



Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

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A Day in the Life of a Pastor

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



Every once in a while, I'll get the question about what work I do as a pastor. Usually I can't resist the glib rejoinder: "You mean other than the hour on Sunday?" To be honest, it's a little hard to sort it all out – there's sermon preparation, visiting people in the hospital, going to meetings and writing this newsletter article, for instance. But let me tell you about a very special 24+ hours in a row last week – and you will get a glimpse at what can be a very rewarding vocation.

The 24 hours started with Daryl Davis's lecture. Daryl, if you've missed all of this, is a somewhat famous blues and boogie woogie musician. He's played with Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, B. B. King and the like. But what has been especially unique about him is that he has accidentally ended up befriend- ing and becoming the impetus for change for more than two hundred white supremacists who, because of him, quit their affiliation with the KKK. Daryl's story is documented on a PBS special that is available on Netflix called: "Accidental Courtesy."

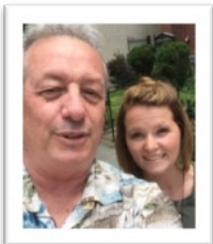
After the speech, someone spoke to me and called Daryl, "a national treasure." And so he is. We were witnesses to both his courage and his compassion as he told us his story. One St. Andrew member described himself as exhausted by the end of the two

hours during which Daryl spoke. He was exhausted he said, "because Daryl's bravery to be a black man who would enter into conversation with those so diametrically in disagreement with him challenged all of us to get beyond our own comfort zones as we listen and connect with those with whom we have differences."

One hundred and twenty were in attendance for Daryl's testimony. We were an interracial and interfaith community – black, white, Hispanic, gay, straight, young, old, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and non-believers, too. It was a good moment for St. Andrew to put its foot forward as an "open, welcoming and accepting community of faith." I got home at 10 and watched my favorite NBA team, the Golden State Warriors.

By 7:00 am, Bonnie dropped me off at the commuter bus stop in Hamilton. I was headed to the Festival of Homiletics in Washington, DC. Pastor Jessica was taking part in this annual preacher's conference that this year was being hosted in our neck of the woods. It was great fun to see

her, to listen to two sermons and hear a lecture on the



apocalyptic style of Mark's Gospel. Pastor Jessica gave me a report of her wonderful ministry at Sampson Mills Presbyterian Church.

From there, I confess that I went to the Nats' game. But they were playing my San Diego Padres and I was in DC. The problem was that two nights before and after already having purchased tickets, Rizwan Jaka invited me to speak on an Interfaith panel at the Iftar dinner at the Pakistani Embassy. So, I had to leave the game early, change clothes at a friend's church, see that I forgot my tie and then have to call my friend to borrow one of his. But what a unique and uplifting event.



At the Pakistani Embassy, I was to limit my comments to three to five minutes, which I actually did! You all would have been proud – especially because I was the only one who did keep the speech limited. The others were anywhere from ten to fifteen minutes, to be candid. Ambassador Chaudhry wished for the panel members to speak about peace. I spoke about how Jesus asked us to turn the other cheek when struck – about how that was a move toward building trust. I said that peace came from trust and that we have been blessed as a nation to have built up a social trust which has had tangible results. And to end my

speech, I spoke about the amazing testimony of Daryl Davis we had witnessed just 24 hours earlier at St. Andrew. Two Congressional Representatives were present, as well as the Assistant Secretary of State and the editor of the Washington Times. It was a heady moment to be graced with talking about the witness of Jesus and Daryl Davis. So, that was a day in the life of this pastor. And a pretty good one, at that! Oh yeah, and when I got home after 10:30, I watched the Caps win their game 7 versus Tampa Bay.

Yours with delight,

Pastor Dave

Pastor David Milam



Michelle and Ryan Pinckney presented their sons Camden and Carson for baptism on May 13th.

I've enjoyed our journeys through the Bible throughout the last year. I hope that you have gained some sense of the flow of the Bible as I addressed topics like "who we are;" "what it means to expect the Messiah;" "sin, death and evil;" and "finding our place at the table" among others. My pattern was to start at either Genesis or Exodus at the Bible's beginning and to work my way through to a passage in Revelation or some other later epistle or book of the New Testament.

