



Pullen

Memorial Baptist Church

November news & updates

Upcoming Events

See what's happening this month.

Finance Report:

Date: 9/30

Contributions: \$842,310.87

Expenses: \$864,038.37

Difference: -\$21,727.50

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate these milestones and new beginnings in the lives of our Pullen family members...

Dr. Betty Witman in her retirement from WakeMed after 30+ years of service of protecting children in Wake County through her work as a physician at both WakeMed and SAFEchild.

Mary Martin who received her full certification as a Professional multi-faith Chaplain.

Kevin and Maggie Zeillmann in the birth of their son Henry Emmett on October 26. Henry is the grandson of Catherine and Ella Corbett.

The birth of Will Howard, nephew of Ian McPherson, who was born on October 29. We continue to hold Will in our prayers as he was born several weeks premature.



A Special All Saint's Sunday

This Sunday, November 6, is All Saint's Sunday. It is our Pullen tradition to have the "Roll Call of the Saints" as a part of our worship. We will continue that tradition this year with a slight change. You will be invited, as you come forward for communion, to speak the names of your saints into a microphone set up in the middle aisle. If you would rather someone else read your names, you will also have that option by filling out a card when you enter worship and placing it in the offering plate.

This year, we will begin a new tradition for All Saint's Sunday. You are invited to bring a framed or unframed picture of your saint/saints. There will be tables placed around the sanctuary on which you can place your picture when you enter into worship. There will also be candles on the table you can light in remembrance of your loved ones.

All Saint's Sunday is always an emotional worship experience as we call the names of those who filled our lives and our church with love and care. This year, as we surround ourselves with pictures of that "great cloud of witnesses," may we remember the affirmation of our faith that "nothing in all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God," and the love of God felt through those who have loved us and whom we have loved.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday on All Saint's Sunday.

We hold in prayer...

Cathy Wagoner in the death of her mother, Doris Carol Haynes Holcomb, who died on October 1.

-Nancy

Submit A Loved One

Robert McMillan in the death of his good friend, Agnes Summerlin.

Laura Ford and Pat Baryenbruch in the loss of Pat's mother who passed away on October 20.

The family of Henry and Munya Mugabe. Henry and his son, Munya, were killed in an automobile accident in Zimbabwe. Henry and his wife Hermina are long-time friends of Pullen as we have supported the Zimbabwe Theological Seminary as a part of our international partners.

Philip Taff and his family in the unexpected loss of his cousin Caleb Taff.

Church wide

Upcoming Pullen Events:



The Table

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Finlator Hall

At The Table we connect over a meal, and through engaging topics about faith, justice, and the human experience. Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm. We share announcements, celebrate milestones and pray together before engaging the topic for the evening. Dinner is \$7 for youth and adults, and \$4 for children, with a \$24 maximum per family. Check out our topics for November and make plans to join us!

November 2 - Tracing the Steps

Rodney Sadler, Associate Professor of Religion and Director of the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Presbyterian Seminary will talk a bit about his work and the impact of his 8 city Civil Rights travel seminar through the American South with students and staff. Rodney will join us via Zoom. If you would also like to connect via Zoom, [please register here.](#)

November 9 - Worship Song: A listening session with Pullen's Minister of Music, Larry Schultz

From improvised congregational music to songs and hymns from a variety of sources, worship through music at Pullen is offered in numerous ways. In this time of sharing and singing, we invite you to express what you find meaningful in worship song.

November 16 - Beyond Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgements, naming the Native American tribes that first occupied the land, have become a more prominent practice at the beginning of all kinds of liberal leaning events. Cheryl Toothe will talk about some of the implications of these kinds of acknowledgements, as well as the

tension around First Nations having last priority in policy and official recognition. Cheryl Toothe is a minister and the Native American Missioner for the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Her heritage is Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian. Cheryl will join us via Zoom. If you would also like to connect via Zoom, [please register here.](#)

November 23 - No Programming

November 30 - Advent Candlelight Service

This Advent service offers a time, in the midst of the hectic holiday season, to gather by candlelight in the Chapel for prayers, music, poetry and quiet reflection time. The season of Advent invites us to a slower pace in quiet anticipation of the coming of the Christ child into our hearts and lives. We invite you to this Advent worship as a restful oasis in the world's frantic rush towards Christmas.

