Pullen News

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

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love without weakness."

In two months our congregation will celebrate Cathy Tamsberg's ministry among us for these past 17 years. We will bid her farewell as we wish her many years of a meaningful and restful retirement. Cathy has served this community of faith with integrity, humility, faithfulness, and steadfastness. She has been (and will continue to be for the next two months) an organized educator, a compassionate pastor, a spiritual guide, and a loyal colleague. Since Cathy announced her retirement, I have been reflecting on her ministry at Pullen and our relationship as colleagues. I want to share with you some of my reflections now, knowing that more will come.

I begin with her thoughtful and steady leadership in all areas of the church, but especially in the areas of missions and outreach, Christian education, and spiritual life. Cathy has guided us to deepen our roots and strengthen our

commitments to our missions and outreach ministries by focusing on building meaningful and sustainable relationships with our partners, as well as with those who come to us seeking help. Her vision of our missions and outreach being more than a hand out to those in need has significantly shaped how we as a church care for those struggling in our community.

Her approach to Christian education as nurturing the faithful life through sound biblical teaching and offering programs that address relevant faith issues has kept the education dimension of our communal life strong. She has given superb leadership to the Education Council and to our children and youth minister's as they have sought to strengthen the Christian education program of our church.

Cathy's leadership in nurturing the spiritual life of our community has been a gift that is often not seen but keenly felt. As Cathy and I have talked over the past several years, she has lamented that she wished she could have done more in this area throughout her tenure at Pullen. My response to Cathy then and now is that she has done far more in this area than she could ever realize. Her own spiritual depth has quietly inspired and deepened the spiritual life of those of us around her. She has set before us an example of what it means to have a spiritual life by caring for her own spirit through devotion, contemplation, and action. In times of decision, it has been Cathy who has encouraged us to spend time in reflection and prayer discerning God's spirit among us. She has reminded us through our education programs, our missions and outreach, and our communal life together that our purpose is grounded in doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

We are two very different people, but we share in common a great love for God and a great love for this church. In working together, we have learned about and experienced our different gifts and our different ways of thinking and acting. There have been times when these differences have made for some difficult days as colleagues. And with that said, I will say to you without hesitation that I have never had a colleague that I "Lord, give me firmness without hardness,

knew that I could trust more than Cathy Tamsberg. Whatever our differences, I knew that Cathy would remain professional and compassionate in working through those differences. I -Jim Elliot knew that she would treat me with respect even though she

might strongly disagree with me. And I knew that she would be forthright and honest with me about her own thoughts and feelings. As a colleague, she has given me the space to be me while holding me accountable to the larger mission of our work together. She has challenged me in my thinking and acting and in so doing she has helped me become a better pastor and person. On a daily basis, she has been the hub of our church—making sure our programs and ministries don't miss a beat, and doing so at times when chaos reigned all around us (and sometimes I was the chaos).

To speak (or in this case, write) about Cathy as a colleague is a

bit more vulnerable, and a lot more emotional. It will come as

no surprise to any of you who know the two of us that our

approaches to life and ministry differ—in some aspects vastly.

I know that no one is indispensable. But this I also know: Pullen Memorial Baptist Church will greatly and deeply miss Cathy Tamsberg. I will greatly and deeply miss Cathy. I will miss her organization. I will miss her attention to detail. I will miss her dry sense of humor. I will miss her irritating questions in staff meeting that ultimately make us a better staff and church. I will miss her wisdom and spiritual guidance in times of discernment and decision making. I will miss her steady leadership that for these past 17 years has given our community the confidence that all is well day in and day out at Pullen.

Most of all, I will forever be grateful that from Cathy I have learned you can have "firmness without hardness, steadfastness without dogmatism, love without weakness." For these past 17 years, I could not have asked for a better colleague than Cathy Tamsberg. I am a better pastor and a better person because I had the opportunity to serve alongside her. In the coming days, I hope you will write your own tribute to Cathy and send it to her with your blessings and best wishes. I amy stey

Opportunities to Connect, Serve, Learn and Grow at Pullen

Pullen 201 Happens Saturday

On Saturday morning, March 10, members of Pullen councils and committees and others who are interested are invited to participate in Pullen 201. During this four-hour workshop, running from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we'll talk about unique characteristics of Pullen, what makes a good leader here, and issues facing us in the future.

