

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

## You Don't Want to Miss These....

### Summer Sunday Groups: Being Community

As the Sunday Groups are coming to a close for the 2018-2019 academic year, 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 series was planned intentionally to strengthen and expand the work of education and faith formation at Pullen. The topic is "Being Community".

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

- ◆ June 9 - Brunch Kick-Off with Community Table Conversations.
- ◆ June 16 - Ecosystems of Community: Food for Thought + Thoughtful Feeding
- ◆ June 23 - Relentless Hospitality, a Biblical Undertaking by Dr. Ekaputra Tupamahu
- ◆ June 30 - Finding Community at Pullen
- ◆ July 7 - **No Summer Sunday Groups**
- ◆ July 14 - Movement, Music, & Art in Community
- ◆ July 21 - The Power of Vulnerability and Connection
- ◆ July 28 - Community in Difficult Times
- ◆ August 4 - Community Celebration and Brunch

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 a book discussion of Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness* on July 18th. Please watch for announcements in the newsletter and on social media.

*-Adult Education Committee*



Spend some time with our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters. Join us for our next Interfaith Service exploring our various prayer traditions. Note: we are starting later this month in observance of Ramadan.

**Sunday, May 19**  
**Temple Beth Or**  
**5315 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh, NC 27612**  
**Service: 7 pm**  
**Dinner (free): 8 pm**



Our youth are taking the lead in creating and leading worship on May 19th. This is also the time we recognize and honor our high school graduates. There will be a reception for our graduates in Finlator Hall immediately following worship.

### Summer Book Read

Are you ready for summer reading? Are you curious about the books Nancy mentions in the pulpit? Do you want to find a way to be involved at Pullen? Answer all these questions by participating in our summer reading program. This summer we will read three books with facilitated discussion. In June we will discuss Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*. In July we will engage with Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*. August will be facilitated by Katey Zeh as she discusses her new book about women in the Bible, *Women Rise Up*. The discussions are in the chapel starting at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all on the following dates:

- ◆ June 18: Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*
  - ◆ July 18: Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*
  - ◆ August 13: Katey Zeh's *Women Rise Up*
- Go to the library, get your books, and start reading! Contact Brian Crisp for more information.

*-Adult Education Committee*

## We Grieve With:

- ☞ The family of Landis Gay, a former Pullen member, who died on April 11 after suffering a stroke.
- ☞ Paige Moody in the death of her cousin, Stacy Beale, who, at age 60, died from complications from diabetes.
- ☞ Joanne Jinks, a Round Table volunteer from St. Francis Parish, in the death of her husband Larry.
- ☞ Kristen Anderson in the death of a former student, Portor Logan, who committed suicide at age 12. We also pray for Portor's family.
- ☞ Carol Ashcraft in the death of her beloved long-time friend, Pangratios Papacosta, in London.

## We Celebrate:

- ☞ The opening of Oak City Cares, the multi-services center for people experiencing homelessness. The center provides medical care and social services with the help of seventeen community partners. Learn more about their services at [www.oakcitycares.org](http://www.oakcitycares.org).

## Healing Beyond Words– June 22

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

Sessions will be held Saturday, June 22 in the Poteat Chapel at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church scheduled at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:30. Call or text Andy Bayard at 919-758-9098 with questions or to register. There is no charge, but donations may be made to the Hope Center.

Practitioners offering sessions are: Susan Arendell, Andy Bayard, Suzanne Hayes and Rachel Smith.

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

*-Rachel Smith*

## Decision Regarding Pullen's Affiliation with ABC USA

Pullen Church has been affiliated with American Baptist Churches (ABC) USA since 1967. Due to the denomination's resolutions in 1992 and 2005 stating that "God's design for sexual intimacy places it within the context of marriage between one man and one woman, and ... that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Biblical teaching", Pullen's Deacon Council has been wrestling with the question of whether Pullen should remain affiliated with the ABC. The decision of whether to stay formally affiliated will ultimately need to be determined by a church vote (see below). Listening Sessions were held on March 24 and April 28. The sessions were well attended and featured spirited, and often emotional, discussion. *- Boyd Rogers*

## Called Congregational Meeting – May 19

A called Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM in Finlator Hall. There are two agenda items:

1. A recommendation from the Finance Committee as to the allocation of the 2018 budget surplus.
2. A recommendation from the Deacon Council that Pullen discontinue its formal affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA.

