

*What does God require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. — Micah 6:8*

## A Gift from Phil



*Phil Letsinger in a field of larkspur just outside Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia in 2014*

### BEQUEST OF PHIL LETSINGER

Phil and Judy Letsinger were long time, involved members of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. Judy died on October 1, 2006; and Phil died on October 24, 2017, leaving a generous, unrestricted bequest to Pullen. The church has received the primary distribution from his estate of approximately \$600,000. A smaller final distribution is expected later this year.

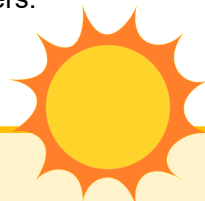
Phil was also very involved with the missions and outreach partners of our church and made many international and national trips to further our relationships with those partners. GEMS has allocated a total of \$100,000 to the following partners: the Community of the Cross of Nails in Coventry, England to start an endowment to sponsor a yearly intern; AMOS in Nicaragua; Peace Cathedral in the Republic of Georgia with some funding for Georgia visitors to Pullen for the 30th anniversary of our partnership; First Baptist Church of Matanzas, Cuba and the Kairos Center there; and the Housing Development Alliance in Hazard, Kentucky. Phil served for many years with the Sanctuary Visual Imagery Group and was a collector of art.

GEMS has allocated \$5,000 for a speaker series focusing on the visual arts and religion. Other allocations from this bequest will be for justice issues important to our church in the total amount of \$61,800. They will include a racial equity project and a non-whitewashed tour of Washington, DC. You will be hearing more about these initiatives later.

Finally, GEMS has allocated the total amount of \$89,000 for church group travel, building security upgrades, music ministry (piano repair, another piano for the chapel, choir rehearsal room TV monitor), a safer and better coffee and drink system, and enhancing staff mental and emotional wellness.

These allocations come to a total of \$555,800. GEMS did not feel it was necessary to allocate the entire bequest immediately. There is approximately \$44,200 remaining, plus the final estate distribution, which GEMS will allocate later, based on church needs and additional input from staff and others.

Thank you, Phil.  
*Emily Cato, chair of GEMS*



The Gifts, Endowments, Memorials, and Scholarships Committee (GEMS) is charged with the responsibility and opportunity of managing this bequest. GEMS has solicited input from the Pullen staff, the Finance Committee, and those who knew Phil well for ideas for use of this unrestricted bequest. Now GEMS has decided on a wide range of uses. Many of the allocations will honor particular interests of Phil and how he was involved at Pullen.

Phil was on the Buildings and Grounds Committee for many years and was chair for several years, volunteered with the Handy Corps, and was a professional architect. He well knew the needs of the church and its building, for which there was usually inadequate annual funding. Therefore, GEMS decided to allocate \$100,000 for the Pullen Urgent Repairs account and \$200,000 for a Buildings and Grounds reserve fund.

### Letsinger artwork to be auctioned

You will want to be sure to attend the June 6 Raising Hope Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser for the Hope Center at Pullen. Four of Phil Letsinger's original water colors, as well as one of his silk screen prints, will be included in the Silent Auction. Two quilted pieces that were part of the Letsinger Estate will also be available at the auction.

If you would like more details about these pieces, you may contact Nancy Bradley at [nabyanne@bellsouth.net](mailto:nabyanne@bellsouth.net).

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## We Grieve With:

- ☞ Greg Moore in the death of his father, George Moore, on April 30. A memorial service was held in Elizabeth City on May 5.
- ☞ Pat Thomas in the death of her brother, David Wilson, from a brain tumor. A memorial service was held in Alabama on May 13.
- ☞ Lynn Jarrard in the death of her mother, Oliween Shepard Hairr. A memorial service was held in Greensboro on May 20.
- ☞ Sarah Almlblad in the death of her husband, Carl. Carl's memorial service was held at Pullen on May 25.
- ☞ Paulette Campbell in the death of her 93 year-old mother, Dorothy Whitfield Dyson on May 25. A memorial service will be held in Cary at a later date.

## We Celebrate With:

- ☞ We Celebrate With: All the graduates of various colleges, universities and high schools. Congratulations and good luck!

