

Pullen Update

April 27, 2014

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

Walk with NAMI to Raise Awareness for Mental Health

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has scheduled a Fund-Raiser Walk to benefit their mission to educate America about mental illness and to raise awareness, and provide essential advocacy and support group programs for those living with mental illness and their loved ones.

The walk is on the Dorothea Dix Campus on Saturday, May 3, 2014.



There is no registration fee, but you may give a donation to the cause or raise money through the NAMI website (<http://namiwalks.nami.org/PULLENTeam2014>) which provides online tools to recruit donations from your friends and colleagues. Check-in begins at 9:00 AM, and the walk starts at 10:00 AM. Walking distance is 2.4 miles shorter routes are available. If you plan to participate or have questions, please contact Carolyn Billings at 919-889-0931 and she will provide you with a registration form and answer any questions you may have.

—Carolyn Billings

Deacons Invite You to Continue Conversation on HKonJ

At our February congregational meeting the deacons presented a motion recommending that Pullen become a coalition partner with HK on J.

After long discussion, the motion was tabled with a request for more information. We now have two opportunities for continuing education on HK on J and related issues.

The first is on May 4 immediately after worship. Soup will be provided as a light lunch before our discussion begins. Deb Norton and Rob Schofield will lead this session, which will focus on two questions:

- What is HK on J?
- What does it mean to be a coalition partner?

The second opportunity is on Wednesday evening, May 7. Holly Hollman, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Religious Liberty, will address the issues of separation of Church and State as it relates to religious freedom and political engagement.

We invite you participation in this ongoing conversation.

—Deacon Council

Bloomsbury Returns to Pullen this Saturday Night

Past and present Pullen Church members Wade Hargrove, Wade Smith, and former associate pastor (1969-1979) Mel Williams, who met at Pullen more than 40 years ago, are “getting the band back together” to perform a benefit concert for a local non-profit organization on Saturday, May 3 at 8 PM. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 apiece, but due to the benefit-nature of the event, no one will be turned away for inability to pay. Starting at 7:00 PM, join us in Finlator Hall for “Sweets and Jam,” a dessert reception and jam session open to all concert attendees.

Bloomsbury, Raleigh’s oldest string band, returns to their roots with a fundraiser concert celebrating the 30th anniversary of PineCone, the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music. PineCone presents music programs in Raleigh, Cary, Wake Forest, Durham, and beyond, including concerts, bluegrass camps for youth, a weekly bluegrass radio show on 94.7 WQDR, jam sessions (bluegrass, Irish, and shape note singing), documentary projects, and more. Last fall was PineCone’s first year as the official local host for the International Bluegrass Music Association’s World of Bluegrass in Raleigh, and this year PineCone will produce the ticketed and the free stages that are part of the Wide Open Bluegrass Festival, which will be held in downtown Raleigh on October 3-4.

Bloomsbury’s band members each enjoy a full-time profession other than music, so their performances are rare and special occurrences. As anyone who attended last year’s Bloomsbury concert knows, when these good friends reunite to share their passion for roots music, wherever they’re playing becomes a special place to be, hearkening back to Raleigh’s roots and days gone by. And for those who have never heard them play together before, you are in for a treat!

You can learn more about the band, and reserve tickets to the concert, by visiting PineCone’s website, www.pinecone.org, or call PineCone at 919-664-8302. We hope you will join PineCone and Bloomsbury at the church for a festive and celebratory night of music, merriment, and mingling, and step back in time through Raleigh’s history as traced by the songs and stories of this unique-to-Raleigh band.

—Nancy Petty

CWU Holds May Friendship Day

Church Women United cordially invites new members and interested guests to a May Friendship Day Celebration at 10 AM on Friday, May 2, at Martin Street Baptist Church.

Formed in 1941, CWU is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive ecumenical organization celebrating unity in diversity and working for a better world. CWU is a recognized Non-Government Organization representing women and children at the United Nations.

—Sory Bowers

Pullen Ladies Night Out at Irregardless

For our May get together, we will meet on Thursday, May 8, at Irregardless Café, located at 901 W. Morgan Street, at 6:30 PM for dinner, and a baby shower for Kristen Anderson! All women are invited. Please bring a contribution for the Moore Square Christmas fund. For more information call me at 919-360-0975. I hope you can make it!

—Rita Rakestraw

Items Needed to Take to Cuba

The Pilgrims traveling to Cuba ask for your help in collecting the following items to be taken to our sister congregation, La Primera Iglesia Bautista of Matanzas, Cuba. Both generic brands and name brand items are welcome.

Items requested

- Ibuprofen products
- Acetaminophen products
- Decongestants (adult and children)
- Cold & flu medicine (adult and children)
- Pre-natal, children and adult vitamins
- Polysporin
- Allergy medicine (adult and children)
- Hotel size shampoo, conditioner and soap
- Toothbrushes, tooth paste and dental floss
- Basic Bic type ballpoint pens and pencils
- Small office supplies (paper clips, tape, post-it notes)
- Notepads
- Letter size envelopes
- Embroidery Floss

Please bring your contributions to the Cathy’s office by Sunday May 10. Our many friends in Matanzas thank you in advance for your love and generosity.

—Judy Mays

Lectionary Lunch Bible Study

You are invited to attend the Lectionary Lunch series Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch and join Nancy Petty in examining the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday.

