

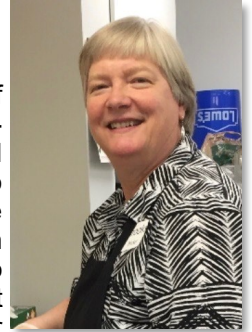


# Pullen News

MARCH 1, 2020

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

## A Tribute to a Colleague and Friend



*“Change is inevitable.” “None of us are indispensable.” “Life goes on and a new normal emerges.”* I know all the platitudes. It makes me cringe to think that I’ve repeated them to you in your time of change and transition. I imagine you found them as unhelpful as I find them now. My colleague and our friend, Brooks Wicker, is retiring as our Church Administrator and it is, and I think I can speak for our community, a change that leaves us feeling both grief and gratitude. While change is inevitable, it is often unwelcome. While none of us are indispensable, those among us who ground us can feel indispensable. And yes, while life goes on, it can take a while for the new normal to emerge. At the news of Brooks announcement to retire as our Church Administrator so many of you have asked me, *“What are we going to do without Brooks?”*

Well, the good news is that she is not retiring from being a member of Pullen. We will still benefit from her wisdom, her commitment to Pullen, her friendship, and her history and knowledge of our beloved church. That’s the good news. The other side of that coin is, simply put, we will miss her terribly as Brooks, our Church Administrator. We will miss her careful attention to our finances. We will miss her attention to detail when it comes to our building. And most of all, we will miss her as a part of the Pullen staff team and all the ways she supports both clergy and laity in caring for the people of Pullen.

As a tribute to Brooks, I want to name a few of her contributions to our community. Long before she was our Church Administrator, Brooks was a faithful and devoted member of Pullen. Having arrived in early 1991 she was a loving and steadfast presence during the holy union/welcoming and affirming conversation of 1991-92. After that vote, she was one who made sure that the LGBTQ community knew they were fully welcomed at Pullen. Brooks has served on numerous committees and councils, specifically on Pullen’s Finance Committee making sure Pullen maintained a healthy financial footing so that our ministries inside and outside our walls might flourish. For years, she was a faithful member of the Seekers Sunday school class. She has, sometimes almost single-handedly, kept us connected to the larger Baptist community through our partnership with the Alliance of Baptists. (At one point, Brooks served as president of the board of the Alliance.) She has represented Pullen with grace as she has visited our partners in Nicaragua, Coventry, and the Republic of Georgia.

In 2014 she became our Church Administrator, a role that she has functioned in with devotion, integrity, and compassion. Possibly the hardest job on our staff, she met each day with a love for Pullen that is unmatched. Sure, there were days of frustration and impatience (mostly with the

pastor) but NEVER was her love of Pullen and Pullen’s people in question. In fact, many days she carried more of the load than was hers to carry. I never ask her why she chose to do so—to work more hours than we compensated her for and to do jobs not in her job description. I didn’t have to. Her love of Pullen and her love of the people have always been without question. Her generosity of spirit, her generosity of compassion, her generosity of faith is a bright light at Pullen.

On March 31 she will return to her place in the pew, no longer our Church Administrator, rather as the faithful and devoted member that she has always been. My instruction to all of us...don’t ask her about a building issue, don’t come to her with a “it’s too hot/too cold in the sanctuary” complaint, and don’t ask her a budget question. Instead, put your arm around her and give her a hug. Show her your gratitude for her years of service on our staff. Show her your gratitude for all the ways she has represented and is representing the heart of Pullen.

On Sunday, March 29 we will celebrate Brooks in our worship service followed by a reception in her honor. This will also be the Sunday when we celebrate our connection to the Alliance of Baptists. It feels right to combine our love for Brooks and her love of the Alliance on the same Sunday. In the meantime, we will share our sadness and grief that Brooks will no longer be our Church Administrator. In the meantime, we will rejoice with her as she and Pat make plans for new adventures to experience more of this wondrous world. And in the meantime, we will start looking for that new normal that will eventually emerge.