## Summer Book Club

Pullen will feature three summer book clubs from June to August. This is a fantastic chance to read recent publications about

faith formation and discuss them with your community. These offerings are meant to encompass a wider scope of education as Pullen strives to support people in a full-body experience. All discussions will take place in the chapel beginning at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- June 18: Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason: and Other Lies I Have Learned to Love*
- July 18: Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness*
- August 13: Katey Zeh's *Women Rise Up*

Invite your friends to join us and come out and read! Go to the library, get your books, and start reading! Contact Brian Crisp for more info. *-Adult Education Committee*

## LGBT Second Sunday Lunch

Please join us immediately following worship on June 9 for 2nd Sunday Lunch in a new location, El Cerro Restaurant at 2217 Aventura Ferry Road. Parking is plentiful and I hope to see you there! *- Randall Brady*

## Summer Sunday Groups: Being Community

This year's Summer Sunday Group Series was planned intentionally to strengthen and expand the work of education and faith formation at Pullen. This year's topic is "Being Community".

The series begins on June 9 and concludes on August 4. The series features new practices, outside speakers, and members of our community as we cover the following topics:

- **June 9** Brunch Kick Off with Community Table Conversations.
- **June 16** Ecosystems of Community: Food for Thought + Thoughtful Feeding with Charles Holden, architect, and Julie Gilbert, health and fitness coach
- **June 23** Relentless Hospitality, a Biblical Undertaking by Dr. Ekaputra Tupamahu, Professor of New Testament at Portland Seminary
- **June 30** Finding Community at Pullen with Jeremy Tucker, Thomas Price, and Jan Crouch
- **July 7** No Summer Sunday Groups
- **July 14** Movement, Music, and Art in Community: SURPRISE GUESTS!
- **July 21** The Power of Vulnerability and Connection featuring the work of Brené Brown and Susan Pinker
- **July 28** Community in Difficult Times featuring Cathy Tyner, Jeff Cherry, and Brian Crisp
- **August 4** Community Celebration and Brunch

This summer should be a meaningful experience in faith formation, and we hope you will join us in Finlator Hall from 9:30 - 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

*-The Adult Education Committee*

## Summer Worship Choir

Everyone is invited to sing in the Summer Worship Choir that offers worship leadership on Sundays in June and August. We welcome children, youth, adults, families and friends to join us at 10:30AM each Sunday in the first floor Rehearsal Hall as we prepare accessible music for worship. (On your first Sunday, come around 10:20AM for a robe.) Experience the joy of communal music-making this summer.

*-Larry Schultz*



Thanks to so many of you for participating in the Pullen directory! For those who sat for pictures, you can expect to receive your free directory in early July!

*-Chalice Overy*

## Wednesday Nights at Pullen

### Summer Wednesday Series

During the summer we gather on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month for dinner and programming. Dinner begins at 5:15 and the adult program begins at 6:30 p.m. Check out our summer schedule and topics!

#### ♦ June 12 - Jazz Vespers

A toe-tapping service of music, prayer and spoken word accompanied by *Vanism*, the Greensboro based trio led by Van Anthony Hall, a professor in the music department at North Carolina A&T University.

#### ♦ July 10 - Rise Against Hunger

*Rise Against Hunger* is an international hunger relief organization located in Raleigh that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. On this Wednesday evening, the Operation Sharehouse Mobile Unit will come to Pullen so that our children, youth, and adults can pack meals in Finlator Hall. All ages can participate!

#### ♦ August 14 - Reimagining Iran

James Crook will share experiences and insights from his time with a Muslim community in Iran.

### Summer Wednesdays for Children

Childcare is always available for our youngest children. School-age children (grades K-5) are invited to Micah Kids, where children learn to live out the message of Micah 6:8.

**Childcare (preschool) 6:00–7:30PM**

**Micah Kids (K-5) 6:00- 7:30PM**

- June 12 - Kid's Game Night
- July 10 - Rise Against Hunger
- August 14 - Crazy Craft Night

### Wednesday Programs for Youth (Grades 6-12)

- June 12 - Pullen Park
- July 10 - Rise Against Hunger
- August 14 - TBA

### PMW Dinner– June 5

Pullen Mission Women will be having our end-of-year dinner on Wednesday, June 5, at 5:00 p.m. in Finlator Hall. We will have ham and fried chicken, plus side dishes provided by our members. This is your invitation to join us for a good meal and great company! Bring yourself, a friend, your husband/wife, or significant other....just call the church office to let us know you're coming!