If you haven't noticed, I like preaching series. That might be because I've always loved theology as a topic and wish to develop theological themes. I'm also aware that topics work for those who sit in the pews on Sunday morning. You want something to chew on when you leave the service. You want it to speak to you as much in your seeking to be a follower of Jesus Christ as well as have it apply to your situation in life.

Between series, I have occasionally preached on what is known as The Common Lectionary. The Common Lectionary is a three year cycle of biblical texts that means to help church people hear from every part of the Bible. There are four readings for each Sunday of the year: an Old Testament reading, a Psalm and then New Testament readings from the Epistles

(or Letters) and the four Gospels. Year A of the lectionary uses Gospel readings from Matthew; Year B from the Gospel of Mark; and Year C has readings from Luke. The Gospel of John is interspersed throughout the three years cycle.

Many churches in Presbyterian, Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Lutheran denominations (among others) use the Common Lectionary as a means to organize their Sunday worship. The Psalm might be used, for instance, as a Responsive Call to Worship. A story from the Old Testament might be the focus of the children's sermon. The preacher might speak about the Epistle and Gospel lessons in his or her sermon. Because so many churches use it, there are music resources and prayers that match it. And, if you are visiting with a friend who goes to the United Methodist Church the next town over, you can compare what your two preachers said about the same reading on Sunday!!!!

Rather than focusing on themes, the use of the Common Lectionary seeks to build a broad knowledge of the Bible in the congregation's life. In fact, its purpose is to start from the Bible, to be Bible-centric. It doesn't start with our needs and concerns and then ask what can we get out of the Bible to ad-

dress them. Being Bible-centric, the lectionary asks first "what are God's concerns" and then secondly, "how might we shape our lives to be faithful to what God wants."

Yes, themes can be developed. For instance, in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus sets out what makes us faithful disciples. If the preacher follows this theme, he or she can help a congregation respond to what Jesus asks when he says: "Unless you pick up your cross and follow me you will have no part in me" (Mark 8). That's a different kind of question than "how do I pray when I'm in a bad stretch" or the like. Themes from the lectionary start from the scripture rather than from our curious questions about how to be spiritual or to get the most out of life.

Not sure that I will stick with it for the three-year-cycle, I'm going to let the lectionary guide us for the time being. Give me feedback, if you will. I'm going to list the readings in the newsletter monthly. Take time during the week to read ahead, reading our Scripture lessons for yourself so that you can tell me what you got out of them; then we can compare notes. It is something to like, learning from a broad stretch of the Bible so that we increase our biblical literacy. It is very chal-

lenging to let the Scriptures, the Word of God, form the questions that are the most urgent in life. Let me know how you're doing with that. Maybe we can struggle with that together.

I'll start this Sunday, June 3rd. It's the beginning of the weeks following Pentecost. We are in Year B. Mark is our Gospel text. Our Epistle lessons are from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. The Old Testament lessons come from the historical books with their great stories and from the prophets who charge us to live faithfully to God's holiness and promise of community and social justice. The Gospel texts are the primary focus of the lectionary. Mark's presentation of Jesus is lion-like, meaning that he is dangerous and can pounce without warning. It also means that he teaches the fearlessness of a resilient disciple of Jesus. Let's go.

Yours faithfully,



Pastor Dave Milam

ADULT MINISTRIES

Phoebe's Sisters

This women's group meets the third Saturday each month from 8:30 to 10:30 am at a member's home for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study. All women of the church and friends are invited. The next meeting is June 16th. If you are interested in attending the next meeting, please contact Bonnie Milam at 540 454-7816.

The St. Andrew Book Club

This group meets monthly outside the church. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on June 23rd at Nancy Noerpel's home. The book under discus-

sion is [A Gentleman in Moscow](#) by Amor Towles. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or zsowers@gmail.com to join the discussion. Do join us; we are a friendly group!

Lovettsville Group

This group meets twice a month on Sunday evenings. The meeting place rotates among the members of the group. Contact Debra Gutenson at 540 882-3205 or dhgutenson@g.mail.com for more information.

