



# Pullen

Memorial Baptist Church

## September news & updates

**Upcoming Events**  
See what's happening this month.

### Finance Report:

**Date:** 7/31  
**Contributions:** \$693,978  
**Expenses:** \$616,823  
**Difference:** \$77,155

With the start of our Fall season, we have finally been able to pull out the Cox financials from the church financials. This means that the Cox building is now a stand-alone entity in our financial paperwork. When you look at our monthly contributions and expenses, they may not be the numbers you expected to see. This is because the Cox income, such as rent payments, are no longer listed as contribution income and the Cox expenses are no longer included. We are so glad we have been able to bring this level of transparency to our financials with these changes. If you have any questions concerning these changes, please contact me at the church or via email at [churchadmin@pullen.org](mailto:churchadmin@pullen.org).

-Vicky Bass  
Church Administrator



### Join us at The Table This Fall!

The Table resumes on September 14! 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 September and make plans to join us!

#### September 14 – Breaking the Rules

During worship on August 21, our ministerial staff presented their reflections on Luke 13:10-17 about the rules we need to break as a church to experience deliverance. This Wednesday our ministerial staff will join us for a panel discussion to take your questions and hear your responses. If you didn't get to hear the reflections or need to refresh your memory, you can listen to them [here](#).

#### September 21 – Queer Jesus

As a follow up to their "Queer Theology 101" presentation in the Summer Sunday Series, Ian McPherson will lead us in an exploration of queer theological discourse on Jesus' life and ministry.

#### September 28 & October 5 -- The Journey of Who We Are, How We Got Here, and Where We Are Headed

Our Earth Ministry marks Creation Season by presenting the acclaimed film "Journey of the

### Joys and Concerns

We give thanks for...

Pastor Tommy and all those who helped him with the annual Pullen Kid's Day Camp on July 18-22. A good time was had by all who participated.

A successful reboot of BYC on July 3-8. We're grateful for Bryan Lee's leadership and all the volunteer support that helped make it a meaningful experience for our youth.

### **We hold in prayer...**

The family and friends of Diane Bass who was a faithful Round Table volunteer. Diane died after being hit by a car on Capital Blvd on August 14. Her service was held on August 31 in Durham.

[View a recent feature on WRAL about Diane Here.](#)

Paul and Chris Tew. Paul's mother, Nancy Tew, died on August 18. She was surrounded by her three children at the time of her death.

James Crook and Kim Karriker. Kim's mother, Shelby Jean Karriker died on August 27 from complications of pneumonia. This comes just months after the death of Kim's father.

B.J. Welker in the deaths of a neighbor and niece las month. B.J.'s 91 year old neighbor, Anne Strickland, died on August 10, and her only niece, Jennifer Brown, died unexpectedly on August 22.

Universe". As described on the movie's website, the film is a "scientific, philosophical, spiritual, and poetic offering for those seeking to understand the dynamic unfolding story in which we find ourselves." This film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis. We will screen the movie over two weeks with time for discussion at each session.

*-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor*

## **Church wide**

### **Upcoming Pullen Events:**

#### **Sunday in thePark**

*September at 11:00 am at the Gregg Museum Lawn next to Pullen*

Service begins at 11:00 am on the Gregg Museum Lawn right next door to the church. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your lawn chair (we'll have some extra chairs available for those

## SUNDAY IN THE PARK

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who need them). After service, we'll continue in fellowship with a "build your own" taco bar. It will feature an assortment of proteins, veggies, toppings, tortillas and chips. We will also have drinks and dessert. Food will be served in Finlator Hall and you can eat on the lawn, at picnic tables or inside Finlator Hall. If you plan to have lunch, please **RSVP** by Sept. 8 so that we can adequately prepare and avoid wasting food. If you're able, please consider giving a donation to offset the cost of food. We suggest \$8 for adults youth, and \$5.

*-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor*

[RSVP for Lunch](#)



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## Fall Sunday Groups

*September 18-November 20 at 9:30 – 10:30 am at Pullen*

This fall, we're offering many opportunities to be formed together in Sunday Groups!

We'll continue conversations about race and privilege, engage scripture, share the wisdom of our own sacred stories, and develop tools to ground our work and enrich our lives. There are many groups to choose from because there's a lot to talk about! We hope you will find something that peaks your interest or speaks to your passion. With many options comes smaller class sizes, inviting deeper engagement of the subject matter. It also gives us an opportunity to get to know each other. If you're a newer member or attendee looking to connect with

others in the Pullen community, this is a great opportunity. If you're looking for an accomplice in the work you feel called to, you may just find that person in a Sunday Group.

Take a moment to look at the list of offerings at the link below. Sunday Groups begin on September 18, and meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am. We have groups that run 10 weeks, and others that meet for 4-5 sessions. We also look forward to bringing some of our long-running Sunday Groups back to in-person gatherings.

