpectedly May 29.

Ruth Pardue and Steve Braun in the death of Ruth's father, Lloyd who passed on June 1.

come from and decided what's in it? What translation should I be using? How factual is the Bible - is it all just myths and stories? What are the major themes of the Bible and what's essential to know for a faith-filled life? How do I speak positively about the Bible in the face of literalism on the one hand and dismissiveness on the other? This course will be led by Pullen member Rev. Dr. Nick Carter, an ordained ABC minister and President Emeritus of Andover Newton Theological School.

**Discoverers** - Class members are leading the topic "What's on My Mind in These Days. " For each session, the facilitator sends the topic with a very short description or reading several days ahead but no advance preparation is required.

**Exploring the Bible** - This group 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 lectures and lots of open discussion with classes taught by those with a background in Religion or Theology. There are no prerequisites to this class; no Bible study experience is necessary.

**Pullen 101** – This class designed to introduce newcomers to our ministry and mission. Topics include our Pullen identity, history, theology, worship, Baptist identity, missions and education. In each session, a church member shares why he or she is at Pullen. The class provides an opportunity to get to know Pullen people and staff.

**Spiritual Practices** - This group gathers to practice meditation using the breath, voice, and body.

### **September 18 – October 16**

**Giving Voice to the POC Experience** – Our Associate Pastor, Chalice Overy, will lead this time of sharing for People of Color in our church community. We will explore the wisdom of our own spiritual heritages, talk about what it is like to be a person of color in a predominantly White congregation, and consider how we can bring our whole selves to this community. To encourage a safe, hospitable space for sharing, this group is open to People of Color. We hope holding this space will help broaden conversations about anti-racism in the wider congregation.

**LGBTQIA+ Spiritual Care** – This course will excavate the Christian tradition for resources of spiritual resilience and flourishing for queer people. The course is open to allies, but will center the experiences of LGBTQIA+ people and their struggle for liberation and wholeness. Participants will walk away with practical tools for communal care and accompaniment in the ongoing struggle for queer justice. This course is led by Ian McPherson, Interim Minister for Missions and Young Adults.

**Living Faithfully** – This course is designed to help participants to define White privilege, to understand who are the privileged and the underprivileged, what difference does it make to us, and what can we do about it? Who will be our guide? There is a focus scripture for each week to help us value the importance of what God would have us do about living in the midst of White privilege. This course will be led

by Rev. Dr. Deborah Carter ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches (ABC), pastoral psychotherapist, AAPC Fellow and Intentional Interim Minister.

### **October 30 – November 20**

**Doing Our Work** -- A series of conversations led by Pullen's Anti-racism Committee.

**Spirituality, Theology & Health** – This course is designed for discussion about our faith and what it has to do with our health. We will explore this through the faiths of Christian, Muslim and Jewish traditions, and will focus on a passage from a sacred text each week. When we are anxious, angry, fearful, uncertain, what helps restore us to a place of well-being?

**The Talk** – This course is for parents looking to support their children in developing a healthy sexuality. Participants will learn the stages of development and receive tools to guide and affirm their children in the process. A trained professional is being identified to lead this course.

**The Wisdom Way of Being** -- Embedded (and some would say hidden) inside the Christian tradition and lineage is a wisdom path that winds through the very heart of Christianity, where we meet the hearts of all religions. Cynthia Bourgeault is a modern day mystic, Episcopal priest, writer and retreat leader who seeks to recover the Christian contemplative and wisdom path. This class will consist of three modules, each centered on one of Cynthia's books, the first of which is *The Wisdom Way of Knowing*. Our gatherings will be a mix of contemplative practices versus a traditional "discussion" of the text, a deliberate design that works to move us out of the head/brain and toward three-centered knowing. All are welcome to this course taught by Karla Oakley!

*-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor*

## Church wide

### Upcoming Pullen Events:



How would you like for someone else to cook breakfast for you every Sunday morning followed by engaging conversation with like-minded friends? Join us for our 2022 Summer Sunday series beginning June 5 at 9:00 am in Finaltor Hall. We have an exciting line-up of cooks and great speakers for our Summer Sunday Series.

Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am followed by a presentation and conversation on topics ranging from queer theology to book banning. With our stomachs and minds full, we will then join together for our 11:00 am worship experience as we open our hearts to God's spirit stirring within us and around us.

**July 3** – Not meeting

**July 10: Womanist Theology**

**July 17: Pushing Back on Book Banning**

## July 24: A Journalist's Perspective on the Religious Landscape in America

During the Summer Sunday Series, children are welcome to join us for a Messy Church experience. There will be a variety of activities, crafts, and games that connect with Worship. Childcare will be available for preschoolers at 9:30 am.