The event does not include lunch. However, we will have coffee and snacks throughout the morning so we need to know if you're coming. Go to www.pullen.org/201 to register.

We hope you will join us for this discussion of our identity and how we function as a church. All are welcome!

—Church Staff

Pullen Women Gather at North Hills Thursday

Pullen Women's Group will meet at Spring Rolls restaurant at North Hills on Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are welcome to come for dinner, drinks, and a good time. Please bring a donation for Round Table Fellowship. Please RSVP to me at 919-360-0975.

-Rita Rakestraw

LGBTQ Lunch Next Sunday

Friends, Please join us for Second Sunday Lunch on March 11 after worship at Brixx, 402 Oberlin Road, Suite 120. Remember to move your clocks forward! There is a small parking garage or you might want to seek commercial or retail lots near the Brixx restaurant. Hope to see you there!

—Jimmy Smith and Laura Robinson, LGBTQ Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Afternoon Worship on April 7

On Sunday, April 7 (one week after Easter Sunday) our regular Sunday worship service will be held in the afternoon, followed by a community evening meal. There will be no morning activities at Pullen that Sunday due to the road closures prompted by the Rock'N'Roll Half Marthon.

-Worship Council

Pullen's Generosity Continues

We celebrate that Pullen Church ended 2017 with a small financial surplus of \$3,941.90. Since this amount is less than 1% of the 2017 budget, our Constitution and Bylaws give the Finance Committee the authority to decide how to allocate these funds. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to add this money to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This gives Nancy almost \$5,000 in 2018 to assist people in need in our community. We remain grateful for your faithful and generous financial support of Pullen's ministries.

—Kyle Hampton, Finance Committee chair

2017 Year End Financials

Contributions: \$1,009,403.80 <u>Expenses:</u> \$1,005,461.90 Surplus: \$3,941.90

Pullen Urgent Repairs

Funds Given to Date: \$476,603 Funds Spent to Date: \$137,806



Join Interfaith Meditation Group Today in Poteat Chapel

Everyone is invited to the ongoing Interfaith Meditation held on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Poteat Chapel. 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.

Join us this month on Sunday, March 4 and Sunday, March 18.

-Karla Oakley and Ann Eller

LENTEN MISSION OFFERING

How can I tell that Lent has begun? One clue comes when the choir processes into the chancel wearing their purple stoles! Lent began on February 18 this year and continues until Good Friday, and so do the purple stoles. If you will look for special envelopes located in the pew racks, you will find what you need to enclose your Lenten Mission Offering gift for the plate.

At Pullen we have a special relationship with some ABC International Ministries missionaries. Dan Buttry travels all over the world, often with wife Sharon, providing training for peacemaking and conflict transformation wherever it is needed. Glen and Rita Chapman have pursued their parents' and grandparents' ABC mission work in Kikongo, Democratic Republic of Congo for years. In April Glen returns to teach at UNI-BAC, established prior to their sabbatical, and Rita will soon follow him to resume work at Kikongo's Women's Center. Glen provides a colorful powered parachute ministry in Congo. Laura and David Parajon lead and work with AMOS in Nicaragua.

You may also choose to make a gift to ABC Home Missions in the United States. Gifts to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering provides support after retirement. One Great Hour of Sharing combines the efforts of nine denominations to meet emergency needs of victims of natural disasters. Puerto Rico continues to be assisted through donations to this fund. What we donate to this Lenten Mission Offering works to make the world a better place.

-Missions & Outreach Council

Help Out the Food Bank 3/17

Saturday, March 17, is our next Food Bank volunteer day. This is an intergenerational event as we sort food for our partner, The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

We meet at Moe's in Cameron Village at 11:45 a.m. for lunch, then travel for a 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. volunteer shift. There are spaces for 20 volunteers. Contact Brian Crisp at brcrisp @pullen.org to reserve your spot.

—Brian Crisp March 4, 2018

Pullen People

We Grieve With:

- Nancy Bradley in the death of her great-niece Tessa, who was born as a twin last October. Following initial struggles, Tessa's health had improved but then declined quickly in February. We pray for all of Nancy's family.
- The loved ones of Liz Talbot, a young person who frequented our property, who died of an overdose in February.
- Judy Woodson-Bruhn in the death of her mother, Carolyn Woodson.