Thank you, Brooks Wicker. Well done, thy good and faithful servant! -Nancy

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## We grieve with:

- ☞ Lamar Cox in the death of his wife, Julie, who died on January 20. A memorial service was held at Glenaire on February 1.
- ☞ Roger Adkins in the death of his brother, Gary, who died on January 31.
- ☞ Paul Morris in the death of his father, Kenneth, who died on January 31 in Madison, GA.
- ☞ The family of long-time Pullen member, Oneta Hassler. Oneta was 95 when she died on February 2. A memorial service will be held on June 13 in Bland, MO.
- ☞ Gail Chesson in the death of her uncle, Ray Smith, who died on February 5 at the age of 92.
- ☞ Laura Robinson in the death of her mother, Peg Norris, who died on February 5. A memorial service was held on February 15 in Kingsport, TN.
- ☞ Patrick Michael and Denise Stephens in the death of their co-worker and friend, Diane Gay, who died on February 18.
- ☞ Pat Levi in the death of her husband, Mike, who died on February 18. A memorial service was held on February 22 in Swannanoa, and a service and reception will also be held here at Pullen on March 8 at 2pm.
- ☞ Bill Witman in the death of his father, Robert C. Witman, Sr., on February 24 at the age of 93.

## We celebrate with:

- ☞ Dane and Anna Schuckman in the birth of their daughter, Eila Matilda Schuckman, on February 21.

## Local Migrants Thank You!

Many thanks to all of you who donated clothing or toiletries for the migrant farmworkers served by Episcopal Farmworker Ministries. This annual effort makes a big difference for men who may arrive to pick our crops with only the clothes on their backs.

-Pat Long

## Pullen Women's Group - March 9

The next get together for the Pullen Women's Group is Monday, March 9, at 6:30 pm at Nafkot Ethiopian 2109 Avent Ferry Rd, Raleigh. All women are invited. TEXT or Call Rita at 919-360-0975 so we know how big of a table to reserve.

-Rita Rakestraw

## The Grace in Aging

Aging can be a time for a focus on the many losses we are experiencing or it can be an opportunity to turn inward, to grow in love and wisdom, and to deepen our connection with the sacred. Using Kathleen Singh's book, "The Grace in Aging" to help us focus, we will gather to reflect, meditate, and share our collective wisdom as we open ourselves to hear "a syllable of God".

**Consecutive Sundays, March 29-May 10, (with the exception of April 12, Easter Sunday) 3:30-5:00 at Pullen in the parlor.**

To register, or for additional information, contact Suzanne Hayes at [sphayes@earthlink.net](mailto:sphayes@earthlink.net) or Ned Yellig at [ebyellig@gmail.com](mailto:ebyellig@gmail.com)

-Suzanne Hayes

## Migrant Documentary March 18

**On Wednesday, March 18, at 6 PM** the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry and the Advocate Chapel will host **Stories Beyond Borders**, documentary films that show a more complete picture of the attacks on immigrant families and communities. Beyond building empathy, these five short films lift up real stories of resilience and strength, while illustrating ways people can give their time, energy, and resources to support organizing led by immigrant communities. It will take place at The Episcopal Church of the Advocate, 8410 Merin Road, Chapel Hill.

-Pat Long

## Duke Gardens & Chapel Tour April 14

Spring is coming! Let's get out and enjoy it! We're inviting all elders to a **"Duke Day Trip"** on Tuesday, April 14. We will depart from Pullen at 8:45 am, and our day at Duke will begin with a guided tour of the gardens. We'll eat lunch together on campus before heading to Duke Chapel for an organ performance and chapel tour. Expect to return to Pullen by 3:30 pm. The cost is \$10, which covers the tour. We'll take care of transportation and lunch is dutch treat.

The garden tour is a 1.5 hour walking tour, but we have reserved a simultaneous trolley tour for those who may not be able to walk for that length of time. Space is limited, so please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend, and be sure to request the trolley tour if you need it.

-Chalice Overy [covery@pullen.org](mailto:covery@pullen.org)

**YOUNG** Bingo Night Fellowship  
**adults** On Tuesday, March 24, instead of Theology on Tap, come on out to the Hibernian (311 Glenwood Avenue) for Bingo Night at 8 pm.

## Fourth Sunday Lunch

Join us for this casual time to connect at The Players' Retreat (105 Oberlin Rd) after church on March 22.