### The Table this Summer

June 29, July 27, August 24 at 5:30 pm in Finlator

It was a great year of learning and growing together, which ended with the return to in person gatherings! We're moving to our summer schedule of once per month gatherings. Make plans to join us for dinner from 5:30 - 6:15 pm, and programming from 6:30-7:30 pm. Dinner is \$7 for adults and youth (grades 6-12); \$4 for children (grades K-5); and free for preschoolers with a maximum fee of \$24 per family.

### July 27 - Old Fashioned Show and Tell

Remember when you lost a tooth or brought back a shell from the beach and you couldn't wait to show your classmates? You know the way we shared our lives with people before we had social media? Did you finally get to go on that trip? Have you picked up an interesting hobby? Are you working on a fun or unique project? Show us! Tell us! Just be sure to tell us in advance so we can be sure we have time for everyone.

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### August 24 - Faith Communities Supporting Public Education

As youth and children head back to school we will hear from Rev. Suzanne Parker-Miller, Executive Director of Pastors for NC Children about ways the communities of faith can support public education in our state.

*-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor*



### Pullen Women's Group

July 11 at 6:00 pm at Barbara Smalley-McMahan's

Mark your calendar! Next Pullen Women's Group will be Mon. July 11 at 6:00 pm at Barbara Smalley-McMahan's. We will enjoy a Potluck outside in back yard. Barbara will provide the main dish. Everyone else can bring a bring a side dish. Please RSVP text/call Rita 919-360-0975 P.s. This is a way to get to know other Pullenites!

*-Rita Rakestraw*

## Pullen News:

### Worship from a Different Perspective!



In July through the first Sunday in August, all ages (from children through senior adults) are invited to worship from the choir, and – worship from a different perspective! Typically, we do not have a Summer Worship Choir during July, but with the livestreaming of our services, congregational voices worshiping from the choir will enliven our online and in-person experience together.

As you join in worshiping from the choir, you'll hear the pipe organ and other instruments up close, you'll view the Sanctuary Art Panels, the Cuban Cross

and Cross of Nails, the stained-glass image of St. Luke, and the faces of other congregational worshippers. There are many different things to experience when worshipping from the choir!

For the safety of all, participants will mask (masks provided if you need one) and should be vaccinated for Covid-19. Families, spouses and friends are invited to sit together. Those worshipping from the choir will not sing alone but will enliven the congregational singing and other acts of worship.

**To participate, meet any Sunday you are in town (beginning July 3 through August 7) at 10:30 am in the Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B).** When you arrive, someone will assist you in putting on a robe and stole and we will briefly prepare for worship. **Join us and worship from a different perspective!**

*-Larry Schultz, Minister of Music*



## Round Table Needs

Can you help us pack the snack bags for our Round Table guests by donating some of the contents? Items needed are cans of Vienna sausages, juice pouches/boxes, cereal/granola bars, and 6-pack crackers. If you can help, please place your donations in the blue wagon outside the Church office. Our Round Table guests will be very appreciative. Thank you!

*~Nancy Bradley*



## Now accepting applications for Pullen Scholarships

The Pullen Memorial Baptist Church Scholarship(s) will be offered again for the 2022 academic year. This Scholarship is need-based and is for seniors in high school who have been accepted to a college and for current college or graduate students.

The amount of each scholarship will be up to \$750, depending on availability of funds and number of applicants. The applications can be found at [pullen.org/scholarship](http://pullen.org/scholarship) and are due by July 8.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-July. All application information will remain confidential.

We are hopeful that improving COVID conditions will allow a return to a more normal fall semester at colleges and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about this process: contact Pat Thomas, [dragonflyfiberarts@nc.rr.com](mailto:dragonflyfiberarts@nc.rr.com).

*- Pat Thomas*

## Kid's Ministry



### Messy Church

June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 27 at 9:30 am in Room 122

A fun, come-as-you-are experience of creativity, celebration, and hospitality. Enjoy being together, making things together, and celebrating God together through activities and stories from the Bible. Please note: childcare will be available for preschoolers at 9:30 am.

*-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families*



## Pullen Kid's Family Back Yard Pool Party

Friday, July 8 - Weather Permitting 6 - 8 pm

Families are invited to join us for food and fun at one of our families back yard (child friendly) pool! We will have a life guard on hand. Sign up by July 6 at the link below. (Directions will be provided upon sign up)

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families

[Sign Up](#)



## Pullen Kids Summer Day Camp

July 18-22 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

(Drop off begins at 8:30 AM and Pick up ends at 5:30 PM)

All hands on deck for Camp Pullen, a summer day camp for Pullen Kids and Friends. During this week children will HANDS-ON fun. Children will...

- build a bird house under the leadership of *Pullen's Handy Corp*
- **bang on a drum as Greg Whitt from "Drums For Change"** will be leading a drum circle
- help prepare and serve food at the "Round Table" at Pullen
- beautify the outdoor space by planting evergreens and seasonal flowers
- and we'll also play, create, craft and experiment .... keeping our hands busy all week long.

