

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

## Pace Yourself

Summer is always a great experience in youth ministry. You get more one-on-one time with teenagers, see them grow and learn new things, and grow closer together as a group. At Pullen, every other year is a particularly busy one for the youth ministry. In addition to the three annual summer events, we also take our juniors and seniors to Cuba. In all of this going and coming, it would be easy to lose track of yourself and burn out by the end of the summer. Here is an idea of what our summer is like.

On June 17 we leave for Hazard, KY for four days of construction work in one of the poorest areas of our country. We will spend the week learning new skills together while helping The Housing Development Alliance love their neighbors who have been kept in poverty for decades now. We cook meals together and enjoy time at nights talking and playing games together.

July 1 we leave for Baptist Youth Camp in the mountains of North Carolina. This week of camp provides our teenagers the chance to unplug for the week and plug in with one another and the Divine. Worship, small groups, interest groups, nighttime parties, and time to relax are all a part of this week for teenagers to slow down and pay attention to their creator.

July 15 begins In Our Own Backyard, a three-day camp for our youngest students. We sleep at the church and work with local organizations right here in our own backyard to see the work being done locally and learn what we can do to get involved.

July 20 we leave for Matanzas, Cuba to visit with our partners there for a week of fellowship with teenagers in Cuba. We'll have devotions together, eat together, go to the beach, take walks, make crafts, and learn from one another.

A priority for myself this summer will be pacing my day-to-day activities because this thing called youth ministry is a marathon, not a sprint. So often, we treat life like a sprint. We take on our full-time jobs; volunteer opportunities in the community; church leadership roles; and then we have

family, friends, and hopefully some time to be still...if there is any time left. We try to get it all done and, before long, we crash. We spend days sluggish and useless to everyone, including ourselves. We become bitter about the work we are doing. We get short tempered with the ones we love. We begin to become ineffective or back out of the roles we have committed to.

I invite you to join me this summer in the practice of pace-setting. Setting a daily pace that we can sustain. There are so many good things to be involved with and battles that need to be fought but we must realize that we, alone, are not responsible for it all. We must pace ourselves and call on others for help. Take time, daily, to rest. Take a Sabbath weekly. Be still and know God.

—Bryan Lee

### Meet Chalice Overy, Candidate for Associate Pastor, on Sunday, June 3

The Search Committee for an Associate Pastor to fill the vacancy created when Cathy Tamsberg retired has completed its task. The Rev. Chalice Overy is the candidate selected by the Search Committee and endorsed by the Personnel Committee to be our next Associate Pastor, pending a congregational vote.



Sunday, June 3 there will be an informal gathering held in Finlator Hall after the worship service, at which time Rev. Overy will also be available to meet and dialogue with church members.

The Coordinating Council has called a special business meeting to be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 10, to vote on the Search Committee's recommendation that we hire Rev. Overy as our Associate Pastor.

—Coordinating Council

# Opportunities to Connect, Serve, Learn and Grow at Pullen

## Invitation to Picnic Hosted by Pullen Mission Women

Pullen Mission Women invite everyone to a festive picnic in Finlator Hall on Wednesday, June 6, at 5:00 p.m. We'll provide the food free of charge. Please call the church office to let us know you're coming. Y'all come!

—Pat Long

## Summer Mid-Day Prayers Continue Tuesday, June 5

This summer we are offering Mid-Day Prayers in Poteat Chapel on the first Tuesday of each month. This brief service will be held from 1:30-2:00 p.m., so our guests at Round Table Fellowship can easily attend if they are interested. We hope you'll consider joining us too! All are welcome! Scheduled dates include June 5, July 3 and August 7.

—Ginny Going

## Sing with the Summer Chancel Choir

All Youth and Adults are invited to sing with the Summer Chancel Choir that leads worship on Sundays in June and August. Simply join us for a short rehearsal and time of preparation on any June or August Sunday in the Music Ministry Rehearsal Hall (128-B) at 10:30 a.m. This is a great way to make new friends, try out a choir experience, and enjoy worship from a different perspective. We'd love to have you, and all are welcome!



## Pullen Scholarship Available

The Pullen Memorial Baptist Church Scholarship(s) will be offered again this year. This scholarship is need-based and is for seniors in high school who have been accepted to a college and current college or graduate students. The amount of each scholarship will be up to \$750, depending on availability of funds. Applications are due by July 8, and can be accessed at [www.pullen.org/scholarship](http://www.pullen.org/scholarship). All application information will remain confidential.