-Chalice Overy

March 2020



## POW Info meeting March 22

Come camp with Pullen friends!



**Pullen Outdoor Weekend**  
**May 22-25**

**Memorial Day Weekend**  
**at Hanging Rock State Park**

Pullen folk have gathered in the Great Outdoors on Memorial Day weekend for over 40 years! Come camp with us at the annual Pullen Outdoor Weekend Event at Hanging Rock State Park. We will have some loosely organized activities, like tubing and hiking, and group dinners on Saturday and Sunday.

To get organized and answer your questions, join us at 4pm, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kaspers house 2221 Oxford Hills Drive, Raleigh NC 27608. We will provide an overview of the weekend and share a few different Pullenites' experiences of previous POWs. The Kaspers will be providing the main meal and drinks; we just need to bring sides and desserts. Please RSVP to Kevin at [kneiley1@gmail.com](mailto:kneiley1@gmail.com) with the subject line Kasper that you are coming so we can get a good head count. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Please email Kevin Neiley at [kneiley1@gmail.com](mailto:kneiley1@gmail.com) to reserve your campsite!  
*-Shannon Neiley*

## Donate to Urban Ministries!

### You did it Pullen!

The picture of food that filled Pullen's chancel was almost unbelievable! How sad that the need for food in families we don't know, with children who attend



schools all around Pullen continues daily. The **shopping cart at the back door** as well as the **cart in the east information room** adjacent to our front foyer is there to collect food that Pullen Mission Women takes to

**Urban Ministries in Raleigh.** As soon as the cart is full we deliver it, and this continues to be one of Pullen's ongoing missions to our community. One can or box as you come each Sunday means a lot when one's cupboard is bare. Thank you for giving. —Sharon Underwood

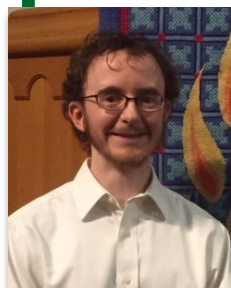
## New Members



### Anna Landis

I graduated from Meredith College in 2017 (go odds!) with a degree in Spanish and Sociology. I currently work in the contract department at PRA Health Sciences. During a majority of my free time, I'm at Pullen as I am active adult leader in the Pullen Youth Group. As I grew up in the church (we started coming in October 2001), I wanted to make sure the Youth have a positive experience as I did. Pullen and Meredith College

helped me find my voice. I also assist with the Youth Choir and help with their yearly Festival by the Sea trip. Additionally, I will be a chaperone for the Youth trip to Cuba this summer. This will be my fourth trip to see our faith family in Matanzas. Additionally, I am a member on the Youth and Young Adult committee. When I am not at church, you can find me exploring the RDU area being a total foodie, at the beach, outside enjoying the beautiful NC weather, napping, or doing something fun with my gal pals!



### Philip Taff

I grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, going to Northminster Baptist Church, a fellow Alliance of Baptists congregation. After earning my bachelor's in physics at Yale in 2007 I became a software engineer. I'd been to camp near Black Mountain in middle and high school, but I didn't make it this far east in NC until shortly before I moved to Raleigh for work in 2016. Pullen was recommended to me before I moved, and I'm glad to be a part of the Pullen family.



### Tom Stockton

I was raised in the Chapel Hill/Durham area, and am currently a Junior Political Science major/ History minor at NCSU. I plan on attending law school and am currently preparing for the LSAT. I'm very passionate about politics both domestic and international, and I have a lot of interest in how faith ought to inform ones' politics. I'm active with College Democrats on campus and am also Pete Buttigieg's campus coordinator. Outside of school and church, I'm a rugby player, having played at the high school all American level and now just playing for the NC State club team. I'm also a pretty serious soccer fan.