As May 19 is also Graduation Sunday, we will have an opportunity to participate in a reception honoring our graduates just prior to this meeting. Please plan to join us for this very important meeting. *-Jack Barnwell & Canaan Huie*

## Connecting with our Guests

The iPad in the foyer is an additional way for us to connect with our guests. Displaying an online form similar to the card we have in the pews, guests can share their information and request follow up. If you talk to a guest that is looking for more information or wants to connect with one of our ministers, please encourage them to use the iPad or the cards in the pews.

*-Chalice Overy*

## Pullen Women's Group – All Women Welcome!

The next gathering for the Pullen Women's Group is Monday, May 6, at 6:30pm at Taverna Agora (326 Hillsborough St). Enjoy rooftop dining, casual conversations, and fun times with Pullen women of all ages. We will be taking up a contribution to the Round Table Fellowship. Text 919-360-0975 so we know how big of a table to reserve.

*-Rita Rakestraw*

## Directory Pictures Available for Pickup

For individuals who had their picture made for the directory but did not purchase any pictures, your free 8x10 directory picture was shipped to the church. Please pick up on Sunday, May 5 after worship in Finlator Hall.

You may also stop by the church office to pick them up.

*—Chalice Overy*

## Wednesday Nights at Pullen

Join us on Wednesday evenings for good food and fellowship. Dinner is served from 5:15 to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$7 for youth and adults, \$4 for children kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, family maximum \$24. We also have programming for children and youth each night. *Note: Regular Wednesday programming ends May 15.*

### May Wednesday Nights

#### May 8 - Reaction to the UMC Controversy

At a special General Conference in February, delegates of the United Methodist Church voted to strengthen bans on same sex marriage and ordination for LGBTQ persons. Last week the church's judicial council upheld the bulk of that decision leaving many wondering what's next for LGBTQ members, clergy and allies. Former UMC Pastor and Pullen member Stephen Toth and Liz Roberts, pastor of Fairmont UMC, will put this decision in context and reflect on its impact for individuals and congregations.

#### May 15 - Siler Garden Tour

Paige Moody, Pullen member and landscaper, will lead a walking tour through Siler Garden to point out the plants just beginning to show their spring colors. Paige is the owner of Arbor Enterprises and helps keep Siler Garden looking good year-round.

### Summer Series

**Please note: May 15 will be our last weekly Wednesday Night Program before we break for the summer.** During the summer we gather on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month for dinner and programming. Dinner begins at 5:15 and the adult program begins at 6:30 pm.

#### ◆ June 12 - Jazz Vespers

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

#### ◆ July 10 - Rise Against Hunger (RAH)

RAH is an international hunger relief organization located in Raleigh that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Join other children, youth, and adults in packing meals in Finlator Hall.

#### ◆ August 14 - Reimagining Iran

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

### Wednesday Nights for Children

Childcare is always available for our youngest children. School-age children (grades K-5) are invited to Micah Kids, where children learn to live out the message of Micah 6:8. Activities are designed to help each child deepen their relationship with God and understand how they can make a difference in their family, community, and world—right now. These last two weeks we will enjoy outside playtime as part of Micah Kids.

♥ Childcare (preschool) 6:00 – 7:30 pm

♥ Micah Kids 6:00- 7:30 pm

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

See page 4 for more information

## Children's Ministries

### "iGo Green"



June 24–28, 9 am–5 pm

Rising 1st–6th graders.

\$70 cost covers food, craft supplies and T-shirt.