*-Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor*

[View our Sunday Groups](#)

## Wednesday Night Men's Group:

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Pullen*

If you are masculine-identified and are interested in reading and discussing Richard Rohr's book "Falling Upward", this is the group for you. Andrew Kasper and Kevin Neiley are very excited to offer this on Wednesday Nights. In true Pullen fashion, we will start weekly and see where we go! Please consider joining us on this exciting exploration into the two halves of life. **Individuals who are the first half of life, second half of life, somewhere in-between or unsure are all welcome.**

*-Kevin Neiley and Andrew Kasper*

## Pullen News:

## 30th Anniversary Celebration for Nancy Petty

It's hard to believe that it has been 30 years since Nancy joined the Pullen staff. We hope you will help us celebrate her ministry on September 25, 2022.

In true Pullen spirit, we will have a special worship service at 11:00, followed by a catered BBQ meal with GF and vegetarian options in Finlator Hall. The festivities will continue with the revival of a new version of Pullen Home Companion, featuring music and singing, skits, roasting and toasting, and maybe even a surprise or two!

If you plan to attend the meal please RSVP by Sept. 20 to Kiara Ruth at [kruth@pullen](mailto:kruth@pullen). And please indicate if you want a vegetarian meal.

If you would like to be part of the entertainment for Pullen Home Companion, please contact Grace Evans at [graced9194@gmail.com](mailto:graced9194@gmail.com) or Rachel Smith at [rarsmith63@gmail.com](mailto:rarsmith63@gmail.com). Be sure to let us know what your "talent" will be.

If you would like to volunteer to set up tables on Saturday, Sept. 24 or help clean up on the 25<sup>th</sup> please let either Grace or Rachel know. We hope you will set aside Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> to join us!

*-The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Rob Schofield, Larry Schultz, Laura Ford, Kevin Neiley, Grace Evans and Rachel Smith*



### **"Musicking" Together!**

The Pullen congregation, choirs and orchestra participate in what author, Christopher Smalls, calls "Musicking" (from his book of the same title). To "music" is to experience community and relationship as we sing and play instruments together. At Pullen we "music" to worship, educate, minister, fellowship and realize our connection with all of creation. Groups that resume in September are listed below. "Music" is indeed a verb! Come and music with us – all are

welcome!

**Chancel Choir** (Adults) – Resuming Wednesday, September 7, 6:45-8:15PM, Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B).

**Pullen Orchestra** (Youth & Adults) – Resuming Saturday, September 10, 10:00AM, Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B). Following the resuming date, rehearsal follow on Sundays in the fall from 9:00-10:00AM.

**Children's Choir** (Grades 3-5) – Resuming Wednesday, September 14, 6:00-6:30PM, Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B).

**Music Discovery** (K-Grade 2) – Resuming Wednesday, September 14, 6:00-6:30PM, Room 122.

**Youth Choir** (Grades 6-12) – Though Youth Choir resumes in January 2023, Youth are welcomed to join the Chancel Choir on Sunday mornings to sing for worship and use their individual gifts in worship throughout the year.

**Resuming in 2023: Choir Festivals!** The Adult Choir *Festival by the Sea* (January 27-29 in Charleston, SC) and the Youth Choir *Festival by the Sea* (March 3-5 in Myrtle Beach, SC) will resume. Take part in the Chancel and Youth Choirs to participate!

*For compassionate safety at this time, participants are asked to be vaccinated and boosted for Covid-19 and wear masks for group activities (masks provided if needed).*

*-Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music*



Many thanks to everyone who has contributed items to the Round Table Ministry. We are now collecting for the next packing and need 460 cans of Vienna sausages, 440 juice pouches/boxes, 460 cereal/granola bars, and 980 packages of 6-pack crackers (orange peanut butter, toasty peanut butter, or other varieties). If you can help, please place your donations in the blue wagon outside the Church office. Our Round Table guests will be very appreciative. Thank you!

~Nancy Bradley

## Kid's Ministry



### Acolyte Training

On September 18, 2022 from 12:30-1:30 pm. We will have training for all young people who wish to join the acolyte rotation during the 2022-23 year. If you wish to bring a bag lunch, we can meet in Room 120 to snack together while people are exiting the sanctuary. Our acolyte program director is Rollin Kibbe. Rollin will not only lead our training for the children, and when possible, he will be there to prepare the children for their duties on Sundays.

We would like to ask that one parent attend with each child. While there, our children learn simple but important ways to participate in the worship hour as Acolytes, including bringing in and taking out the light as well as help during communion on

the first Sunday of the month. They also learn responsibility, build esteem, and feel a part of the larger community of the church. We look forward to your child helping lead worship this coming year. Acolyting is a great opportunity for the children of Pullen to be worship leaders. They prepare the way for all of us to worship. It invites them to join with the adults as full participants. Your support of this program is very much appreciated.