### Jeremy Tucker

I am the Director of Arts Education for Durham Public Schools as well as the Artistic Director for the Raleigh Boychoir. My music education career started as an elementary music teacher for seven years and High School choral director for seven years in both Wilson and Cary, NC. I am a Nationally Board Certified Teacher and was pleased to be named the North Central NC Public Schools Regional Teacher

of the Year. My choirs have performed across the United States as well as internationally. I am a recipient of the NC Symphony's Maxine Swalin Award for Outstanding Music Education, as well as President-Elect for the NC chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

## Concert at Pullen on March 26



**RALEIGH  
BOYCHOIR**

Sing • Transform • Lead

**In Concert at Pullen:**

**The Appalachian State University Glee Club & Raleigh Boychoir**

**Thursday, March 26, 7:00PM, Sanctuary**

The Pullen Music Ministry is pleased to host the ASU Glee Club and Raleigh Boychoir in concert together on Thursday, March 26. All are invited to this free concert that will take place in the Pullen Sanctuary at 7:00PM.

The Raleigh Boychoir is a non-profit organization that educates and trains boys in the art of singing. Performing some of the world's most diverse choral music, the RBC contributes to the musical and cultural life of Raleigh, the greater Triangle area and beyond. The Boychoir is conducted by Jeremy Tucker, Director of Arts Programs for Durham Public Schools, and a member of Pullen's Chancel Choir and Worship Council.

The Appalachian State University Glee Club is one of the university's six choral ensembles. Its membership is made up of students capable of and interested in singing literature for tenor, baritone and bass voices. The Glee Club is conducted by Dr. Meg Stohlmann, Assistant Professor in the Hayes School of Music where she also teaches in the areas of class voice and choral music education.



### *A Warm Welcome to our Guest—Abbey Thompson*

We are pleased to welcome Abbey Thompson to our church, a Nigerian gentleman who has applied for asylum status in our country. Abbey left a detention center in York, Pennsylvania, and arrived here by bus on March 19th. Jim McMahan, Jonathan Sledge and Thomas Price met him that night to help him settle into the living space near the youth rooms on the first floor of the church. Since his arrival, he has met a host of volunteers from our church and the Raleigh Mennonite Church.

Abbey says that he is very happy and thankful to have the opportunity to stay with us as he works to build a new life in this area. He is 36 years old and speaks English and Yoruba, his tribal language. He is single, and has two sons, ages 7 and 11, who live with his mother in Nigeria. Prior to his escape from Nigeria, he conducted a crop harvesting business, in which he employed farmworkers and contracted with growers. Abbey explained that he was known as a supplier.

Abbey traveled very far with great hardship to get to the US. Since July 2019 he has lived in a detention facility in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He applied for asylum due to persecution in his country for his Christian beliefs. He was abducted and suffered unspeakable atrocities over a two year period, including repeated beatings and torture, first by Boko Haram, and later by the Nigerian military and security officials for a combined period of more than two years. He bears physical and emotional scars from this experiences, including an injured wrist in need of medical attention.

But, you would never know this information upon meeting Abbey. He has a calm disposition and a wide smile. Abbey wants us to know that his desires are simple, that he is an evangelist and at some point he would like opportunities to talk with us about God. He relies on his strong Christian beliefs. He enjoys jogging and weight-lifting, likes to cook, and likes to be around other people. He would like to get to know the neighborhood around Pullen, go use the computer at the public library, and while he is waiting for a work permit, take classes (computer skills, GED) that will increase his employability and hasten his independence. He also revealed his love of history on a recent trip to the NC Museum of History with Nancy Jones. They spent two hours there and never left the first floor....

Abbey has been remarkably vigorous despite being in detention for many months, and has met with the Resettlement and Sanctuary Mission Group (Pullen and Raleigh Mennonite Church members) to make plans to meet his goals and needs over time. We expect Abbey to be our guest for several months as he seeks a work permit and a place to live outside of our church.



**If you are interested in spending time with Abbey:** On March 8th, immediately after church, Thomas Price will provide a short (45 minute) volunteer training in the Youth Room. This training is designed for folks who would like to spend time with Abbey during the day or evening. If you are interested in this effort, click onto this link: [bit.ly/PullenTraining](https://bit.ly/PullenTraining) or email Thomas directly at [thomaswprice1@gmail.com](mailto:thomaswprice1@gmail.com)

**If you would like to provide material donations in support of Abbey,** and have not already signed up, please go to the Pullen website Sanctuary Volunteer link <http://www.pullen.org/sanctuary/> and fill out the short form. Serena Buckner will place your information into a sign-up sheet and follow up with you.