-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor



Pullen Women's Group

November 14 at 6:00 pm at Dos Taquitos

Mark your calendar! Our next Pullen Women's Group will be Monday November 14 at 6:00 pm at Dos Taquitos, located at 6101 Glenwood. All women are invited. We visit, eat, talk and mainly enjoy getting to know other Pullenites. I hope you can make it! For more info-text/call Rita at 919-360-0975

-Rita Rakestraw



Hope Center Christmas Angel Tree: Pullen Supporting 30 Foster youth/families

Now- December 9

Notebook in Church Library

Once again, Pullen folks are supporting the Hope Center's Angel Tree. The Hope Center has about 50 families and Pullen is providing gifts for 30 foster youth, some are single and some have children. The clients have identified about 5 items on their wish list which range in price.

A notebook will be in the church library beginning Sunday, October 30th containing two copies of the wish lists. One copy is for the donor and one copy remains in the notebook for The Hope Center. The deadline to drop off gifts is December 9. Please do not wrap the gifts.

You may drop off your gifts along with your donor sheet at The Hope Center during the week, Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00 pm. (112 Cox Avenue, next door to church). The front door will be locked but Melissa works at the front desk (cell 919-636-3641). Call her if you do not see her at her desk when you arrive. If you need to make other drop off arrangements, please call Pat Hielscher (919-418-0924).

Thank you for supporting The Hope Center and the foster youth they serve!

-Pat Hielscher

Pullen News:

Pledging Update

Hello,

I hope everyone is excited about this year's pledge season! We are well on our way to building a bigger table and showing how Pullen congregates live

2023 Pledging Campaign - \$1,325,308.00

Date	Pledges	Amount Pledged	% of Budget
10/31/2022	116	\$542,966.00	41%
11/30/2022			
12/31/2022			
1/31/2023			
2/28/2023			
March – August 2023			

generously.

In each monthly newsletter, I will update this table to show our progress towards pledging our 2023 Pullen budget. Please remember that we need everyone to make a pledge because every pledge counts. It is not the dollar amount that matters. It is your participation! Thank you,
-Vicky Bass, Church Administrator

Parking Lot Update

Hello everyone,

I wanted to bring a safety concern to everyone's attention. The sinkhole at the back of the Cox parking lot will not be fixed until at least the Spring of 2023.

In the meantime, there are jersey barriers blocking off the immediate sinkhole site and a steel folding barricade with a safety strap blocking off the additional parking spaces that could be dangerous to use.

Please do not move or remove any of the barriers or safety barricades. The City of Raleigh and Pullen Memorial Baptist Church are not comfortable with stating that these additional parking slots are safe due to liability purposes. Please know that if you decide to ignore this warning and move any of the safety equipment to park here, it will be due to you accepting personal liability for this decision.

Please stay safe!

-Vicky Bass, Church Administrator



Round Table Needs

The following items are needed for the Round Table lunch bags which we will be packing again soon. If you can donate anything, please place them in the blue wagon outside the church office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

- Cans of Vienna sausages
- Juice pouches/boxes
- 6-pack crackers - any variety

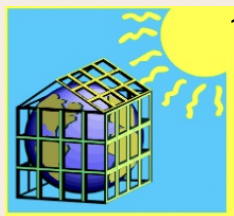
-Nancy Bradley

Earth Ministry Article: Climate Change: A Primer (Six Essential Topics)

This article explains the terms:

- 1) "the greenhouse effect,"
- 2) "fossil fuels."
- 3) "stratospheric ozone"
- 4) "the Goldilocks planet"
- 5) "fracking"
- 6) alternative, more realistic names for the totally understated descriptions of weather

disasters as “climate change” and “global warming”



1. Why is the overheating of the Earth’s atmosphere referred to as “the greenhouse effect”?

While all heat in the solar system originates from the sun, most of the heat from the sun which reaches the Earth would be reflected back into outer space if it were not trapped and held by gasses in the atmosphere, most especially CO₂ (Carbon Dioxide) and CH₄ (Methane).

The sun’s radiation of visible light and Ultraviolet light goes through the glass of the greenhouse roof and walls, hits the dirt inside the green house, and reradiates heat in the form of infrared radiation. The glass roof and walls of greenhouses do not allow infrared radiation to pass through their glass. Hence the heat is trapped. This is “the greenhouse effect.”

A fuller descriptive name would be “the greenhouse glass infrared radiation heat-trapping effect.”

2. What are the three main “fossil fuels” and the two main greenhouse gases?...

...Continue Reading

Author Dan Figgins
Editor and Illustrator Gail Powell
September 1, 2022

Kid's Ministry



Pullen Kids Family Hike
November 5 at 12:00 pm at Umstead State Park

Bring a picnic lunch and water for the hike. Join us for a child friendly family hike in the great out doors! We'll be hiking Pot's Branch Trail at Umstead State Park off 70. Hope you will join is for this gathering!