The Pullen Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in honor of Geraldine Cates and in memory of Ethel Lewis. Both women invested their time and money in assisting students with college educations. Others have contributed to this fund over the years. Additional contributions are always welcome. The earnings of the Scholarship Endowment are used for the scholarships.

—Emily Cato,

Chair of GEMS Committee

## LGBTQ Lunch June 10

Friends, please join us for the LGBTQ Second Sunday Lunch on June 10 after worship. We will be gathering at Brixx Pizza, 402 Oberlin Road, Suite 120. There is a parking garage or you can choose to walk from church. We hope to see you there!

—Jimmy Smith and Laura Robinson

LGBTQ Committee

## Interfaith Meditation Group Meets on June 3 in Chapel

Everyone is invited to the ongoing Interfaith Meditation held on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Poteat Chapel—that's June 3 and 17 this month. The hour typically includes a 20-minute period of silence in which participants can engage in Centering Prayer or any other preferred form of seated meditation. This is followed by a time of "Sacred Listening" in which participants reflect on a question or topic posed by the person facilitating the group.

—Karla Oakley and Ann Eller

## Building Repairs Update

While all gardeners have appreciated the rain of the last two weeks, the rain has slowed progress on Phase 1 of the exterior repairs, which includes the 1950s portion of our building. We are about 90 percent complete but the last 10 percent, applying the water sealant, will require dry weather. As soon as the sealant is applied we will begin the movement of scaffolding to Phase 2, the east side of the 1920s building.

Our vendor has completed the installation of 10 new windows in the flower room and worship resource room (to the left and right of the chancel.)



Please let Warren Chesson or me know if you have any questions.

—Brooks Wicker

## Church Financials

Gifts to Date:	\$432,170.64
Expenses to Date:	\$447,322.11
Difference:	( \$ 15,151.47)
As of 5/31/2018	

## Save the Date August 19

Luncheon to Celebrate  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
*The Hope Center at Pullen*  
And Recognize Volunteers

June 3, 2018

## Pullen People

### We Grieve With:

- ☞ The McMillan family in the death of JoAnna McMillan. JoAnna, daughter-in-law of Robert McMillan, died suddenly at home on Thursday, May 17. We especially pray for Doug McMillan, JoAnna's husband, and their five children.
- ☞ Jim Hutchby in the death of his brother, Dean Hutchby. Dean died on Wednesday, May 9 in Port Arthur, Texas.

### We Celebrate With:

- ☞ Carrie and Leigh Hambleton in the birth of Rhys Hambleton on May 15.
- ☞ Elizabeth Davis and Corinne Clement who were married at Pullen on May 19.
- ☞ Aaron Dixon and Amanda Buck who were married May 19 in an outdoor wedding.

## Summer Sundays: Wholehearted Living

The Adult Education Committee has been working diligently to develop a Sunday Group Summer Series that will inspire and challenge a wide-range of attendees. This year's topic is *Becoming Jesus: Living a Wholehearted Life*. The series begins on June 17 and concludes on August 12. The series features myriad members of our community as they cover the following topics:

- ♥ June 17: Offering Hospitality
- ♥ June 24: Attending to Creation
- ♥ July 1: Practicing Self Care
- ♥ July 8: No Summer Sunday Groups
- ♥ July 15: Being Prayerful
- ♥ July 22: Embodying Teaching
- ♥ July 29: Welcoming Healing
- ♥ August 5: Nurturing Forgiveness
- ♥ August 12: Embracing the Prophetic Voice

To enhance this series, we will offer Tuesday Night Yoga that supports our Sunday Group theme. The cost per class is \$10 and will be taught by Julie Gilbert from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Julie is a nutritionist and certified yoga instructor. Scholarships are available. Julie is crafting each class to supplement our series. She will provide all equipment but reservations will need to be made by each Tuesday at noon. These can be done by emailing [bcrisp@pullen.org](mailto:bcrisp@pullen.org).

In addition, we will be offering several educational enrichment opportunities through the summer that support our series. These offerings are meant to encompass a wider scope of education as Pullen strives to support people in a full-body experience. These will include further exploration of topics in nutrition, mental health, and exercise. Please watch for announcements in the newsletter and on social media.