*-Noelle Schofield*



# The Hope Center March Update



The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raising Hope Gala is coming up! Mark your calendars for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at The Woman's Club of Raleigh. There's still time to

join as an Event Sponsor. Click [here](#) or stop by our office to fill out a form. Email [ewitcher@hopecenteratpullen.org](mailto:ewitcher@hopecenteratpullen.org) with questions or for more information.

We are thrilled to have Kristin Cooper joining us as Honorary Chair for the evening. Our young adults are working with John Pavolvitz again to share their journeys with you. It's going to be an amazing evening and we look forward to seeing you there.



### Welcome, Jadie!

We are SO thrilled to announce that **Jadie Baldwin-Hamm** is taking over the role of **Parenting Specialist** at The Hope Center. Jadie is returning to our staff after working with SAFEchild and briefly staying home with her growing family. Formerly a social worker with Wake County Human Services, Jadie holds an MSW and has an abundance of knowledge and experience in parenting. We look forward to seeing our young parents and children thrive with her guidance. Alex Lane, who has been filling this important need for our clients, rotated off our staff at the end of February to stay home with her newborn. We will miss her greatly.

-Erin Witcher



### Spring cleaning and looking to donate?

#### HELP US IN GIVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

Many of our young people never got the experience of having someone teach them how to shop or do their make up, & wish they had! We at the Hope Center want to give them a pamper day, where they can pick out a "new" outfit, and learn different hair and make up styles!

#### DONATIONS NEEDED

Shirts (sz:sm-4x), pants (sz:2-24), shoes(sz:6-11), dresses (sz:8-24), make up: foundation (all shades of brown), eye shadow, eye liner, lipstick, make up brushes

THE HOPE CENTER

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF OR PICKED UP BY MARCH 18TH, 2020

# Pullen Children's Ministry

Family Service Day @  
Oak City Cares  
Saturday, March 7  
10:00-11:30AM



OAK CITY  
CARES

- Friday, March 6—Food Prep @ Pullen from 5:30—7:30 PM
- Saturday, March 7—Food Prep @ Pullen Kitchen from 7:45-9:45 AM
- Saturday, March 7—Serve @ Oak City Cares from 10-11 AM

Families will have an opportunity to serve the community by helping prepare and serving 150 to 175 guests at Oak City Cares. (1430 S Wilmington St, Raleigh)

We are looking for families to provide food, funds and time prepping at the church and serving on location. (Bring Oranges, Apples, Bananas and funds to offset the cost of menu items to the church by noon, Friday March 6) Email [tcook@pullen.org](mailto:tcook@pullen.org) to ask questions or volunteer.

## Change in Wednesday Night Programs for Children beginning March 18

**6:15PM:** All children K-5th Grade will meet in Room 122 for fun - silly songs & activities.

#### 6:30PM:

**K-2nd Grade\*** Play time outside and in the "Children at Play" Room (Room 116/Playground)

**3rd—5th Grade\*** Micah Kids in Room 125

#### 7:00PM:

**K-2nd Grade\*** Micah Kids in Room 125

**3rd—5th Grade\*** Play time outside and in the "Children at Play" Room (Room 116/Play Ground)

\*There will be Wednesdays when **ALL** grade school children shall remain together for intergenerational events at "The Table" and other special events ... (Movie nights, field games, etc..)

#### Preschooler Care 6:00-7:30 PM

Preschool parents— please email Tommy at [tcook@pullen.org](mailto:tcook@pullen.org) and let him know if your children will attend so we can have adequate childcare. Thanks!

## Earth Ministry Challenge



### Environmentally Friendly Gardening in Our Community

I've had the privilege of gardening in the local area for nearly 50 years and I'm taking this opportunity to offer up some personal suggestions based upon our growing conditions.

The most obvious place to begin is to address local soils. Many new gardeners, especially from other areas of the country, have never had the experience of attempting to grow either vegetables or ornamentals in our clay soils. The typical red clay in the Raleigh area even has a name, it is referred to as the "Cecil" soil series. I have become well acquainted with Cecil during the past 25 years that Judy and I have lived in our present home.