We Celebrate With:

- Nora Kilcup and Andrea Sakellaropoulos, who were married on Friday, March 2.
- Heather McKenzie and Elizabeth Millione, who were married on Saturday, March 3.

Meet Our New Members

Jean Batts Joined February 4



Jean Writes: My roots are in Michigan, where I was raised Catholic and attended Catholic schools. I recently retired from teaching science and language arts to middle schoolers for the past 33 years. It was a "job" I loved and it's safe to say I learned as much from them as I imparted.

Traveling is at the top of my hobby list now, especially to places where I can learn about different cul-

tures. Swimming and reading are also interests as well as spending as much time as I can with my family. My son, two daughters, two son-in-laws, and four grandchildren are my heart!

New to Raleigh two years ago, I didn't know about Pullen. Shortly after my move, I heard Nancy interviewed on Public Radio and read news accounts of this extraordinary community's outreach to victims of the Orlando shooting. I felt compelled to visit Pullen. I've been "visiting" for over a year now, taking comfort in Pullen's unconditional hospitality. My decision to become a Pullenite stems from my desire to become an active member of this community, spreading the kind of radical love and comfort that I've experienced here.

Need to share something?

Send any submissions for publication in the Sunday *Update* or *PullenNews* to **news@pullen.org**.

Wednesday Nights in March

Spring is coming more quickly than we expected, so the weather is nice outside. But the best place to be on Wednesday evenings is Finlator Hall with your Pullen family. We'd love to have you join us for good food, fellowship and meaningful programming for all ages each week. Dinner is served from 5:15-6:00 p.m. The cost is \$6 for youth and adults and \$3 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The family maximum is \$20. Reservations are not required.

The Children's activities begin at 6 p.m., and the program hour for adults is 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth begin their check-in at 6:15 PM.

March 7 – Retirement as a Spiritual Journey

On this evening we begin a three-part Lenten series on spiritual journeys with reflections from three Pullenites who have retired in the last several years. Longtime Pullen members Lisa Grabarek, Nancy Jones and George Reed will share the practical and spiritual gifts and challenges in the transition from career to retirement.

March 14 - Caregiving as a Spiritual Journey

A number of Pullen people are caregiving for loved ones these days. To help us appreciate the joys and concerns of this common experience, Carolyn Sexton, Lynn Jarrard, Ruth Pardue and Dave Parnell will reflect on how being a caregiver for an elderly parent has both enhanced and stretched their spiritual lives.

March 21 – Illness as a Spiritual Journey

In our final "spiritual journeys" session, three members of the Pullen family who have been challenged by illness, their own or that of loved ones, will talk with us about this experience. Ginny Going, Tom Henderson and Rob Morrell will lead our session by sharing how their spiritual journeys have been impacted by serious illness.

March 28 - NO DINNER OR PROGRAM

Instead please join us on Thursday, March 29, for our Maundy Thursday meal and service.

We hope you will make plans to deepen your connection to the Pullen community by joining us on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

-Wednesday Night Committee

Would You Like to Talk About Baptism?

The Lenten journey calls us to soul searching – the kind of soul searching that transforms us into new beings through God's grace. At Pullen, we encourage each other to think intentionally about what it means in our individual lives and our life together to be faithful followers of Jesus in our world. For some, this questioning and searching can lead to questions about baptism. If you have not experienced baptism as a part of your faith journey, the season of Lent can offer you the space to explore what such a ritual could mean in your life. If you are interested in discussing baptism or being baptized on Easter Sunday, please contact Nancy at npetty@pullen.org or 919-828-0897.

-Nancy Petty

Ministry with Children and Their Families

Worship Bags for Children are Here!



This Sunday, March 4, children in Kindergarten-5th Grade will have access to our new Worship Bags. The bags are filled with items to assist children and parents or guardians participating in worship (pencils, paper, book

marks for the hymnals, pipe cleaners, etc.). Although some churches call this a "busy bag" or a "quiet bag," I believe they will assist our families in becoming engaged with worship. Bags will be located in the East Foyer (Cox Avenue side) by the sanctuary. At the end of worship, please return your bag by placing it in the baskets at either exit.