Scholarships & sibling discounts available — see Tommy!  
Sign up by May 14: [pullen.org/vbs2018](http://pullen.org/vbs2018)

During the five-lesson iGo Green Summer Kid's Camp at Pullen, our rising 1st –6th graders will focus on taking care of the earth as a way to love God and to love others. Fun skits, game show trivia, and environmental activities will give them an awareness of our environment. Bible stories, lab demonstrations and small group activities will teach an appreciation for God's creation. And finally, children will be given an opportunity to act on that appreciation by using recycled materials to make crafts, create exciting games, perform environmental experiments, participate in or give toward projects to help those marginalized by abuse of the world. We will strive to live a life taking care of the earth through responsibility, gratitude, respect and justice.

### SAVE THE DATE!

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

Attention Parents!

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



Coming this Summer...

This summer during the **Summer Sunday Group hour** (9:30-10:30 AM), families of all ages will come together for a come-as-you are experience of creativity, celebration and hospitality called "Messy Church." On June 16, 23, 30, July 21 and 28, families will gather in Room 128 at 9:30 AM. There, families will enjoy being together, making things together and celebrating God together through activities and stories from the Bible. It's different from a children's activity because it's an event for children and their caretakers or parents together, and it's more than just a play time because the creative activities will lead us into a time of celebration. Come join us!



KICK OFF THE SUMMER WITH A

# Pool Party



June 9, 2019  
12:30-3PM

Burgers and dogs provided. Bring a side dish to share if you can.  
1002 Azalea Cottage Ct  
Knightdale, NC

## Youth Corner

### Summer Youth Calendar

- ★ **June 16-21 - Hazard, KY Mission**
  - \$50 Deposit - \$250 Balance
  - Our annual inter-generational trip to KY.
  - Rising 9th grade to senior adults are invited!
- ★ **June 30-July 5 - Baptist Youth Camp**
  - \$100 Deposit - \$300 Balance
  - The BEST summer camp experience for youth rising 7th grade to graduating seniors.
- ★ **July 21-24 - Raleigh Urban Mission**
  - \$50 Deposit - \$100 Balance
  - A 4 day camp for rising 6th-8th graders right here in Raleigh.
  - We'll sleep at Pullen and work with local organizations.

### REGISTER NOW!

The registration and deposit deadline for all events is May 31st. For more information and registration, visit

[www.pullen.org/youth](http://www.pullen.org/youth).

### Free Food Friday!- May 31

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



### Wednesday Nights

- 5/8 - Identifying and Managing Toxic Relationships
- 5/15 - Youth Sunday Planning

### Sunday Mornings

- 5/5 - Youth Sunday Prep
- 5/12 - Youth Sunday Prep
- 5/19 - Youth Sunday!  
Rehearsal during Sunday morning groups

### Serving the Poor in Hazard KY

Would you like to join the Pullen tradition of serving the poorest of our country in Hazard, KY? This service opportunity is open to anyone 14 years of age and older and is a wonderful way to serve alongside other Pullen members in different generations. We spend 4 days in the mountains of eastern Kentucky doing rehabilitation work on homes or constructing new homes for families. Dates are June 16 to 21. The cost per person is \$300 and we need a \$50 deposit by May 1st. The \$300 covers lodging, most food, construction materials, secondary insurance, and travel. For more info email Bryan Lee at [blee@pullen.org](mailto:blee@pullen.org)