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families



### Pullen Kids' Quest

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm Stating September 14

Who's ready to start a new adventure? Kids from Preschool-Fifth Grade are invited to join us for Pullen Kids' Quest! After Community Dinner in Finlator Hall, Preschoolers will have childcare and K-5 will have a rotation of Music Discovery, Children's Choir, Active Play, and a planned "Quest" involving Story Time, Craft Time, Game Time, and fun Experiments. See you on September 14!

-Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and Their Families

### Sunday Groups

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## Youth Ministry



### Wednesday Night Live

*Wednesday Nights at 6 pm at Pullen*

We meet from 6-7:30 in the youth space. A meal will be provided except for August 24 when we have our community meal in Finaltor Hall.

*-Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and Their Families*

Sunday Morning Groups start back in September and we have some exciting plans for our youth. Stay tuned!

## Around the Pullen Community



### Pullen's Grant to the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky

"It's a long way to Harlan, it's a long way to Hazard . . ." (from *The Nine-Pound Hammer* by Merle Travis)

It is a long way to Hazard, KY -- but starting back in about 2008 and continuing for 10 years or so, each summer a group of youth and adults left Pullen after Sunday school for the 6.5-hour trip to the First Presbyterian Church in Hazard. We spent the week living together, cooking our meals, fellowshiping, recreating, and putting in workdays from 8 to 4 to repair/build/remodel houses in the Hazard area.

The Housing Development Alliance (<http://www.housingdevelopmentalliance.org>) is the agency that made our work possible. They provide a variety of housing options for local low-income individuals and families, including shelter for the homeless, transitional housing, affordable rental housing, and new homes.

With the recent flooding in the Hazard area, there is now an even greater need for work of the Alliance. When Ian McPherson contacted the Alliance and asked how Pullen could help, the

development director Mindy Miller asked that Pullen donate to the *Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky* (<https://www.appalachianky.org/flood/>), which currently has a goal of \$1.5 million that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by philanthropist Joe Craft ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe\\_Craft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Craft)).

Some time ago, Edith “Edie” Seifert made a donation to the Mission and Outreach Committee. The Committee has decided to donate that \$8,102 gift to the *Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky* for recovery efforts from the floods in Hazard.

Because of Pullen’s generosity, \$16,204 will go toward helping the good folks in and around Hazard get back on their feet – some of the folks who Pullenites worked with or worked for on the many adventures we enjoyed on our trips to Hazard.

Thank you Pullen!

-Larry King

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Don Walker



## Enroll for Singing Stream Farm Shares

Now-September 19

Pullen members, (August 29th is the first day of the signup period for enrolling in Pullen's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program with Singing Stream Farm. The signup period is from today through September 19th. Participants in the 8 week program have the option for purchasing either half-shares for \$125 or whole shares for \$250. In exchange for enrolling in the program, participants will receive fresh produce from the farm in southern Granville County. Please contact Singing Stream Farm website where payments can be made either by credit card or check. Thank-you

-Greg Bruhn

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## "You Matter"

September 24

Visit with vendors @ 2:00 PM | Event starts @ 3:00 PM at Pullen

"You Matter" will be a journey of drama, testimonials, visual arts and more presented by local artists and teens, followed by

Tai Connects, LLC Presents  
**"You Matter"**  
 An Info-drama Addressing Suicide



Drama, testimonials, visual arts and more presented by local artists and teens, followed by a panel discussion with licensed therapists.

Saturday, September 24, 2022  
 Visit Vendors @ 2:00 PM  
 Event Time @ 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
 PULLEN CHURCH  
 1801 Hillsborough Street  
 Raleigh, NC

FREE ADMISSION  
 \*Donations welcome.

Free Registration Required:  
[rb.gy/zb0bat](http://rb.gy/zb0bat)

a panel discussion with licensed therapists to help spread awareness around the topic of mental health. We need YOU, your family, friends and affiliated organizations in the building! \*Be sure to arrive EARLY! Some people came after the start time at our previous event and missed some GREATNESS; don't let that be YOUR story!

FREE ADMISSION! | Donations welcomed.  
 Presented by Tai Connects, LLC  
 - *Tai Caldwell*

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**SEASON OF CREATION**

**Listen to the Voice of Creation. Heal the Earth... Our Home.**  
*September 24 at 3:00 pm at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church*

An ecumenical prayer service celebrating the Season of Creation welcomes the entire community on Saturday, September 24 at 3:00 pm to the BeeLoved Garden of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 27 Horne Street, Raleigh. The service is sponsored by members of Earth Friendly Practices, part of the Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle, and Church Women United of Raleigh. It blends liturgy developed by the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin with portions of the Season of Creation service. Surrounded by nature, there will be silence and music, reflection on how we fail to care for the earth, a commitment to make changes, and prayer and praise for God's amazing creation. Bring a chair and a least coin (a penny) for an offering.