*-Pullen Mission Women*

### Pullen Women's Group

The next get together for the Pullen Women's Group is Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Bahama Breeze 3309 Wake Forest Rd. We get to know each other, eat dinner, and just have plain ole fashioned fun :) TEXT me at 919-360-0975 so we know how big of a table to reserve. Join us!

*-Rita Rakestram*

## Welcome New Members

**Mary and Stewart Martin, Ethan (9) and Joanie (8)** were excited to recently join Pullen! Mary says, "From the moment we walked in the doors we felt welcomed and a part of the family. We hope to dive in and become involved quickly." They were formerly members at Fairfield UMC in High Point.

The Martin family celebrates having the most wonderful dog in the world, Ramsey. He is a 10-year-old French Mastiff and is a service dog for our family. They also have two other fur babies, Daisy and Cali, who are equally incredible.

Mary works at CarolinaEast Medical Center. Stewart works in IT.

Mary attended Pfeiffer University where she obtained a bachelors in Practical Theology with specializations in Pastoral Care and Counseling. She also earned a Prison Studies certificate from Duke Divinity and completed her Graduate Theological Studies through Wesley Theological Seminary in DC

Stewart is pursuing a Masters in Information Technology from Denver University. He obtained his Bachelors in the same from Strayer University.

Ethan and Joanie attend Winterville Charter Academy. Ethan is in 3rd grade. He participates in a competitive step team and he loves video games. Joanie is in 2nd grade and enjoys cheerleading and dance.

The family travels with Ethan's step team quite a bit in the spring, and they stay busy! They love to camp and enjoy time away with one another.



**Ella Corbett** was born and raised in Albania, while still under communist rule. She became a US citizen 25 years ago, but traveled the world as an international banker until settling in Raleigh five years

ago, where she met her wife and longtime Pullen member, Catherine Corbett. Ella (right) and Catherine (left) have visited our sister church in Matanzas, Cuba 3 times. Ella has lived in 18 countries and traveled to over 100!

Ella made the decision to join the church after attending it for several years. She finds Pullen to be a community of inspiration and inclusiveness, full of people who share the same passion of worshiping God, seeking justice and being truthful - as she puts it : "people who walk the talk".

# Children and Youth Programs



## Summer Sunday Group for Children and Families

This Summer during the Summer Sunday Group hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.), families of all ages will come together for a come-as-you-are experience of creativity, celebration and hospitality called "Messy Church". The theme is: God's Family, Our Family. Families will enjoy being together, making things together and celebrating God together through activities and stories from the Bible. This is NOT just a children's activity, because it's an event planned for children AND parents and caregivers. It's more than just a play time because the creative activities will lead all into a time of celebration. Come join us in Room 128 on the below dates:

- June 16 - Abraham and Sarah
- June 23 - Joseph
- June 30 - Moses
- July 21 - Joshua
- July 28 - Queen Esther

*(Recommended age is 4 yr. old to 5th Grade)*

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Kids Camp @ Camp Willow Run on Lake Gaston (Littleton, NC) SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019**

Attention Parents!

For children going into the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades next school year, Pullen children will have an opportunity to participate in a children's camp with a number of other churches in the early fall. Please look for info to be emailed to you within the next few weeks OR contact Tommy for more information. [tcook@pullen.org](mailto:tcook@pullen.org)



## Children's Ministry Lunch for Families! TODAY right after Worship

Families, to kick off summer, join us for fellowship and food after worship on June 2! Bring your own bag lunch OR help yourself to the sandwich and wrap options we will have available. Hope you can make it!

- Tommy Cooke

## Summer Youth Calendar

- ★ **June 9** Kick off the summer with a Pool Party!
  - ⇒ 12:30-3 p.m.
  - ⇒ Burgers and dogs provided. Bring a side dish to share if you can.
  - ⇒ 1002 Azalea Cottage Court, Knightdale

- ★ **June 30-July 5** Baptist Youth Camp

- ★ **July 21-24** Raleigh Urban Mission

## Wednesday Night Live

- June 12 —Dreaming of a better community
- July 10 —Rise Against Hunger meal packing
- August 14 —SkyZone

## Free Food Friday!- June 28

The last Friday of each month, our youth meet at Benny Capitale's Pizza at 121 Fayetteville St. The food is free, and we always have a good time. We begin gathering at 6:00 PM and wrap up at 7:30.