—Tommy Cook

Micah Kids Food Collection Continues Through the Month of March

Micah Kids (which meets Wednesday Nights at 6:15) continue to collect special items for the Round Table through the season of Lent (ending April 1). Items needed are canned tuna,

canned chicken and ground coffee. If you wish, you can make monetary donations that will be used to purchase S h r e d d e d Cheese. Can and coffee donations can be taken to a marked tub near Finlator



Hall. For monetary donations, make checks payable to PMBC with "MK Round Table" in the memo line, or put an appropriate marked envelope with cash in the offering plate. We are hoping to build a good supply of these frequently used items for those the Round Table serves in the community.

— Tommy Cook

Worship Nursery Helpers Needed

We are in need of caring adults to work along side our paid childcare workers during the worship hour, Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Adults need to be church members or attend Pullen on a regular basis. A background check is also required. Our goal is for helpers to assist at least four times a year. If you would like to serve the church by sharing smiles with these precious little ones, please contact Tommy Cook.

—Tommy Cook



Mark Your Calendar

Palm Sunday, March 25 For ALL children up to 5th Grade

Volunteers are needed to hide eggs and assist during the hunt. Meet in Finlator Hall and Bring a Basket!

For our Children's Easter Egg Hunt this year, we are NOT asking church members to provide candy or Easter trinkets for prizes. Instead we are asking you, our church members, to be SomeBunny who loves children. If you would like to take part, we are asking you to write a note to one of our children giving them support, prayers, encouragement, and love. Notes should

be generic and suitable for any age. After the hunt, each child will receive a stuffed bunny with a note attached. The recipient will be encouraged to send a thank you note to you. We hope this will build inter-generational connections at Pullen. We are hoping to receive 40 notes that can be passed on to children. Please consider being a "SomeBunny" this year! Thank you!





VBS Summer Day Camp at Pullen



- June 25-29 from 9 AM to 5 PM
- Drop Off at 8:30 a.m.
 Pick Up at 5:30 p.m.
- Rising 1st through 6th Graders
- Sign up opens March 13

For more information about our Ministry with Children and their Families, please contact Tommy Cook at:

- 919-828-0897 ext. 212
- tcook@pullen.org

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Ministry with Youth and Their Families

Hire Pullen Youth for Odd Jobs, Support Our Cuba Partnership

The 2018 Youth-2-Cuba team has several fundraisers planned for the upcoming months and we ask for your support, as you are able, when this information comes out.

For now, you can hire our team to do a variety of yard work tasks including, but not limited to, raking, leaf blowing, hedge trimming, mulching, weeding, or cutting up trees (preferably already on the ground). If there are other tasks around your home that involve cleaning or basic maintenance, we would be happy to talk about helping out.

Do you know someone else who needs help but would have trouble paying anything for it? You can sponsor a project and even remain anonymous. Email M'liss Koopman at thekoop@yahoo.com.

—Youth 2 Cuba Team

Teens Against Bullying Workshop for Youth and Parents at Pullen this Spring



The Family Resource Center South Atlantic Against Teens Bullying (TAB), will host the 2018 Youth Summit, "Expand the Circle, Reach All Victims." TAB is a teen-led, volunteer driven proach to dressing victimization through and bullying cyberbullying, and promotes this approach through their

mission statement "Victimized but not a Victim." The purpose of this summit is to raise awareness about youth victimization, and to create easy access and resources for potential youth victims of bullying and other crimes. Join us on April 14 to learn various ways to advocate for and identify youth victims of bullying and cyberbullying. There will be workshops for youth and parents, vendors, entertainment, food and prizes.

Please join us for this unforgettable event! Contact Bryan Lee at **blee@pullen.org** for registration information or to learn how you can get involved.

-Bryan Lee

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES ******

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: Students Demanding Gun Control & Safety

Please stay tuned to the weekly updates as details emerge about the local sister march here in Raleigh. You may also keep track and make donations by visiting their Facebook event page "March For Our Lives Raleigh" or www.marchforourlives.com.

-Bryan Lee

Teens Against Bullying 2018 Youth Summit Victimized but not a Victim



Join Us!