*-Pat Long*



**VOTE FOR CLIMATE ACTION AMEN!**

**Vote for Climate Action. AMEN!**

*October 3 at 5:00 pm*

**Register Now**

This year the 2nd Annual ICCT Prayer Chain for the Earth returns to Wade Avenue on October 3. Starting at 5:00 PM, Triangle people of faith and people of conscience will find our socially distanced places on the sidewalks at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh (UUFR), 3313 Wade Ave, Raleigh, NC 27607 heading east toward and beyond the Community United Church of Christ (CUCC), 814 Dixie Trail. At

6:00 PM a brief, outdoor clergy-led prayer vigil with music will follow at UUFR. Parking is available at UUFR, CUCC, and on the side streets.

Last year 200+ people joined the Prayer Chain. Those who participated remember the inspiring enthusiasm that filled the air! **Watch this amazing video from last year's Prayer Chain to feel the excitement!** Join us again and bring a friend on October 3.

Start now to contact your Creation care and peace & justice teams and other members of your congregation and invite them to come in groups. Participation by your clergy will encourage your congregants to come, so please invite your clergy to attend in clerical garb and participate. **Here's a short announcement you can adapt** and send to your teams and submit to your congregation's communications specialist for publication in your faith community's newsletter.

Posters similar to the image above reading 'Vote for Climate Action. Amen' will be available at the event on October 3, free of charge to the first 50 people; or you can make your own poster. You can also order a 4' x 6' banner designed for last year's event directly from Sarah at Elite Custom Signs of Raleigh, 919-917-7127; reference the Pullen Church account. The cost is around \$80 including



Register Now

## Donations for Cuba Needed

In late 2019/early 2020 plans were being made for a group to travel to our partner church in Matanzas, Cuba. The pandemic prevented that. So, fast forward to today and the trip is back on, more visas and plane tickets purchased and 6 very excited are folks already dreaming of how they will pack their bags in order to get the maximum amount of the requested medications and supplies down to Cuba. Below is the list of what is most needed.

**Please drop your donations in Room 127 by Sunday October 2nd.** Thank you for your support of our friends at Primera Iglesia Bautista Matanzas.

- VITAMINS (For kids and adults)
- ANALGESICS and ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
  - Ibuprofen
  - Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Paracetamol same thing)
  - Aspirin
- Analgesic ointment (we have several otc, including voltaren, but also aspercreme and various capsaicin products)
- ALLERGIES
  - Antihistamines
  - Loratadine (Zyrtec)
  - Benadryl (generic is diphenhydramine)
  - Cetirizine (Claritin)
- ANTIBIOTICS
  - Antibiotic ointments
- DIGESTIVES
  - Peptobismol
  - Antidiarrheal agents
  - (Loperamide or Imodium is most common otc in US)
  - Omeprazole
  - Pepcid
  - Alka-seltzer
- Topicals for scabies and antifungals like lotrimin
- Bras
- Underwear Kids & adults (nothing larger than 36)
- Mens socks
- 2 large white candles to be used in worship
- Tea lights
- Matches
- Colored pencils (they weigh less than crayons)
- Tape
- Staples
- Pens
- Glue sticks and liquid glue
- Permanent markers (colors but more black)
- Markers for children

*~Vickie Leigh*

## Hope Center Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Tutor Training in August. Our teens have all gone back to school. You are ensuring that they have the support they need to thrive. Thank you!

[2022 Summer Internship Celebration](#)



Our interns did phenomenally well this year! We are so proud of the 19 young people who completed internships. Our youth worked more than 2,000 hours this summer and earned over \$20,000 which is our highest earning year yet! We celebrated their accomplishment at Relish where supervisors shared how meaningful the interns' contributions were to their organizations. It was a beautiful day.

### About The Internship Program

Every summer, we partner with local business and non-profits to place our foster teens in paid Internships. These businesses

provide site supervisors who give meaningful work to interns and offer guidance on how to be successful in the workplace. HCP brings the interns onto our payroll to eliminate the administrative burden. Our supporters make it possible for us to pay each intern a \$10 per hour stipend for their work. Interns learn how to put together resumes, interview, manage their earnings, fill out tax forms and so much more. Thank you for supporting us so that we can provide this invaluable experience to youth living in foster care in Wake County.

### Double Your Impact with the 4 Others Foundation

There's still time to double your impact in partnership with the 4 Others Foundation. 4 Others will match \$15,000 in donations over the summer. We're so grateful for their longstanding partnership with us which makes it possible for our young adults to find and maintain stable housing and work toward education and employment goals.

### 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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