

Pullen Update

August 30, 2015

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

South African Fr. Michael Lapsley Speaks at Pullen

September 10, 7 p.m., Finlator Hall

Father Michael Lapsley, South African Anglican priest and social justice advocate, will share his amazing story about the cost of standing for justice. During the height of apartheid repression, he was a chaplain to students at both black and white universities in Durban and began to speak out on behalf of schoolchildren who were being shot, detained and tortured. In 1976, he was expelled from South Africa. While living in Zimbabwe in 1990, he was sent a letter bomb by the Civil Cooperation Bureau, a covert outfit of the apartheid security forces. The explosion caused severe burns and took both of his hands and the sight in one eye.

Father Lapsley is an advocate for Cuba, lived in Zimbabwe, and is a member of the Community of the Cross of Nails, so he has much in common with Pullen. Former Pullenite David LaMotte, who is Father Michael's host, will also join us for this evening.

—Peace & Justice Mission Group & Cross of Nails Reconciliation Fellowship




Global Health Series with Laura Parajón Sept. 23-27

Details and RSVP form at pullen.org/globalhealth.

—Deborah Norton

Community Empowerment as an Act of Love:
Moving from Theory to Practice to Improve Health in Nicaragua



Dinner & Lecture with Dr. Laura Parajón

Sept. 25 at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
Dinner at 6:00 pm // Lecture at 7:30 pm
Call 919-828-0897 to RSVP.

Visit www.pullen.org/globalhealth for full details.
Visit www.amoshealth.org to learn more about Dr. Parajón's work.

Laura Parajón, MD, MPH, has been named a 2015 Rural Health Hero by the World Organization of Family Doctors. Dr. Parajón is an American Baptist missionary and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She is medical director of AMOS Health & Hope, where she works with a team of health professionals and community health workers to improve access to health care in rural Nicaragua. **By empowering local communities to work together for improved health, AMOS has helped contribute to reducing child deaths by 75% in the communities they serve since 2007.** So what can we learn from each other about community empowerment and how can we apply lessons learned to our work in both the US and Nicaragua?

Waging Peace Workshops September 18-19

The Alliance of Baptists will host a 2-day program at Wake Forest Baptist Church. Learn to discern and act in support of peace and justice in the Holy Land. For details and registration, contact GJ Tarazi: gjarazi@yahoo.com.

—Brooks Wicker

Pictorial Directory Photo Shoots September 22-26

Sign up for your time slot at pullen.org/directory. You'll receive a free 8x10 and free directory. No purchase required.

—Pat Hielscher

Foyer Signup Deadline September 27

Sign up at pullen.org/forms or email PullenFoyers@gmail.com.

—Foyer Coordinators

Sunday in the Park September 13

Join our annual Sunday in the Park at 11:15 a.m. in Fletcher Park. Details including food, attire, rain plan and road closures are at pullen.org/Sunday-in-the-Park-2015.

—Education and Worship Councils

NC Pride Parade September 26

Join us as we march behind the Pullen banner at the 31st NC Pride Parade in Durham. The Festival is from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with the Parade beginning at 1 p.m. on Duke East Campus. Those who prefer to follow a vehicle to the festival can meet at the Pullen parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

—LGBTQ Fellowship Committee

Pullen Hosts NAACP Marchers

America's Journey for Justice

This week Pullen hosts marchers walking 860 miles from Selma, AL, to Washington, DC. Nancy Petty joins the march for the NC leg of the trail.

"A colleague recently asked me why I am marching in the AJ4J March," Reverend Nancy Petty says. "He commented, 'It won't change the minds of our legislators.' To me, marching is like praying. I don't do it primarily to change others. I do it so that I might be changed."

—Barbara Smalley-McMahan

Construction in September

The City of Raleigh continues to make improvements to the water and sewer lines intersecting at Hillsborough Street and Cox Avenue. My understanding is that we will always be able to access our parking lot. Thanks for your patience.

—Brooks Wicker

Weekly Events Calendar

Pullen is alive with activity. Here are just some weekly events you're invited to join. Details are available online.