—Adult Education Committee

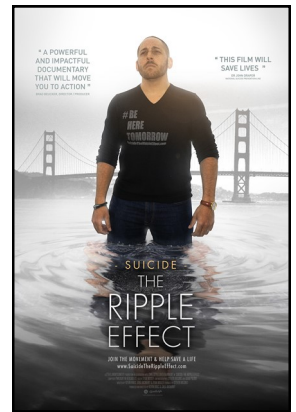
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## In Our Community

### Special Screening of *Suicide* Documentary Hosted by Pullen Member on June 17

Just over a year ago, my father, on the cusp of retirement, took his own life. He was 71 years old. This event was something I never anticipated. As my family and I seek healing and peace, I want to help others engage in a conversation about depression and suicide.

On Sunday, June 17—what would have been my father's birthday—I am hosting a screening of *Suicide: The Ripple Effect*. After this event we will host a question and answer session where we can process what we have seen, along with our own experiences, to develop a plan for action to save our own lives and the lives of those we love.



—Amy Ryder-Burge

## SUICIDE THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Reserve Your Seat Online  
Today to Make Sure This  
Screening Happens

At age 19, Kevin Hines attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Seventeen years later, he still struggles with many of the same symptoms that led him to attempt to take his life, but he is on a mission to use his story to help others stay alive. Kevin has also been one of the key catalysts in helping end a nearly 80-year-long fight to construct a suicide prevention net on the iconic San Francisco bridge.

Kevin takes a journey to better understand the ripple effects his suicide attempt had on his family, friends, and the first responders who helped save him. He's also working to shine light on inspirational individuals, families, and organizations who are using personal pain to help others find the hope they need to heal.

Across the globe, nearly 1 million people die annually by suicide. In the United States alone there are 1 million suicide attempts in a given year and over 40,000 deaths by suicide, with our military being hit particularly hard. Research has shown that for every one death by suicide, over 115 people are directly affected and impacted. The estimated financial cost of suicide is over \$40 billion annually.

Come and join us for a screening on this film followed by a question and answer session where we will discuss the actions we can take to save our own lives and the lives of those we love.

Reserve your ticket for the screening at:

<https://gathr.us/s/23273>

The screening will take place at White Oak Stadium 14 theater, located at 1205 Timber Drive East in Garner on Sunday, June 17 at 3:00 p.m.

# A Sampling of Summer Activities at Pullen

## Second Wednesdays This Summer

This summer we will gather once a month for dinner and a program to help us stay connected while our regular Wednesday activities take a break. This year it will be the second Wednesdays of June, July, and August. We'll do dinner together as usual at 5:15 and then the program will begin about 6:15 p.m. (not 6:30!). Our adult program schedule looks like this:

### June 13—*CompostNow!*

In anticipation of beginning church-wide composting mid-summer, we'll hear from CompostNow—a local member organization that assists homes and businesses with composting and shares compost with local community gardens and urban farms, keeping this natural resource circulating in our community. They will be here on this night to tell us how they do it. You'll also hear important details about how we plan to manage composting as much leftovers as we can from the many meals served here at Pullen.



### July 11—*Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now)*



*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. Its

Operation Sharehouse program is a volunteer-based effort through which participants package high protein, dehydrated meals for use in crisis situations and which provides a highly nutritious meal to support school feeding programs in schools and orphanages 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 8—*Pullen Students Report*

Come on this evening to hear our youth report on all of their summer activities. Hear what they experienced at Baptist Youth Camp (BYC) and In Our Own Back Yard (IOOBY) as well as what trips to Hazard, Kentucky and Matanzas, Cuba added to their young lives and relationships.

Plan to join us for these informative Wednesday evenings together.

—Wednesday Night Committee

## Sign Up Continues for VBS Day Camp

Not “VBS” but **V.B.Mess** (VERY BIG MESS!) Summer Day Camp at Pullen.

**MESSY FUN, MESSY FAITH, MESSY SERVICE.**

- ♥ June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ♥ Check in at 8:30 a.m. and pick up at 5:30 p.m.
- ♥ Rising 1st through 6th Graders.
- ♥ Cost: \$70 includes lunch, snacks, craft supplies, and t-shirt.
- ♥ Sibling discounts and scholarships are available! Call 919-828-0897 or email [tcCook@pullen.org](mailto:tcCook@pullen.org) for details.