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

## Parent Night

SENDING YOUR CHILD TO COLLEGE AND SURVIVING

6/7/19 - 7:00 UNTIL BOYLAN BRIDGE BREWPUB



# Welcome New Members



## Mary Ann McNeill

As a young child, I lived with my parents in China until WWII, then in NYC until after the War, when Standard Oil found China's revolution precluded our return. My father then retired home to Maine—a place I still love. After Cornell and a brief stint in Connecticut, I moved with my young son to Raleigh, taking a job at the News and Observer. Not long after I met and was remarried to John McNeill, a microbiologist at NCSU. We had a daughter, Molly, in 1967, and when she was two I started grad school at NCSU, first in English, then in Psychology (1979), with an internship at Dix. Afterwards, I worked at the Wake County Alcohol Treatment Center, then with children and families in private practice until 1992. We lived in Cameron Park for 45 years, where Robert McMillan was my son's scoutmaster! After Jack's death I moved, 4 1/2 years ago, to Whitaker Glen with its strong Pullen community. I began a book discussion group with them, relating to community justice, and started attending Pullen on their invitation about six months ago, leading me to know this was where I wanted to be.

## Marty Saunders

I moved to Raleigh about 4 years ago, a re-start of sorts. I left a place I loved, 25 years on the Outer Banks. I have three grown children who live in North Carolina, so that made the move more manageable. My eldest daughter, Lindsay, just returned from a year working in Africa and now works for the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Molly lives and works in Charlotte with her husband John and my 2-year-old granddaughter Junie, with #2 on the way. Jack lives in Wilmington and is still a free spirit. I am a bit of a film junkie, read all the time, enjoy all kinds of music and love yoga.



Life at the beach was a little more unconventional, and I learned to roll with the financial ups and downs of the economy by trying new things...like running a construction company, being a finance officer for a school, or managing a boutique in Duck, NC. The Raleigh area was a new world for me, and after working temp jobs at NC State, I returned to my original career path, using my Planning degree and working as a Planning Technician for the Town of Morrisville for 2 1/2 years. I work with great people, but I needed a community outside of work. I have found that at Pullen. I took Pullen 101, went to Cuba, took yoga in the Chapel and joined the Pullen Women's dinner group. My new closest friend, Jeanne, and I met during the summer adult Sunday group. So Pullen has definitely been a life saver for me.



## Korah Alexander

I grew up in Dayton, OH and received my degree in Video Production from Cedarville University (a fully non-affirming institution). Before I came to Raleigh I spent time in NJ, NY, TN and GA. Arriving in Raleigh in 2008, I have finally found a place to call home. I love the mountains and the sea, which makes Raleigh the perfect place to thrive! I work as an audiovisual field service technician interacting with a wide range of businesses and people.

In 2016, no longer afraid of the truth and tired of hiding, I came out fully as a transgender woman and began attending Pullen after I was forced out of my previous church. Here at Pullen I have found not just affirmation of who I truly am but also a new church family to have community with. When not trying to change hearts and minds, I can be found writing or drawing, and sometimes just basking in the glory of nature. I can always be found reaching for my dreams.

## E.J. Sommer

Polite, pleasant, friendly, and helpful, E.J. looks forward to connecting with Pullenites of like disposition. He grew up in Tidewater, Virginia and worked there in mechanical-support positions in Surry Nuclear Power Plant, Union Camp, and Jefferson Lab. When his wife died in the early '90s, E.J. took some time off from work to raise his children, Christine and Wesley, and see them off to college at Lenoir-Rhyne, eventually resettling in Hickory himself. Around 2010, E.J. traveled to the Triangle to begin treatment for lymphoma; he's celebrating his 9th year as a cancer survivor. Most recently he has enjoyed making connections on weekdays at Pullen as a round-table participant.



## Meg Shouse

I am so happy to be a member of Pullen Baptist church. I have been married for 37 years and we share 2 beautiful children, Parker and Mac. I have a BS in Biology but never followed a career path with my degree. I have always loved sewing and enhanced my knowledge with learning draping and pattern making skills. While living in Maine, I also took graduate courses in textiles and advanced clothing construction techniques. Today I make costume clothing and do costuming for various groups. I love animals and have a beautiful 13 year old Labrador, Daisy. I love having house rabbits. I enjoy games and puzzles of all types.