Sundays:

Pullen Orchestra
Sunday School
Worship
Youth Choir

Tuesdays:

Roundtable Fellowship
Biweekly Young Adults Gathering

Wednesdays:

Lectionary Lunch
Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs
Children's Choir
Music Discovery
Chancel Choir

Thursdays:

Roundtable Fellowship

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Calendar for August 30—September 6

Sunday, August 30

- 11:00 AM Worship, RITE-13 Ritual, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Chronologically Advantaged Lunch, Finlator Hall
- 12:15 PM Missions & Outreach Council, Room 122
- 2:00 PM Congregational Meeting, Poteat Chapel
- 6:00 PM Marriage Equality Dinner, Finlator Hall

Tuesday, September 1

- 2:00 PM Round Table Fellowship, Finlator Hall

Wednesday, September 2

- 12:00 PM Lectionary Lunch, Library
- 5:30 PM Youth Kickoff, Finlator Hall
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, Music Hall

Thursday, September 3

- 10:00 AM Katharine Freeman Circle, Finlator Hall
- 2:00 PM Round Table Fellowship, Finlator Hall
- 4:00 PM Sanctuary Art Project, Finlator Hall
Pullen Hosts America's Journey for Justice

Friday, September 4

- Pullen Hosts America's Journey for Justice

Saturday, September 5

- Pullen Hosts America's Journey for Justice

Sunday, September 6

- 10:30 AM Choral Worship Preparation, Room 128-B
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Peace & Justice Mission Group, Room 310
- 5:00 PM Coordinating Council, Room 122

Announcements for Young Pullenites

Youth Fall Kickoff September 2

Youth, parents and leaders are invited for pizza and discussion of the 2015/16 youth program. Join us Wednesday, September 2, 6 - 7:15 p.m.

—Laura Foley

Youth Lock-in and Worship in the Park September 12-13

No better way to kick off fall than with a super fun lock-in followed by Sunday morning worship at Fletcher Park. Drop off at 7 p.m. Saturday the 12th, pick up by 12:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Details to come.

—Laura Foley

Acolyte Training September 20

Meet at 12:15 p.m. to learn about the origins of light in worship, what the light symbolizes, and the tasks that the acolytes perform throughout the year. Training is open to all interested 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Current acolytes need NOT re-attend. Contact Libby at lstephens@pullen.org or myself at rkibbe@mykolab.com.

—Rollin Kibbe

Children's Sunday School & Worship Resume September 20

Sunday school for all ages will meet Sundays 9:45-10:45 a.m. Three-year-olds and up will have lessons and activities that help them understand and learn about their relationship with God, the world and each other.

We offer worship for kindergarten, first and second-grade children from 11:15—noon. They will start in "Big Worship" with their families, and then follow the light to the children's worship space. This time is structured like worship service, with litanies, prayer, singing and storytelling (we even share communion on the 1st Sunday of the month).

—Libby Stephens

Family Camping Trip October 3-4

Families are invited to camp in tents at Falls Lake Campground. Meals will be provided. Tents and camping equipment are not provided (but we can maybe help you find loaner items).

This year, the campsites will have water and electricity, and you can drive right up to them! The campground is located about 35 minutes north of downtown Raleigh.

RSVP by September 23. Email me or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside my office or across from Room 120.

—Libby Stephens

September 6 Lectionary Texts

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

Fifth Sunday Offering to Support Healthcare in Nicaragua

Loose cash in the offering plate today will be donated to our ministry partner AMOS.

AMOS works in 34 remote, rural communities in Nicaragua, empowering local leaders with the training and resources necessary to become health promoters serving their neighbors. Since 2007, AMOS has seen a 75% reduction in child mortality in the communities it serves.

Dr. Laura Parajón, medical director and co-founder of AMOS, will be visiting Pullen in September for several days. Visit pullen.org/globalhealth for more information.

—David Anderson

Did You Grow Up in the SBC?

As a child or youth, did you do sword drills? Were you a member of Girls' Auxiliary (GA's)? If the answer to either of these questions is "yes," we need you on October 28. On this Wednesday evening before Halloween when the kids do their scary activities, the adults are going to revisit the past – or if you didn't grow up in a Southern Baptist Convention church – marvel at the "interesting" past of other Pullenites.

We will offer "sword drill" competition to demonstrate our prowess in finding passages of scripture quickly. Two former state champions have already signed up, and they want you to join the friendly competition. Then we'll see photos of some of our Pullen women who were ladies-in-waiting or queens-with-a-scepter in Girls' Auxiliary. If you have photos of yourself in your crown or your cape at a GA coronation, we need them.

A fun time will be had by all as we eat ice cream sundaes and share the joys of an SBC childhood. Sword drillers and those willing to share GA photos should contact me at ctamsberg@pullen.org.

—Cathy Tamsberg

LGBTQ Second Sunday Lunch - Join us at Sunday in the Park!

Due to Sunday in the Park, the normal LGBTQ Second Sunday Lunch routine will shift, and we hope you will join us and other Pullenfolk at Fred Fletcher Park for worship and potluck. Our normal second Sunday routine will pick back up in October.

—Laura Robinson & Jimmy Smith

Have News to Share?

- Weekly Sunday Update: < 200 words, due preceding Tuesday.
- Monthly *PullenNews*: < 500 words, due 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Please send articles to Morgan Siem (news@pullen.org) rather than David Anderson. Pullen-sponsored events get priority.

—Morgan Siem