—Tommy Cook

## LET'S GET MESSY

### Children's Ministry this Summer

#### SUMMER SUNDAY GROUP

Sunday Groups for Preschoolers and Children will resume June 17 and end August 8 (excluding July 8). Kindergarten-5th



Grade students assemble in Room 122. During this time, our focus will be on Psalm 23, Communities of Peace, and Stewardship. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m.

#### SECOND WEDNESDAYS

- **June 13 - Kid's Game Night.** Childcare and free play for preschoolers. Adult Program is *Compost Now*.
- **July 11 - Rise Against Hunger.** Church-wide activity packing meals that will be sent to support disaster relief efforts and school feeding programs in schools and orphanages around the world.
- **August 8 - Crazy Craft Night.** Childcare and free play for preschoolers. Adult Program is *Pullen Students Report*. Dinners begin at 5:15 p.m.//Programs begin at 6:15 p.m.

### Add Pullen to Your Summer 'To Do' List

While you're on vacation, Pullen's great community-building work will still be going strong. Great things happen at church 365 days a year, and you can be involved—even if you're chilling at the beach! Setting up an automatic monthly bank draft is an easy way to fulfill your annual pledge or make steady, sustaining gifts. Your faithful financial support will help keep the lights on and the A/C blowing, whether it's at Vacation Bible School, the Round Table Fellowship, or Sunday worship. If you'd like to put your money to work while you're relaxing, email Brooks Wicker at [bwicker@pullen.org](mailto:bwicker@pullen.org) to find out how.

—Amber Keister, Stewardship Committee

# Mission at Pullen: Connect Deeply, Serve Humbly

## Pullen as Sanctuary, Pullen as Advocate

After our vote of affirmation in January, our Pullen Sanctuary Leadership team formed an advocacy committee to plan for the public announcement of a Sanctuary guest, to keep the story of that guest in front of the congregation and community, and to advocate for the guest's case to help produce a positive outcome. This group has been meeting regularly, and produced material (with the help of other Sanctuary churches) for a press conference. We are also discussing ways to inform and mobilize our congregation around laws and practices that are causing unjust detentions and deportations.

There is a lot of advocacy activity around immigration issues in our state, and it is important that we align our advocacy efforts with the activities of other faith-based groups who have been active for some time. We have been studying the press releases and articles already published on behalf of the six people in North Carolina currently living in sanctuary, and are learning more about the struggle for more humane immigration policies from their stories and others throughout the country.

Why is our church still waiting for the opportunity to shelter and protect the "stranger among us" when stories of raids and unjust ICE detention orders appear in our local press? A recent story in the Washington Post about a woman living "in sanctuary" at a Colorado church is a real eye-opener about the realities of sanctuary life, and why choosing to live in sanctuary is viewed in the community of those people at risk as a last resort. This compelling article can be found at [www.washingtonpost.com/news/national/wp/2018/03/31/feature/after-30-years-in-america-she-was-about-to-be-deported-then-a-tiny-colorado-church-offered-her-sanctuary/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/national/wp/2018/03/31/feature/after-30-years-in-america-she-was-about-to-be-deported-then-a-tiny-colorado-church-offered-her-sanctuary/)

Despite the hardships of living in sanctuary, a guest will soon be in need of our space and our help. Our church is prepared to respond when that time comes.

At our May 9 Wednesday night program, representatives from a Durham-based resource for undocumented immigrants called Alerta Migratoria talked about the realities of being "detained." A person can be taken off the street and kept for a very long period in a place far away from family who have no idea where they are. Alerta Migratoria spoke of the need for volunteers to help support people with active cases who could benefit from our presence at their immigration court hearings and ICE check-ins. To get more involved, you can sign up online at [bit.ly/volunteer4alerta](http://bit.ly/volunteer4alerta), email at [alertamigratorienc@gmail.com](mailto:alertamigratorienc@gmail.com), or call 984-377-2622 for more information.