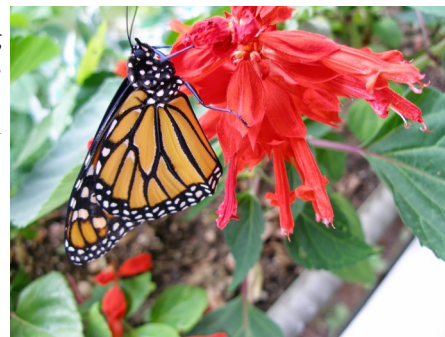
## Care of Creation Advocacy Group

### Create a Wildlife Friendly Yard!

Prior to the evolution of humans, there had been 5 catastrophic mass extinctions of life on Earth. Each was caused by a dramatic cataclysmic event. We are now living through the sixth great mass extinction. However, this time a single species, *Homo sapiens*, is the cause of the extinction. Scientists predict that climate change alone could lead to the extinction of a quarter of all land plants and animals by the middle of this century. But, climate change is not the only threat that these organisms face. Humans have had other devastating impacts on the environment such as habitat destruction, introduction of invasive species, pollution, human population growth and hunting and fishing in excess.

E.O.Wilson states in his book *Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*, “Blinded by ignorance and self absorption, humanity is destroying the Creation. There is still time to assume the stewardship of the natural world that we owe to future human generations. Nature has no need of us and can stand alone. Yet, nature is vital to our physical and spiritual well being. Our leaders, including those of the great religions, have done little to protect the living world in the midst of its sharp decline. They have ignored the command of the Abrahamic God on the fourth day of the World’s birth to ‘Let the waters teem with countless living creatures and let birds fly over the land across the vault of heaven.’”

How can we help to reverse this trend? As you plant your spring gardens, consider creating a wildlife friendly yard. Such a yard should provide food, water, shelter, and places to raise young. Select an assortment of native plant species that will provide food and shelter throughout the year. Think of your yard as three dimensional space. Include trees to create an upper canopy, a lower shaded tree canopy and smaller plants to cover the forest floor. Select plants that will provide nectar for pollinators, seeds, berries and nuts for birds and mammals and food for insects, particularly caterpillars. Also, provide shelter for birds. Provide clean, shallow sources of water that are sheltered and shaded for birds and other animals. Provide birds with a diversity of seeds and suet in the winter and spring months. Hang a hummingbird feeder from April through mid-October. Create less lawn by mulching and planting the edges with native plants. Create a brush pile with fallen tree limbs and branches to provide shelter for birds, rabbits, reptiles and amphibians. Allow dead trees to stand in place to provide food and nesting sites for cavity dwelling birds, insects and decomposers. Hang bird houses, bat houses and homes for solitary bees throughout your yard. Follow sustainable gardening practices. Minimize or eliminate use of pesticides, especially insecticides that might harm pollinators. Use your composted food and yard waste to enrich your soils and reduce use of commercial fertilizers.



#### Sources/Resources

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- \*[www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org)
- \*<http://content.yardmap.org/learn/> \* <https://wddwv.audubon.org/plantsforbirds> \* <http://climate.audubon.org/>

## Elder Event— June 23— Join us!



#### Survey says...

At Soup and Song, the kick-off event for Pullen’s elders, we asked participants to suggest activities for future gatherings.

Based on those responses, our next event will be an afternoon at the **Thompson Theatre on June 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm for the production *Bright Star***. *The cost is \$25.00, which includes your ticket and a box lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship.*

We’ve reserved 10 seats to begin with, but can reserve more if there is enough interest. Please contact Chalice ([covery@pullen.org](mailto:covery@pullen.org), ext. 214) to reserve your tickets. Be sure to include 1) the number of tickets needed, and 2) if you will need transportation from the church to the theatre. Thompson Theatre is located off Pullen Road and free event parking is adjacent to the building.

#### About the production

***BRIGHT STAR*** by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell

*“When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past. Propelled by beautiful bluegrass melodies, Southern family secrets are revealed and lives are transformed in this sweeping tale of love and redemption, set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in the 1920’s and ‘40s.”* Directed by Rachel Klem with musical direction by Diane Petteway.