During the time we've gardened in our neighborhood I haven't purchased a single cubic foot of topsoil, rather, I've spent any resources amending the soil with humus. I also recycle all grass clippings and leaves back into the lawn with a mulching mower (mulching options are available with most newer lawnmowers). My neighbors have contributed their bagged leaves to our compost pile, and when a tree crew is in the area, they are usually willing to dump free wood chips onto our driveway to be used as mulch. As this mulch decays on the surface, microorganisms convert this raw material into soil enriching humus in less than 2 years. (Several caveats are worth mentioning. It is advisable to avoid placing chips from pines close to areas where pine trees are growing as that mulch has the potential to attract beetles that can infest your remaining pine trees. Do not incorporate fresh wood chips into the soil as it will result in nitrogen deficiencies. Lastly, keep mulch several inches away from the stems of plants to prevent excess moisture from remaining there.)

The results I've obtained have been gratifying. My vegetables, perennials, trees, and shrubs continue to thrive with surface applications of mulch and the incorporation of finished compost into the soil. Over the years I've expanded my hobby into plant propagation by means of grafting, cuttings, divisions and seeds that I've either expanded my plantings with or have shared with friends and family. Raleigh's long growing season provides gardeners with a rich palette of plants to select from. Environmentally friendly gardening presents many challenges coupled with long-lasting rewards.

*-Greg Bruhn*

Links and resources: <http://pullen.org/earthministry/>

## Good Dialogue about The Good Place at Temple Beth Or on April 16th

Temple Beth Or and Pullen are partnering in a series of discussions about the intersection of art and faith. The first will be Good Dialogue about the Good Place at Temple Beth Or on April 16th from 7:30—9:00. The Good Place is a television series that follows four individuals as they navigate the world and the afterlife in a quest to be better people. Rabbi Leah Citrin and Brian Crisp will explore several aspects of humanity and our shared quests of being ethical in challenging scenarios. The Good Place is available on streaming services. The series on art and faith will continue in the fall with a four-part series on art from the Holocaust that moves from atrocity to optimism.

*-Rabbi Leah Citrin and Brian Crisp*

## 2019 Missions & Outreach Giving

Pullen continues its generosity to vital work in our community and in our world. Our \$50,715 Missions and Outreach budget supported our mission groups, offered emergency assistance and seed grants, and provided support to our international partners and local non-profit organizations and ministries. In our Deacon Council budget, gifts totaling \$19,575 supported our denominational and ecumenical connections via direct contributions or expenses for staff and members to support organizations to which we are related in ministry and mission. Of the church's 2019 budget of \$1,121,673, 6.3 percent was dedicated to Outreach.

Our non-budgeted outreach funding is given throughout the year through contributions from Pullen members and friends, including Pullen Mission Women (PMW), for a wide variety of ministries.

Those non-budgeted outreach gifts include:

- ◆ ABC (International Ministries) \$2,600
- ◆ ABC (One Great Hour of Sharing) \$574
- ◆ ABC (Home Mission Societies) \$3,795
- ◆ ABC (Retired Ministers & Missionaries) \$497
- ◆ Alliance of Baptists \$7,900
- ◆ AMOS Health and Hope (Nicaragua) \$5720
- ◆ Community of the Cross of Nails \$1154
- ◆ Community Ministry \$11,923
- ◆ Cuba Gifts \$2,838
- ◆ FIGS (Rx for the uninsured) \$495
- ◆ Georgia (Tbilisi) \$19,223
- ◆ Hope Center at Pullen \$555
- ◆ Match (Mothers & Their Children) \$385
- ◆ Nicaragua Prenatal Care \$480
- ◆ Urban Ministries Crisis Intervention \$275
- ◆ Wake County Human Services \$100
- ◆ Wiley Dinner Sponsorships \$465
- ◆ Wiley Snacks \$167
- ◆ Women's Center of Wake County \$360
- ◆ Zimbabwe Gifts \$1723

⇒ **Total Non-budgeted Outreach Gifts: \$61,229 (total from list above)**

⇒ **M&O Council Budgeted Gifts: \$50,715**

⇒ **Deacon Council Budgeted Gifts: \$19,575**

⇒ **Total Outreach Giving: \$131,519**  
**% of 2019 Income (\$1,128,013): 11.66%**

These numbers do not include countless other gifts such as Round Table lunch items, medications for Cuba, layettes for Nicaragua, mission trip expenses, gifts sent directly to the Hope Center, food for PMW's donation to Urban Ministries and many other ways you reach beyond our walls to help others. Thank you for your tremendous generosity. Because of you, we are making a difference in our world.