# Parent Night

SENDING YOUR CHILD TO COLLEGE AND SURVIVING

6/7/19 - 7:00 UNTIL  
DAVID'S DUMPLINGS  
1900 HILLSBOROUGH ST



Join the youth ministry team and special guest for a night of conversation and free food. We'll talk about coping with a child leaving home and what dynamics that brings to your family, even younger siblings who are left behind. If your child left home years ago or is leaving this fall, feel free to join the discussion and offer collective wisdom. We start gathering at 6:30 but come when you can!

-Bryan Lee

# Care of Creation Advocacy Group

## Faith, Science, Climate Solutions Tuesday, June 11, 7-9 pm at Pullen

NC Interfaith Power and Light along with Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle (ICCT) and Pullen Church will co-host an evening on Faith, Science, and Climate Solutions to feature the national leaders of Interfaith Power and Light and the Union of Concerned Scientists. ICCT is a network convened by Pullen Church in February, 2019. ICCT will present its mission and proposed action teams. You are invited to meet action team members and sign up for one. Currently the ICCT network has 88 members from 48 communities of faith including Buddhist, Roman and Greek Orthodox Catholic, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Native American and Protestant. The mission of ICCT is to work within and across communities of faith to urgently fulfill our sacred duty to love and protect Creation, address our changing climate and ensure justice for all life.

- Lynn Lyle



**INTERFAITH  
CREATION CARE**  
OF THE TRIANGLE

## Healthfulness

### Healing Beyond Words– June 22

Have you ever wondered about the connection between your physical body and your energy body? Have you ever wondered what this even means? The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to explore these connections and experience a session of gentle body work by practitioners of the healing arts.

Sessions will be held Saturday, June 22 in the Poteat Chapel at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church scheduled at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:30.

Call or text Andy Bayard 919-758-9098 with questions or to register. There is no charge, but donations may be made to the Hope Center. Practitioners offering sessions are: Susan Arendell, Andy Bayard, Suzanne Hayes and Rachel Smith.

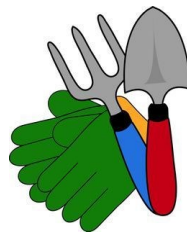
Each session involves gentle touch, lasts approximately 45 minutes, and is conducted mostly in silence while recipients lay fully clothed on a massage table. We hope you will leave your session feeling more in balance, with a sense of deep relaxation and greater calm.

-Rachel Smith

### Meditation Group

Come meditate with us and feel restored. Our sessions are in Poteat Chapel from 2:00–3:00 p.m.. We'll meet today (June 2) and again on June 16.

—Karla Oakley and Ann Eller



### SOS for SMS Garden!

With summer upon us, it's time for Pullen to assume primary responsibility for the vegetable garden at St. Mary's School, right up from the church on Hillsborough Street.

The fresh produce is used to supplement meals provided for our Round Table guests each Tuesday and Thursday. There are plenty of chores for experienced and novice gardeners alike. To join, please email Laura Ford at LNFord@aol.com.

-Laura Ford

## Call for Donations for July Visit to Cuba

A group of young adults will head to our sister congregation, La Primera Iglesia Bautista of Matanzas, Cuba in July. Please help us to deliver as many of the requested items as possible. We are collecting the following items which can also be found and registered on Sign Up Genius, <http://bit.ly/matanzas19>



#### For Youth:

- \*Backpacks
- \*Twister
- \*Water bottles

#### Clothes:

- \*Belts (men)
- \*Clothes (children, youth, adults)
- \*Shoes (children, youth, adults)
- \*Socks (children, youth, adults)
- \*T-shirts with logo for youth group
- \*Underwear (children, youth adults)

#### Medicines:

- \*Acetometofin
- \*Acitromiana

- \*Alpha Lipoic Acid
- \*Amlodipino
- \*Amoxicillin
- \*Analgesics
- \*Antibiotics
- \*Aspirin
- \*Asthma inhalers
- \*Benadryl (children, adults)
- \*Cefarecin
- \*Cepuroxine
- \*Cipro
- \*Citerizine (children, adults)
- \*Claritromiana
- \*Diclofenac
- \*Digestive enzymes
- \*Donazepil
- \*Eritromiana

- \*Fluconazal
- \*Ibuprofin
- \*Lorafatine
- \*Metocarfamol
- \*Naproxen
- \*Ocupile
- \*Oneproazol
- \*Paracetamol
- \*Pepto Bismol
- \*Ramipril
- \*Ramitidine
- \*Respiratory/Allergens
- \*Tetracycline
- \*Thioridazine
- \*Vitamin A
- \*Vitamin E
- \*Vitamins (children, adult)