-Elder Event Planning Team



# The Hope Center at Pullen



## Raising Hope Dinner and Silent Auction

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

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

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

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

**How do I get Tickets?** Tickets are available with sponsorships and a limited number of individual tickets will be available beginning May 15.

**Other ways to help:** Recruit sponsors, donate to the Silent Auction (or come bid!), volunteer. Tell your friends!



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

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



### Award Winners:



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

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

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

## May 2019 Hope Center Updates

**May is National Foster Care Month.** It's a time to bring awareness to the challenges of foster care and the opportunities available to enrich the lives of youth in foster care. Thank you for inviting our Executive Director, Meredith Yuckman, to speak at worship service on May 19. We look forward to sharing more about how you are helping enrich and shape the lives of Wake County's foster youth.

### Raising Hope Youth Speakers

Our youth speakers have a new resource this year: John Pavlovitz. John volunteered to share his skill in crafting stories and narratives that showcase the storyteller's strengths and triumphs in the face of adversity. We know that storytelling can be so healing and believe this speaking opportunity is a great way to help shape the lens through which our youth view their lives.

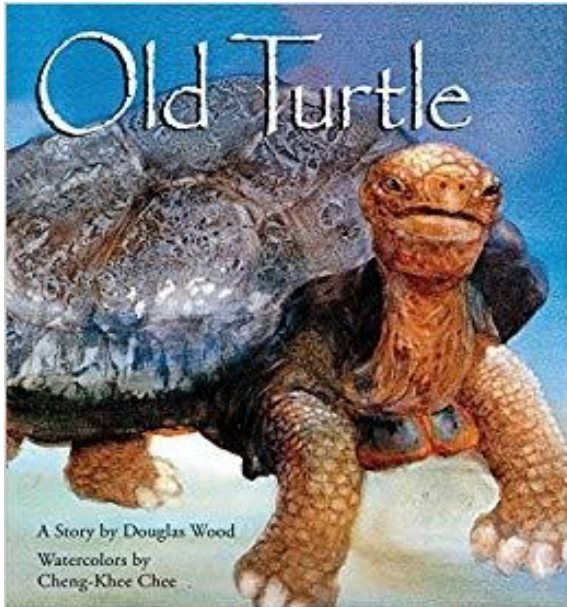
### Opportunities to Serve our Young People

#### Nutritious Meals for Wednesday Life Skills Group:

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to donate nutritious meals! We continue to have a need for donated nutritious meals to serve at our Wednesday Life Skills Group. 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 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0849aeaf2da7f85-lunch> to sign up.

**Queen or Double Bed Needed:** One of our young adults moved into her apartment on April 1. She could really use a queen or double bed for her new home. If you have one you can donate, please contact Thomas Coogan at [tcoogan@hopecenteratpullen.org](mailto:tcoogan@hopecenteratpullen.org).

**Thank you all for your steadfast support and for your continued generosity that makes our work possible.**



**Join us for a  
Concert for a Cause  
benefitting  
The Hope Center at Pullen**

**on Sunday, May 5, 4:00PM**

**at Kirk of Kildaire, Presbyterian  
200 High Meadow Drive, Cary, NC**

***Given by the Music Ministries of:***

- \* Pullen Memorial Baptist Church**
- \* Kirk of Kildaire, Presbyterian**
- \* Cary Presbyterian Church**

**with Adult, Youth & Children's Choirs, Orchestra & Story Teller: Brian Crisp**

***Presenting:***

- *Song of Wisdom from "Old Turtle" by Douglas Wood & Joseph Martin***
- *"Old Turtle" Art Display***
- *A Word from The Hope Center***
- *In Praise of the Village by Larry E. Schultz***

***Donations for The Hope Center  
will be received at the door.***

***Invite friends of all ages for this  
multisensory and  
multigenerational experience!***