When: April 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ages: 12-21

Location: Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Theology on Tap for Young Adults

You are invited to join me and the young adults of Pullen to share a beer and discuss theology during our weekly Theology on Tap. We meet on Tuesdays at the Boylan Bridge Brewpub on Boylan Avenue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend! I am looking forward to your insights that always inspire and challenge me.

—Nancy Petty

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Pullen Outreach Giving

2017 Pullen gave generously to vital ministries. Our \$46,875 Missions and Outreach budget supported our mission groups, offered emergency assistance and seed grants, and provided 22 major and support grants to our international partners and local non-profit organizations and ministries. In our Deacon Council budget, gifts totaling \$17,825 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.

Our non-budgeted outreach funding is given throughout the year through contributions from Pullen members and friends – including Pullen Mission Women – for a wide variety of ministries. Those gifts include:

ABC (International Ministries)	\$	4,715	
ABC (One Great Hour of Sharing)	\$	95	
ABC (Home Mission Societies)	\$	1,595	
ABC (Retired Ministers & Missionaries)	\$	595	
Alliance of Baptists	\$	6,818	
AMOS Health and Hope (Nicaragua)	\$	3,638	
Community of the Cross of Nails	\$	436	
Community Ministry	\$ \$	12,704	
Cuba Gifts	\$	1,681	
FIGS	\$	245	
Georgia (Tbilisi)	\$	5,268	
Growing Together Preschool	\$	400	
Heifer Project	\$ \$	830	
Hope Center at Pullen	\$	42 0	
Method Childcare Center Scholarships	\$	400	
Match (Mothers & Their Children)	\$	430	
Plenty International	\$	15	
Rise Against Hunger	\$	3,668	
Urban Ministries	\$	1,121	
Wake County Human Services	\$	660	
Wiley Dinner Sponsorships	\$	2,152	
Women's Center of Wake County	\$	215	
Zimbabwe Gifts	\$	361	
Total Non-budgeted Outreach Gifts	\$	48,462	
+M&O Council Budgeted Gifts	\$	46,875	
+Deacon Council Budgeted Gifts	\$	17 , 825	
Total Outreach Giving	\$	113,162	
Total 2017 Income*	\$	1,408,082	
% of 2017 Income* for Outreach		8.0%	
*total income including special gifts for building repair			
Total 2017 Income**	\$	1,009,404	

These numbers do not include the countless in-kind gifts such as Round Table lunch items, medications for Cuba, layettes for Nicaragua, mission trip expenses, gifts sent directly to the Hope Center or to ABC-USA for missionary salaries, food for Pullen Mission Women's donation to Urban Ministries' and many other ways you reach beyond our walls to help others.

% of 2017 Income** for Outreach

total income **excluding special gifts for building repair

Thank you for your tremendous generosity for not only pledging our operating budget, but also making additional gifts through the church to ministries and causes that are dear to you. Because of you, we are making a difference in our world.

Serve, Connect, Grow

Items Needed for Round Table Lunches

We now have enough crackers for the next packing of lunch bags for the Round Table Ministry, but we still need cans of Vienna sausages, individual serving-size juice pouches or boxes, and cereal or granola bars. Please leave donated items in the blue wagon outside the church office or drop them off with the volunteers at the back door on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

-Nancy Bradley

First Sunday Worship with Communion

Reminder: There will be no Children's Worship for grades K-2 on first Sundays. In addition, we will bring older preschoolers to the foyer at the beginning of communion. All children are invited to attend worship with their families. As part of worship, communion will be served. Children are always welcome to partake of communion at Pullen. A few hints that will help your child out during communion:

- 1. Make sure your child knows to hold their bread until they get to dip it in the cup.
- 2. You may need to help your child get a piece of bread the right size—big enough to dip in the juice without getting fingers wet, but not enough to make a sandwich.
- 3. Some children do not like the bread soaked in the juice. The individual cups are a great option for these kids.

In addition to being a wonderful way to live into Pullen's theology of inclusion of all, having children participate in communion is a great way to help them feel connected to their whole faith community and to participate in worship at Pullen in an authentic and meaningful way.