# Helping Others in our Community

## Housing Needs in Wake County

The South Wilmington Street Center is an emergency and transitional shelter in Raleigh that serves men experiencing homelessness in Wake County. The Center is now offering a Rapid Re-housing program to assist eligible guests in moving as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieving housing stability through a combination of rental assistance and supportive services. The Center is seeking partnerships with landlords who are willing to work with us to help our guests secure housing, ending their homelessness. If you have rental property and want more information about the program, please reach out to Amanda Renfro, the Human Services Program Specialist, at 919.857.3864, or Frank Lawrence, the South Wilmington Street Center Manager, at 919.508.0718.

*-Brian Crisp*

## Emmaus House Opportunity

Emmaus House was a mission group formed by Pullen members Paul Carr, Larry Highfill, and Jim Hutchby in 1984 to provide safe, affordable housing for working, homeless men recovering from substance dependency. It is now a nonprofit that includes three large houses and a triplex apartment unit serving 33 residents, with a contract to add a quadplex and serve 8 more residents. To raise funds for Emmaus House's programs, the Stewards Fund has offered to match new donations up to \$30,400 made by June 30, 2019. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail it to Emmaus House, P.O. Box 27585, Raleigh, NC 27611.

You can read more about Emmaus House and make an online donation at [emmaushouseofraleigh.org](http://emmaushouseofraleigh.org)

*-Bob Cato, Emmaus House board member*

## Interfaith Network of Care for People Experiencing Homelessness

For years, Pullen has been dedicated to working with people experiencing homelessness. Our work has taken us in myriad directions, including providing food, utilities assistance, travel assistance, peer support, and advocacy. While we find our work necessary, we know we are not the only community of faith committed to and working with people experiencing homelessness. After much discernment, a Pullen task force is looking to gather faith communities from the Triangle for an Interfaith Network of Care for People Experiencing Homelessness. Our dream is that the faith communities of Wake County would work together to advocate, educate, and provide resources for people experiencing homelessness. We see this work manifesting itself in multi-level advocacy work, educational events inside and outside of congregations, and a better understanding and compilation of resources communities of faith provide people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

We believe that if people of faith unite with people experiencing homelessness, then Wake County can be transformed and the lives of many people can be renewed. As of May 21st, the following communities of faith will be represented at the first exploratory meeting in June:

- Benson Memorial United Methodist
- Christ Church Episcopal
- Church of the Good Shepherd/Shepherd's Table
- Church in the Woods
- Davies Street Presbyterian
- Edenton Street United Methodist
- First Baptist of Wilmington Street
- First Presbyterian
- Greenwood Forest Baptist
- Hayes Barton United Methodist
- Hindu Temple Association
- Islamic Association of Raleigh
- Kadampa Center for the Practice of Tibetan Buddhism
- Millbrook Baptist
- Open Table United Methodist
- Pleasant Grove United Methodist
- St Francis of Assisi
- St. Giles Presbyterian
- St. John's MCC
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
- SAI Center
- Sacred Heart Catholic
- Temple Beth Or
- Umstead Park UCC
- UUFR
- Unity Church
- Wake Chapel Church
- Wake Forest Presbyterian
- West Raleigh Presbyterian
- Yavneh Jewish Renewal

The Pullen Task Force consists of Jean Batts, Jan Crouch, Tom Daniels, Carol Hobbs, Katie Hurley, Nancy Jones, Jeanne Phillips, Marty Saunders, Cathy Tyner, and Ouida Watson. Contact Brian Crisp for more info. *-Brian Crisp*

## Great Need for Lunch Items

We are getting very little from the Food Bank this summer, which means that contributions from Pullenites for the Round Table Ministry lunches are even more important. The items we need are cans of Vienna sausages, juice pouches/boxes, 6-pack (or 4-pack) crackers of any variety, and cereal/granola bars. If you can help us, please place items in the blue wagon outside the church office or drop them off with back door volunteers on Sunday mornings. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*-Nancy Bradley*