—Jim McMahan, Chair,  
Pullen Sanctuary Leadership Team

—Noelle Schofield,  
Pullen Sanctuary Advocacy Committee

## Volunteers Needed to Continue Building Successful Support Circles

Since my tenure began in 2016, Pullen has sustained several Support Circles for women transitioning from homelessness to housing-stability. This program, fostered by Catholic Charities in Raleigh, is a collaborative effort that engages congregations and communities that partner individuals with a team of six to ten stably-housed people who act as guides in the transition from housing insecurity to stability. Although Pullen is not engaged currently in a Support Circle, we are using an anonymous gift to finance five Circles.

This gift has allowed Barbara, Donna, Vickie, Gladys, and Jenell to engage in worlds they once perceived as inaccessible. They are all in housing, and they are all employed. Several of them have had medical, dental, and psychological care that was once unobtainable. Gladys is back in school while working and has recently been referred to Wheels 4 Hope. This support work is being done by individuals at Pullen in collaboration with NC State, Yavneh Renewal Community, and the Islamic Association of Raleigh.

At this writing, Support Circles are in need of volunteers. I have reached out to Temple Beth Or and First Presbyterian about a joint circle that would help a formerly incarcerated woman transition into a more stable community. If you are interested in supporting these efforts, then please contact me. This work is essential in creating a community that is healthy and vibrant for all.

—Brian D. Crisp

## Help Care for Pullen-Saint Mary's School Community Garden this Summer

Pullen is partnering with nearby St. Mary's School to produce fresh food for people who need



it. Already, our Round Table ministry has benefitted from delicious lettuces and other greens. Now, with the school closed for the summer, Pullen is responsible for the garden. We have tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, eggplants and more in the ground, growing rapidly. Before our produce reaches the Round Table, of course, lots of watering and weeding are needed.

If you can take a turn caring for the garden in the next few months, please contact me. My email is [LNFord@aol.com](mailto:LNFord@aol.com), and my phone number is 919-349-9866.

—Laura Ford

# Connections & Service: Local & Global

## Community of the Cross of Nails: International Gathering in Coventry, England, September 2018

The Cathedral of St. Michael in Coventry, England, is hosting an international CCN gathering in September, 2018, and Pullenites are invited! “A Pilgrimage of Prayer, Theology, and Practice” will take place in Coventry from lunchtime on Wednesday, September 26, to lunchtime Sunday, September 30. The early publicity for the event says:

*“Why? This is a once-every-few-years opportunity to meet, discuss, debate and socialise as the worldwide community that we are. It’s easy sometimes to overlook our uniqueness as an organisation, but we number now, some 70 years on, over 200 churches, charities and schools around the world, bound together and strongly inspired by the Coventry story, to work and pray, in our multiplicity of individual ways, for a more forgiving and reconciling world. There’s no other reconciling network quite like us.”*



COMMUNITY OF THE  
CROSS OF NAILS

A half-dozen Pullenites attended the last international gathering in 2012, and all were deeply moved at hearing

local stories from our partners in this global network—which as of February, 2018 includes our sister church in Matanzas, Cuba, as well as Peace Cathedral in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

Several Pullen people already have expressed interest in attending, so we are “taking the pulse” to determine whether we might send a group, and how many. Coventry will be capping total registration at about 100.

**Cost per person:** £200 for all activities and meals (excludes accommodations and breakfast)

**Hotels:** Several recommended hotels are within a 10- to 20-minute walk; estimate £200 for a 4-night stay

**Transportation:** Airfares vary widely at the moment.

Some options to explore are RDU→Dublin→Birmingham; RDU→London; or Charlotte→Birmingham. (Birmingham is ~17 miles from Coventry; London is ~90 miles.)

Some financial assistance from Pullen may be available.

### Brief summary of the program:

- Workshops, debates, and practical discussions on various topics around the work of reconciliation.
- “CCN in song”: Daily informal a cappella singing at lunchtime (for those interested).
- Presentations and discussions of *The Coventry Way*, a guide for CCN Partners and individuals that has been under development for several years.
- Meals together.
- Morning prayer and Bible study, choral evensong.
- Litany of Reconciliation in the ruins of the old cathedral.
- Cathedral by candlelight.
- Supper and “Ceilidh in the Nave” (Celtic dance, with live band).
- Small-group drop-in sessions with 6–8 selected CCN partners.
- Closing concert with cathedral chorus and orchestra.
- St. Michael’s Patronal Festival Eucharist, 10:30 am Sunday in new cathedral.