[Link to Parking](#)



The Talk
Sundays at 9:30 am from October 30- November 20 in Room 309

This course is for parents looking to support their children in developing a healthy sexuality. Participants will learn the stages of development and receive tools to guide and affirm their children in the process. A trained professional is being identified to lead this course.

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families

Youth Ministry

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Nights at 6:00 pm at Pullen

Sunday Morning Groups

Sundays at 9:30 am at Pullen

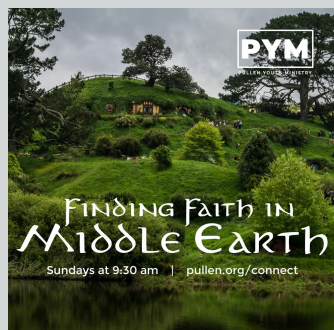


Parental Conversations

November 6th at 12:15-3:00 pm at A Place at the Table (300 W. Hargett St. Suite 50, Raleigh NC 27601)

Come grab lunch and meet Bryan upstairs. Any and all conversations from youth and parents are welcome. The location and time change is an attempt to be more mindful of those who wish to avoid breweries and meet at a time better suited for more families.

Next dates: December 18



Finding Faith in Middle Earth

Sundays during Sunday Groups and Wednesdays during Wednesday Night Live

Starting October 30th, we begin a 4-week journey through Tolkien's Middle Earth. Tolkien says his creation of Middle Earth was a fundamentally religious and catholic work. BUT, religion never shows up in the work. The religious element is absorbed into the narrative, being religious without being overt about it. So we will spend our time sorting through elements of The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, and The Silmarillion that speak to our individual faith.

- Week 1 - Subcreation and imagination as a spiritual practice
- Week 2 - The use of light and dark and the racialization of Tolkien's work
- Week 3 - What is evil? Does it hold power?
- Week 4 - The Returning to self



Winter Retreat

December 2-4

Register by Nov 2

COST REDUCED - Winter Retreat is a month away and the deadline to sign up is THIS WEDNESDAY. I am so sorry for my typo, stating the cost for the weekend was \$250. It was supposed to say \$150. Also, scholarships still available. Pre-pandemic we had epic retreats every fall. It's such a boost for our youth. So I had an idea. Let's make it a winter retreat and get that boost halfway through the year. So we'll take off December 2 at 4 pm and return December 4 at 4 pm. That's 48 hours of being together and talking about the things that make us...us. Where? The Trinity Center at Pine Knoll Shores. Ever been to the beach in the fall/winter and enjoyed the peacefulness that comes with the offseason? It's divine. We'll have a ton of fun. How much?

Register

Advent for PYM



The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

Our Advent theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Considering the many ways we embody, remember, and tell the story of Christ's birth, which rituals hold the most meaning for you? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

-Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and Their Families

Around the Pullen Community



Meet Reverend Nancy E. Petty!
GAY with GOD!

Nancy Featured on Spotify

Rev. Nancy Petty, minister at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC knows how it feels to lead a double life. In order to work in the field we are called to work, pay the bills, and not get killed, we all have at one time or another, followed the "Don't ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Rev. Nancy was able to find a way, to break through her "secret life" and boldly serve as an OUT minister in a Baptist church! A beautiful nugget from this episode: "My biggest sin would be, not to be who God created me to be."

[Listen Here](#)



Have you considered solar energy at your home, non profit or business? Now is the time!

Solarize the Triangle: *Solar CrowdSource*, *Triangle J Council of Governments* and *YES Solar Solutions* are offering an exciting new opportunity to solarize residential, commercial and nonprofit properties at an unbeatable price through a group purchasing approach that reduces material costs by up to 25%. This is a limited time campaign!

Non profits have an additional opportunity to save if they move quickly. There is still solar rebate money left for nonprofits in the 2022 *Duke Energy* Solar Rebate program. It expires on December 31st. The size of the rebate that a project receives is based on the size of the solar inverter in the system. (\$0.75 per watt; a \$130,000, 50 kW inverter system would qualify for a \$37,500 Duke rebate). Apply today! Don't delay!

If that's not incentive enough, the *Inflation Reduction Act* offers a 30% tax rebate (or direct payment to non profits) for clean energy investments starting January 1, 2023.