—Nancy Petty

Lectionary Texts for May 4

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Calendar for April 27 — May 4

Sunday, April 27

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Choral Worship Prep, Room 128-B
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Sabbath Sunday Gathering, Finlator Hall

Monday, April 28

- 5:00 PM Hope Center Executive Committee, Finlator Hall
- 6:30 PM Education Council, Room 122

Tuesday, April 29

- 8:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 122
- 10:00 AM Pullen Stitchers, Griffin Parlor
- 2:00 PM Back Door Ministry, Finlator Hall
- 6:30 PM Theology on Tap, TBA
- 7:00 PM Triangle Gay Men's Chorus, Poteat Chapel

Wednesday, April 30

- 12:00 PM Lectionary Lunch, Library
- 3:00 PM Hope Center Tutoring, Room 306
- 4:30 PM Wiley Tutoring Ministry, Third Floor Classrooms
- 5:15 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, Finlator Hall
- 5:45 PM Children's Choir, Room 128-B
- 5:45 PM Music Discovery, Room 122
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Programs, Finlator Hall
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, Room 128-B

Thursday, May 1

- 8:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous, Finlator Hall
- 10:00 AM Katharine Freeman Circle, Finlator Hall
- 2:00 PM Back Door Ministry, Finlator Hall
- 5:30 PM SAFEchild, Finlator Hall and Classrooms

Friday, May 2

- 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Griffin Parlor
- 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Finlator Hall

Saturday, May 3

- 7:00 PM Bloomsbury "Sweets & Jam" Reception, Finlator Hall
- 8:00 PM Bloomsbury Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 4

- 8:45 AM Pullen Orchestra, Room 128-B
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Choral Worship Prep, Room 128-B
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Peace & Justice Mission Group, Room 310
- 12:15 PM Deacon Information Session, Finlator Hall
- 1:15 PM Youth Choir, Room 128-B
- 3:00 PM Triangle Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert, Poteat Chapel
- 7:00 PM Coordinating Council, Room 122

Wednesday Night Schedule – April 30, 2014

Dinner—5:15-6:30 PM (\$6 Adults & Youth; \$3 Children K-5th Grade)
Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Salad Bar and Brownies

Program Offerings for Children — 5:45-7:30 PM

Children: *Childcare*, Nursery — 3-year-olds
Music Discovery & Activities, 4-year-olds — 1st Grade
Children's Choir & Micah Kids, 2nd — 5th Grade

Program Offerings for Youth — 6:15-7:30 PM

Youth: *Youth Programming*, 6th Grade — 12th Grade

Program Offering for Adults — 6:30-7:30 PM

Adults: *Support Circle Ministry: What It Is, Why It Matters*

In October 2012, Pullen's first Support Circle team formed to partner with a family transitioning out of homelessness. This past fall, the group reconfigured with a second family. Come hear about this meaningful work as those involved talk about their experience participating in this ministry, what they have learned, and how they have been impacted by these relationships with people living on the margins of our society.

Save the Date: Youth Spring Yardsale on for May 17

The Cuba Youth Team is excited about the yardsale coming up on May 17, 7:00 to 11:00 AM! We'll accept donations on Wednesday night, May 14, from 5:00 to 7:30 and Friday, May 16, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We'll have loads of space for one of our biggest yard sales ever. Look around your house. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors. We have room for your large items this year. This is a great fundraiser because it helps you get rid of stuff you don't use any more, it helps the Cuba team raise money, and it helps our friends and neighbors get stuff they need for a great price. Receipts are available upon request.

—Laura Foley

Raising Hope

Dinner & Auction

Sunday, May 18

5:30 PM at

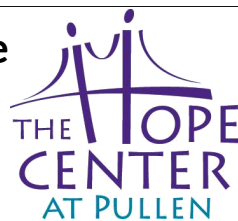
Martin Street

Baptist Church

Emcee: Mayor McFarland

Guest Speaker: Rep. Tamara Barringer

Honorary Chair: Stephen Smith



Mark your calendars and plan to attend our fourth-annual fundraising dinner and auction. Mayor Nancy McFarlane will serve as our Emcee and Senator Tamara Barringer, a former foster parent herself, will be our guest speaker. Stephen T. Smith is serving as our Honorary Chair. You may make reservations at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-raising-hope-dinner-registration-10977196089>

Raising Hope Sponsorships

We have individual and family sponsorships in addition to business sponsorships available for the dinner. If you would like to be a dinner sponsor, contact Stacy Bluth for more information.

Silent Auction Items for Raising Hope Fundraising Event

We are looking for silent auction items for our dinner. Ideas might include restaurant gift cards, unique experiences, tickets for sporting and cultural events or unique hand-made items. Please contact Stacy Bluth with any items you are willing to donate.

Bicycles Needed

Do you have an old bicycle or two sitting in your garage that you are itching to donate? Please consider donating a bike for our new bicycle repair program. Any used, broken but fix-able bicycles are welcome. Please contact Pat Hielscher to donate. We need 20 bicycles!

Summer Job or Volunteer Opportunity with Animals

We have a 17 year old young lady who is looking for an opportunity to work with animals this summer. She would like a paid opportunity but she is also willing to volunteer. She currently lives in the Rock Quarry area in Raleigh. Contact Rashidah Myrie for further conversation.

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Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 23 — Thursday, June 26

5:45-7:45 each evening

Open to all 3-year-olds — rising 6th graders.

Youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer.

—Libby Stephens