*—Brian Crisp*



### Meditation Group, 2pm

Please join us in regular meditation or centering prayer practice in the Pullen Chapel!

**March 1, March 15, April 5, April 19**

*-Ann Eller and Karla Oakley*

## Alliance Sunday—March 29



### With Dr. Bill Leonard

On March 29th we will celebrate our relationship with the Alliance of Baptists. We have invited Dr.

Bill Leonard, Founding Dean and Professor of Divinity Emeritus of Wake Forest University's Divinity School, to preach that day. Additionally, we have asked Dr. Leonard to talk about Baptist history within American religious history to our combined adult Sunday Groups in Finaltor Hall that morning from 9:30-10:30.

Dr. Leonard's research focuses on American religion, Baptist studies, and Appalachian religion. He is the author or several books including *Christianity in Appalachia* (1999); *Baptist Ways: A History* (2003); *The Challenge of Being Baptist* (2010); and *A Sense of the Heart: Christian Religious Experience in the U.S.* (2014). We look forward to hearing from Dr. Leonard as well as supporting the good work of the Alliance of Baptists, of which Pullen is a founding congregation.

- Brian Crisp



Alliance  
of Baptists

## Vote for Creation Care!

Resources specific to your voting district to help you learn about the candidates' stances on the environment and climate change.



The 2020 election will be the most important we've ever had for protecting the Earth, our only home. We are now in a climate crisis. Time is running short to bend down the rising curve of greenhouse gas emissions and avert catastrophe for our children and grandchildren. The latest data suggests the planet is heating faster than predicted just a few short years ago and we see growing evidence every day; Australia and the Amazon burning, flooding in the U. S. Midwest and unprecedented heat waves in Europe. We can and must take individual action to reverse global warming, but government policy must also be part of the solution.

**Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle has collected a number of resources available to help voters understand political candidates' stances on the environment.**

Please go to the website to see them:

<https://interfaithcreationcare.org/vote-for-creation-care-in-2020/> or visit <http://pullen.org/earthministry/>



And remember, please  
**VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, MARCH 3!**

-Russell Outcalt

Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle

## Easter Lilies

### Honoring Loved Ones During Easter—Deadline April 6

As the Pullen community begins preparations for Easter, the Sanctuary Committee offers the congregation an opportunity to honor or memorialize a friend or family member by contributing to our sanctuary visual imagery. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your contribution.

Your Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ (suggested donation: \$12 each)

I will/will not pick up a lily after worship Easter morning.

Lillies are given...

In honor or memory of (1) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor or memory of (2) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor or memory of (3) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor or memory of (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_





# Join us at The Table in March

## March 4-Ask the Pastor

Our very own Nancy E. Petty will talk about her community involvement, interfaith partnerships, what's on her reading list, and take your questions on any topic. Inquiring minds are invited to attend!



## March 11-Facts on Fostering

Hope Center at Pullen Executive Director, Meredith Yuckman will join us to talk about the center's work to support young adults who are transitioning out of foster care. We'll also welcome Crystal Williams, foster parent, and Foster Care Family Recruiter with Lutheran Services Carolinas to talk about the state of foster care and opportunities to get involved.



## March 18-God Behind Bars

Nancy Hastings Sehested, trailblazing pastor and former prison chaplain will bear witness to the "misery and miracles" in the prison system from her recently released book, *Marked for Life*.



## March 25-Intergenerational Game Night



Game night makes its return this month, and we're doing it "Minute to Win It" style! These short games will test skills you never thought needed, and with our children, youth and adults having fun together, everybody is a winner!

*Wednesday night is a busy time for the Pullen family. We begin at 5:15 PM in Finlator Hall with a meal that provides valuable time to visit with each other. Dinner is available until at least 6:00 PM. At 6:30 PM adults participate in a program that concludes at 7:30 PM as the children's and youth programming ends.*