The program and all other information and links to register are here: [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn/gatherings2018](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn/gatherings2018)

If you would like to know more, please contact Erin Newton ([RLathan1@nc.rr.com](mailto:RLathan1@nc.rr.com), 919-460-9707) or Brian Crisp ([bcrisp@pullen.org](mailto:bcrisp@pullen.org); 919-828-0897). If interest is sufficient, we will schedule an information meeting soon.

—Erin Newton and Brian Crisp, for Pullen’s Community of the Cross of Nails Reconciliation Fellowship

## Share the Bounty: Donate Your Garden’s Surplus to Nurture Round Table

Recently, the young people of Saint Mary’s School have been volunteering and bringing produce from their community garden to Round Table. Fresh produce provides people with housing instability and food insecurity access to fresh foods not often available to them. If you are gardening this summer and want to donate any fresh produce to Round Table, then we would be glad to accept your offerings. Please contact Brian Crisp for details.



—Brian Crisp

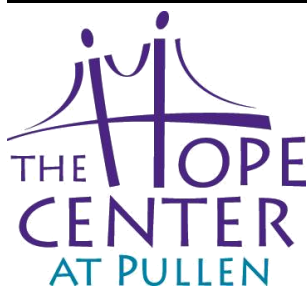
## Items Needed for Round Table Lunch Bags

Summer is here which means many activities have slowed down or are on vacation. However, our Round Table Ministry continues to meet every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon during the summer months which means we must continue packing lunch bags to hand out. A group of wonderful Pullen folks usually pack 900 to 1000 bags every 4 to 6 weeks which means we need a lot of items to fill those bags. Crackers are not needed at this time as we have obtained a large supply from the Food Bank. Cans of Vienna Sausages, individual serving-sized juice pouches or boxes, and cereal or granola bars are needed. If you can donate any items, please leave them in the blue wagon outside the church office or drop them off with the back door greeters on Sunday mornings. The generosity of Pullenites in supplying many of these items frees up funds to help others who come to us seeking emergency assistance with housing, medical needs, transportation, etc. Thank you for being so generous.

—Nancy Bradley

June 3, 2018

# Pullen Partners in the Community & Around the World



## Hope Center Updates

We can't believe summer is here already! May has flown by at The Hope Center. We have been busy preparing for the Summer Internship Program and Raising Hope. As we have done so, we have reflected back on how the Internship Program has grown and how we have been fortunate to have the long-term support of the Pullen congregation. We cannot thank you enough for standing with us as we help young people transition from foster care to adulthood.

The Hope Center at Pullen

## Housing Update

At the end of May, two more of our young people signed leases to their own apartments. They are working with our Transition Specialists to gain the job-readiness and life skills needed to become responsible tenants and maintain stable housing.

## 2018 Summer Internship Program

We currently have 25 young people connected with internships this summer at businesses and nonprofits across Wake County. These young people have worked hard to prepare resumes and learn interviewing skills. They are now ready to start their 10-week experience and we look forward to supporting them along the journey.

Mark your calendars for August 24 for the end of summer Internship Celebration. We would love to have you come and hear what the program has meant to the young participants.

**Additional Opportunity to Help Our Young People Nutritious Meals**—Please consider donating a nutritious meal for us to serve at our Wednesday Life Skills Group over the summer! These meals are a big draw for our young people to come to group and your help would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested in helping in this way, please visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849aeaf2da7f85-lunch](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849aeaf2da7f85-lunch) to sign up.

—Hope Center Staff

## Run to Support Prostate Cancer Patients



My employer, Associated Urologists of NC, is hosting its Second Annual Zero Prostate Cancer 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 23, beginning at 7:45 a.m. If you are interested in running, walking, volunteering or donating, please visit our website: [www.zeroprostatecancerrun.org/raleigh](http://www.zeroprostatecancerrun.org/raleigh).