Children will be asked to bring their own lunch and water bottle but we will provide snacks during the day. If you have signed up your child, please expect a Medical and Photo release form in the next few weeks. If you have not signed up, click the link below!

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families

[Sign Up](#)



## Pullen Kids Family Friday Fun Night: Magic Show

July 29th at 6:30 pm on the Terrace

Kids and their families are invited to join us for Friday Family Fun Night featuring Mr. Fantastic (Michael Douglas) Comedy Kids Magic from 6:30-8:00 pm on Friday July 29th on the Terrace (in front of the Chapel). We will enjoy eye-popping magic, clean comedy, and high energy audience participation with Mr. Fantastic. The Show begins at 7:00 pm, but come early to settle in and reconnect with friends! In the event of rain, we will meet in Finlator Hall.

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families

# Youth Ministry

## Wednesday Night Live



Wednesday Nights at 6:00 pm at Pullen

We will meet from 6-8:00 pm for fun and conversations.

-Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and Their Families



### Parental Conversations

2nd Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Trophy on Maywood

On the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, parents are invited to join us at Trophy on Maywood Avenue. There will be a food truck on-site and there are non-alcoholic options available.

June 9- Special guest Lyndsey Godwin is a Vanderbilt Divinity graduate, former youth ministry coordinator at Glendale Baptist (BYC partner), and a gender and sexuality educator.

Aug 11- Special guest Anne Maust - Anne is the former youth minister at Open Table United Methodist and now does animal-assisted therapy with her dog, Cade.

-Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and Their Families



### High Adventure Weekend

July 29-Aug 31 in Erwin Tennessee

High Adventure Weekend- The youth will be rafting and rock climbing in Erwin Tennessee via USA Raft on July 30th. We leave July 29 and return 31st. We are working out the details now. RSVP at [pullen.org/connect](http://pullen.org/connect)

-Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and Their Families

## Around the Community



### Singing Stream Farm Produce Deliveries

Dear Pullen members, the next round of vegetable deliveries is set to resume on Saturday, July 9th. Now is the time to consider supporting Singing Stream Farm with the purchase of either a half share or a whole share of vegetables for your family or gifting them to someone else for eight weeks of delivery. To enroll simply visit the Singing Stream Farm website and pay online. Please sign up before Thursday, July 7th at 3:00 P.M. Looking forward to seeing you on July 9th.

-Greg Bruhn, CSA coordinator for Pullen Memorial

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“Mental Wellness & You”

Tai Connects, LLC Presents  
**"Mental Wellness & You"**  
 A Community Mental Health Awareness Event

Drama, spoken word, visual arts and more presented by local artists and teens, followed by a panel discussion with licensed therapists.

Saturday, July 9, 2022  
 Visit Vendors @ 2:15 PM  
 Event Time @ 3:00-4:30 PM

PULLEN CHURCH  
 1801 Hillsborough Street  
 Raleigh, NC

FREE ADMISSION  
\*Donations welcome

Free Registration Required:  
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July 9 at 2:15 pm at Pullen

"Mental Wellness & You" will be a journey of drama, spoken word, visual arts and more presented by local artists and teens, followed by a panel discussion with licensed therapists to help spread awareness around the topic of mental health. We need YOU, your family, friends and affiliated organizations in the building! Visit with vendors @ 2:15 PM | Event starts @ 3:00 PM FREE ADMISSION! | Donations welcomed. Presented by Tai Connects, LLC

- Tai Caldwell

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## Hope Center Update

### HCP on the CBS 3-degree Guarantee

We're so grateful for CBS-17's donation to HCP! We closed out the month of June by appearing alongside the CBS Storm Team to thank them for choosing us as their June Non-Profit Partner. **If you missed the story on HCP, click here to read it now.**

### Celebrating a Move-In

On June 29, HCP Participant Onyx, moved into her new apartment. This beautiful day almost didn't happen.

Wake County approved her housing voucher in May. The catch is that Onyx needed to find an open place to live that accepts the voucher within 30 days of approval. It's always been a short clock to find a unit, but **these days it is incredibly difficult. More and more people are losing their housing voucher before they even have a chance to use them.**

Our Housing Navigator worked every angle to find an available unit and found one that would open up 3 days after the voucher expired. Thankfully, her Transition Specialist

worked with Wake County for an extension that made it possible for Onyx to keep her voucher until it was possible to sign the lease. She moved in on June 29 and is ready to continue her journey to a safe and stable future.

Thank you for supporting this work. Because of you, our former foster youth have an experienced and dedicated team committed to helping them navigate this incredibly tight market.

### **STEM Camp: Teen Programs**

The week of June 27<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a STEM camp for our teens at HCP. One of our volunteers who is a student at NC State wrote a grant to provide this programming for our youth. He donated a 3D printer that the teens used to bring their visions to life. Teens also made and launched rockets behind our building. We had a great time at camp and look forward to hosting more events like these in the future.

-Erin Witcher,  
 Director of Development and Communications