—Tommy Cook

Holy Week Labyrinth Walking Meditation Good Friday, March 30 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Experience the labyrinth's sacred pattern and path on Good Friday. Walking the labyrinth helps us quiet our minds, reconnect with our bodies and see our life in the



context of a pilgrimage. As you symbolically make the walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, you are invited to use the labyrinth as a tool for reflection and prayer in the company of other pilgrims on the way.

No previous experience of walking the labyrinth is needed. A host will be present to answer any questions you may have about this meaningful spiritual practice.

From 4 to 5 p.m., there will be a special hour for children to walk the labyrinth with their friends and families. All are welcome.

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Pullen Partners: At Home and Around the World



Hope Center Updates

Greetings from The Hope Center at Pullen. We hope you enjoyed the surprisingly large snowfall in January and the surprisingly warm weather at the end of February. The Hope

Center started 2018 with two informative and inspirational collaborative trainings. Nancy Carter of Independent Living Resources facilitated a half-day workshop for The Hope Center and our collaborative partners on youth engagement, where we learned new ways to work with our young people to help them identify their goals for self-sufficiency and connect with them to map out a path to reach those goals.

We shared in a joint training with SAFEchild on Sec-

ondary Trauma, focusing how to identify signs burnout, of which is prevalent in the social work and counseling professions, and developing strategies for self-care and renewal.



Celebrating Housing Stability

In February, three of our young people received the exciting news that they were recipients of a housing voucher that provides rental assistance and case management services for two years while they work toward achieving goals associated with successful long-term housing. We are so excited for them and grateful for the hard work of our Transition Specialists in helping these individuals access this important opportunity for stable housing.

Over the two-year period, our Transition Specialists will walk alongside each young person, providing critical case management support to help each young person make strides in achieving educational goals, workforce readiness, financial readiness and skills for successful landlord relationships. We are thrilled for these young people and are looking forward to seeing them grow in these critical areas.

Gumby's Pizza Fundraiser

Pizza! Pokey Stix! Wings! Gumby's Pizza (2712 Hillsborough Street) will graciously donate 25% of proceeds to The Hope Center from orders made on Monday, April 9 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. We are excited for this great excuse to eat out (twice!) that day. Please follow this link to sign up for the event: **www.groupraise.com/events/54959**. Remember to mention The Hope Center when you place your order! Thanks for your participation!

Raising Hope: Save the Date

We've begun planning this year's Raising Hope Silent Auction and Dinner, which will be held at The Glenwood. Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. Stay tuned for updates on ticket sales and event details. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in volunteering to plan the event or would like to donate silent auction items, please email **RaisingHope4Youth@gmail.com** or contact Julie Roseland at 919-434-1288.

—Hope Center Staff

Alliance of Baptists' Annual Gathering in April

Alliance of Baptists' members and supporters will gather for a time of fellowship and faith sharing this spring at the 2018 Annual Gathering on April 26-29 at Harmony Creek Church in Dayton, Ohio. Uniting under the theme "Earth: Beloved Community," participants will be empowered and equipped to recognize the intersectionalities of justice embedded in life on Earth, seek God's peace and justice in the communion of life on Earth, and return to their local communities as an embodiment of Christ's reconciling spirit so all might be known as beloved.

Many of us were able to participate in last year's annual gathering of our denominational partner—our congregation served as the host church! I hope many Pullen people will consider attending this year's gathering to deepen our engagement with our sisters and brothers in the Alliance.

For more details please visit allianceofbaptists.org/calendar/event/annual-gathering-2018-dayton-ohio. We look forward to seeing you in April!

-Brooks Wicker



Our sister congregation in Matanzas, Cuba, officially joined the international reconciliation network of the Community of the Cross of Nails on February 7.

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

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Honoring Loved Ones During Easter—Deadline March 26 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 #			
Total Amount \$ (suggested donation: \$12 each)			
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In □honor or □memory of (3)			
In □honor or □memory of (4)			
Relationship to you (1)	(2)		
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Holy Week at Pullen

March 25 — Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 PM

March 29—Maundy Thursday Community Meal, 5:30 PM Service of Remembrance, 6:30 PM

March 30 — Good Friday Labyrinth Walk, 12:00 to 5:00 PM Children's Labyrinth, 4 to 5 PM

April 1 — Easter Sunday Service of Baptism, 9:00 AM Service of Worship, 11:00 AM

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