You can also contact me at 919-272-6121 or [patrickrm282@gmail.com](mailto:patrickrm282@gmail.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

—Patrick Michael

## Nicaragua Partners Ask for Prayers & Support During National Crisis

These are tense times in Nicaragua. The violent political and social unrest is deeply disturbing for our friends at AMOS Health and Hope. Parents fear for their children's safety, danger lurks on the roads, and the work of AMOS has been significantly impacted. In response, Pullen has been invited to support a Peace and Healing training at the end of May, which will teach staff, health promoters, and other community leaders how to embrace peace in the midst of violence and uncertainty. ABC Global Consultant Dan Buttry, well known to many of us, will facilitate. If you would like to help defray the \$15,000 cost, you are invited to visit [donate.amoshealth.org/peace-training-in-Nicaragua](http://donate.amoshealth.org/peace-training-in-Nicaragua) to make a secure donation, or send a check. Write in the memo line: *Peace and Healing Training*, and mail to:

AMOS Health and Hope, Inc  
P.O. Box 6155  
Hermitage, PA 16148-0922

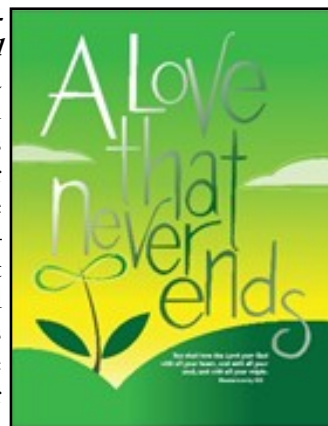
You can visit [amoshealth.org](http://amoshealth.org) to learn more and to sign up for updates on events as they occur.

—Deb Norton & Jonathan Sledge



## Summer Arts Camp for Elementary-Aged Children at West Raleigh Presbyterian

**A Love that Never Ends: Using the Arts to Embrace God and Neighbor.** Join us for a week of visual art, music and song, drama and storytelling, as we explore our call to love our neighbor. Our week will include service projects and trips – some optional and others built into the 6-hour camp! We will offer free pre-care, as well as aftercare on days when we have not planned other activities or trips. Our experienced arts leaders are planning an exciting week that will appeal to all creative abilities. Contact [Marietta@wrpc.org](mailto:Marietta@wrpc.org) with questions or call the WRPC office at 919-828-5468. Register at online at [www.wrpc.org](http://www.wrpc.org).

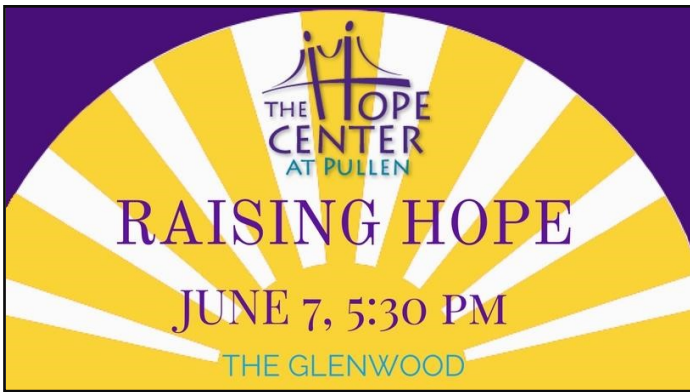


West Raleigh Presbyterian Church is located at 27 Horne Street, a few blocks west of Pullen. The camp is being held July 30 to August 3, with a daily schedule of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with options for extended days. This camp is for children in grades 1–5. Cost is \$125 per camper for those who are able to pay full tuition or \$80 (discounted rate). Additional scholarships available upon request. Registration deadline is July 13.

—Marietta Wynands,

Director of Faith Formation at WRPC

# Pullen Memorial Baptist Church



## Raising Hope Silent Auction & Dinner

We are looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our young people and honoring the commitment of our community partners, including Cathy Tamsberg, at Raising Hope on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at The Glenwood. As of the writing of this newsletter (late May/early June), there are still a limited number of tickets available. Visit [www.biddingowl.com/thehopecenter](http://www.biddingowl.com/thehopecenter) to get your tickets! We are very excited to share this memorable evening with our friends and supporters.

The online silent auction will close on Tuesday, June 5. You may still have time to outbid someone on your favorite item! Visit [www.biddingowl.com/thehopecenter](http://www.biddingowl.com/thehopecenter) to view the items and bid.

—Hope Center Staff

## 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 Rehousing 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 Renfroe, the Human Services Program Specialist, at 919-857-3864 or Frank Lawrence, the South Wilmington Street Center Manager, at 919-508-0718.

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