Solarize the Triangle (ST) offers free assessments and estimates at: solarizethetriangle.com - click the green box that says "Get Your Free Evaluation" They will also help you apply for the *Duke Energy* rebate, if you decide that solar is right for you. ST is committed to making no cost or reduced cost solar available for low income qualified homes. Watch ICCT's October 18th webinar on Solarize the Triangle to learn more: [Solarize the Triangle](#)

North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light (NCIPL) recently hosted a solar webinar to promote solar opportunities that are now available to faith communities. *Eagle Solar and Light*, who has worked with many churches in our area, emphasized that time is running out to apply for the nonprofit *Duke Energy* solar rebate program. The remaining three million dollars will be reallocated at the end of the year. They are eager to assess your roof for solar potential, provide a cost estimate, and help you apply for the *Duke Energy* nonprofit rebate program.

<https://eaglesolarandlight.com>. To Learn more, watch: [NC Interfaith Power and Light's "Affordable Solar: A Webinar on Available Rebates"](#)

Southern Energy Management is a long established and reputable Raleigh based company with experience working with local faith communities as well. SEM installed the panel system on Pullen's Cox Building. <https://www.southern-energy.com/>

Hope Center Volunteer Opportunity

The Hope Center at Pullen (a nonprofit next door to Pullen, that helps youth who are aging out of foster care) is requesting volunteers to help stuff envelopes for their yearly fundraiser On Tuesday, Nov 9, anytime between 9:00 am-4:00 pm. If you can help please text or call Erin Witcher (404) 229-9058 or ewitcher@hopecenteratpullen.org Thank you so much!

-Rita Rakestraw

Donations for our Refugee Neighbors

Tis the season to clean out closets and drawers! I was excited to notice that many items needed by refugees are ones I was ready to pass along. New items are also appreciated. **Please bring donations to Room 127 at Pullen by November 15th, so that we can deliver them to Lutheran Services of the Carolinas.**

- Winter clothing, coats, gloves, hats (all ages)
- Kitchen items (utensils, tableware, cutlery, pots, pans, plates, bowls, cups, tea urns and cups, pressure cooker)
- Cleaning supplies (dish soap, hand soap, brooms, mops, sponges, laundry detergent, cleaning products)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and body soap, razors, shaving cream, hairbrushes, feminine hygiene products)
- Car seats, rockers, baby wipes, other baby items
- Carts for carrying groceries home
- Toys
- Prayer rugs and Qurans

-Deb Norton

Hope Center Update

November Hope Center Updates

We are honored to share that The Hope Center at Pullen has received the 2022 Flame Award from the Aging Out Institute! The Aging Out Institute (AOI) promotes resources and strategies that help individuals and organizations support youth aging out of foster care. AOI gives out 5 awards each year to applicants from across the COUNTRY who represent a program or organization that supports youth aging out of foster care. We are thrilled that the hard work

our staff does day in and day out is being recognized.

Thank you to everyone who helps us carry out our award-winning programs. All of our tutors, transportation volunteers, office helpers, and donors are the reason we can provide these necessary and impactful services to Wake County's former foster youth.

Centering Mental Health

Our youth are making strides in all of the areas that are needed for safe and stable adulthood. This past year, with your support, we've been offering mental health stipends to youth who are interested in working with a mental health professional to heal from trauma. It's been the boost our youth need.

At the time of intake, 20% of Clients expressed interest in mental health services. After 60-90 days of engagement with their Transition Specialist, 50-52% of Clients are exploring or participating in mental health services.

Thank you for your support that makes it possible for our youth to pursue healthy, thriving futures.

Annual Campaign Kicks Off November 10 th

"The biggest change [since coming to HCP] is I am now the person I dreamed I could be. I can walk right past someone I knew from my past and they would not recognize me today. I talk different, walk different, think differently, and represent myself in a way that makes me proud of myself." – Kunthea S. Dickson, Hope Center Participant
All of our youth deserve to feel proud of themselves. We need your help to raise \$110,000 in our 2022 Annual Campaign to continue to empower Wake County's former foster youth with the support and connections needed for safe and stable adulthoods.

We'll be mailing our 2021-22 Impact Report along with Kunthea's full letter to our supporters. Please email Melissa Gregory at mgregory@hopecenteratpullen.org to have your name and address added to our list.

You don't have to wait until November 10 th to donate! Text Power the Future to 44-321 to donate today..

Thank you again. We can't do this work without you!

In-Kind Wishlist

We're supporting our youth through high rent prices, gas prices, and inflation by providing gift cards when needed to offset the significant increases in daily expenses. If you would like to help, we are running low on:

- Visa gift cards \$25, \$50 and \$100
- Grocery store gift cards: \$50, \$75 and \$100

Please mail gift cards or drop them off between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Thursday at
112 Cox Avenue, Suite 100-A
Raleigh, NC 27605

*-Erin Witcher,
Director of Development and Communications*



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