## Candlelight Vigil June 5

# HEALTH CARE CAN'T WAIT EXPAND MEDICAID

A SOLIDARITY VIGIL  
FROM MOUNTAINS TO SEA

7:00 P.M. JUNE 5, 2019

RALEIGH LOCATION  
NC General Assembly Lawn  
10 W. Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Vigils will take place throughout the state on the *same day, same time* because **unaffordable health care** affects all of North Carolina

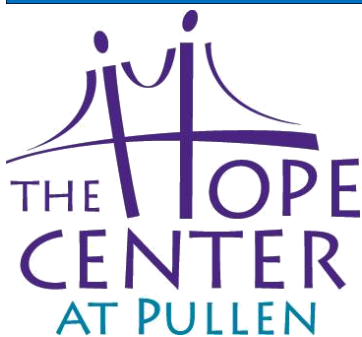
*Remembering  
the people who  
have suffered or died  
because they couldn't get  
the health care they need*



#CloseTheGapNC

Join us for a candlelight vigil remembering the people who have suffered or died because they could not get the health care they needed. Vigils will take place throughout the state on the same day at the same time, because unaffordable health care affects all of North Carolina. Join us to shine a light on the need for health care for everyone and the need to light a fire under the General Assembly, which has so far refused to expand Medicaid.

## The Hope Center at Pullen



### Raising Hope Dinner and Silent Auction

Join us **Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m. for the 2019 Raising Hope Dinner and Silent Auction.** The event will, once again, be held at The Glenwood. We look forward to this opportunity

to celebrate the accomplishments of our youth with you. Our Board, staff, and volunteers are working hard to prepare a fun and memorable evening. If you need more information, please contact Kellie Burris at [kburris@hopecenteratpullen.org](mailto:kburris@hopecenteratpullen.org). We look forward to seeing you there!



**Special Guest: Kristin Cooper, First Lady of NC,** will offer remarks at Raising Hope. Mrs. Cooper served as a guardian ad litem for children in Wake County for 15 years, using her legal training to advocate for foster children in court.

**Emcee for the Evening: Elizabeth Gardner, WRAL Emmy-Winning Meteorologist,** will serve as emcee for the evening. She will set the stage for our youth to share their experiences and help us recognize the accomplishments and commitment of our award winners.



### Award Winners:

#### Bridge of Hope Business Award Winner:

**Aspire Counseling Group and Tammy Blackard Cook.** Tammy, a Pullen member, is a leading expert in CRM (Community Resiliency Model) and has shared her expertise by training our staff and offering resources to help our youth overcome the effects of childhood trauma.



#### Bridge of Hope Individual Award Winner:

**Chairwoman Jessica Holmes, Wake County Board of Commissioners.** Ms. Holmes has used her public position to advocate for affordable housing in Wake County and spotlight the challenges that former foster youth face when they age out of care. She served as emcee at last year's Raising Hope.

**Cathy Tamsberg Volunteer Service Award: Karen Stanley, immediate past Board Treasurer for The Hope Center.** Karen, a Pullen member, dedicated herself to ensuring that your donations to The Hope Center were stewarded well. Whenever we had a question, Karen made time to answer it, even during the busiest times of the year. We are so grateful for her and are thrilled to present this award to her.

**When:** June 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Glenwood (3300 Woman's Club Drive, Raleigh NC 27612)

**How do I get Tickets?** Tickets are available with sponsorships and a limited number of individual tickets are still available.



## Book Drive! Donate now through August

Pullen Mission Women are sponsoring a book drive to benefit the students of Southeast Elementary, a new neighborhood school opening this fall. The students, ranging in age from 3 to 9, are mostly Hispanic and African-American. Many come from homes where there

are few, if any, books. The books we collect will be given to the students to keep as their very own.

Southeast Elementary will operate in conjunction with the new YMCA next door in southeast Raleigh. Swimming lessons will be a part of the school curriculum. There will be no bussing for racial balance. It will be a school serving the needs of the local neighborhood, directing educational resources tailor made to meet the specific needs of those students.

New or like-new children's books that feature Hispanic, African-American or multiracial characters would be especially prized. Children's books in Spanish, or in Spanish and English, are also desired. So far, Quail Ridge Books has proved a good source. The book drive will run from May through August. It is cosponsored by Church Women United, of which we are a member congregation.

Our goal for the drive is 400 books, and we already have 136! Please be generous in helping give these students a good start in reading, a crucial skill for whatever they do in life. Put your books in the box beside the back door. Thank you!

*-Pat Long*