FP4H

First Place 4 Health, a faith-based weight loss program, meets every Monday evening at 6:30 pm. Contact Ally Fetch at 336 508-2610 or afetch@gmail.com or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or momscully@earthlink.net.

Men's Group

This group meets the first Saturday of the month in the fellowship hall. Coffee starts at 7:30 am and breakfast/fellowship at 8:00 am. The next meeting is June 6th. To join, contact Jeff

Kauffman at jnk@thekauffmangroup.com.

Brunch Bunch

This group meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church basement. The next meeting is June 11th. We will be discussing [Cloud of Witnesses](#). For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at annpaciulli@gmail.com.

2018 SUMMER CAMP

The NLC has a summer filled with exciting weekly camps planned for school age kids. Registration has begun. Please visit our website at www.tnlcenter.com to learn more about the camps.

Also the NLC is offering a Counselor in Training program this summer for high school students.



On May 20th, Alpha Cisse and Chelsea Brent joined St. Andrew and had their children Gabriel and Beatrix baptized.

Join us for VBS 2018
Sun. June 24 - Thur. June 28

Register online
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/7b4f24>

Dinner for the Entire Family from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 VBS Fun and Learning from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE
 \$10 Donation to help with T-shirt and Music

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Thanks, Malloch Henderson

St. Andrew member Malloch Henderson approached the Neighborhood Learning Center Board and the church Trustees last fall with a proposal: to construct an ark on the front playground. Malloch was pursuing the project in order to earn an Eagle Scout award. He just needed to raise about \$7,000, get some help and presto, the ark would be ready to welcome children aboard.

Eagle Scout projects often give their pursuers more than they bargained for and this was very true for Malloch. Yes, he had understood that it would be very helpful to cover the roots of our wonderful shade tree so that the children wouldn't trip over them. His design took into account that the roots would need to breath and so the design called for the boat to have an elevation that would support the tree's future health. The Trustees also foresaw that the water would need to flow under the boat with the help of a

French Drain. Fundraising, as is always true, was stubbornly challenging. But Malloch didn't give up. As Eagle Scouts must do, he persevered and persisted – he didn't grumble but kept a smile on his face. And now look what he has built!

What a great addition to the Neighborhood Learning Center and St. Andrew! We are proud of Malloch and will circulate invitations to his Eagle Scout Ceremony when it is scheduled. After the children were given safety instructions, they joyfully and excitedly started climbing into and onto the boat, slid down its slide, and viewed the horizon from the captain's cabin.

This snapshot picture of Malloch and some of our NLC kids shows Malloch's good work on all of the happy faces. Truth be told, that may be an even better reward than becoming an Eagle Scout.

Congratulations and thanks, Malloch Henderson.

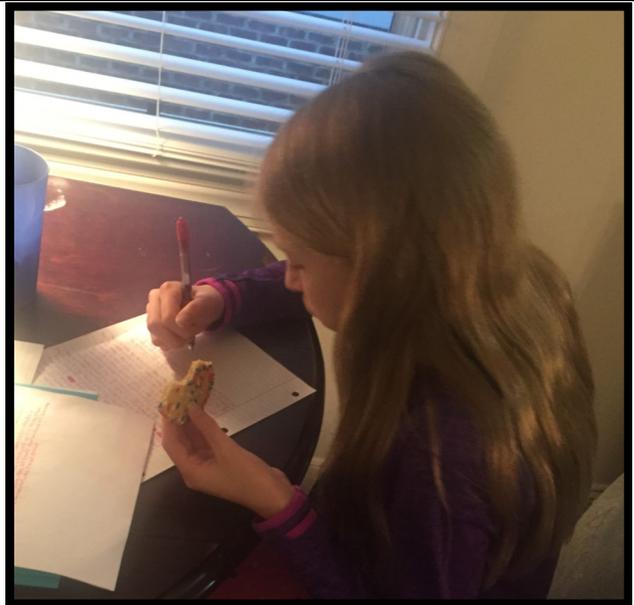
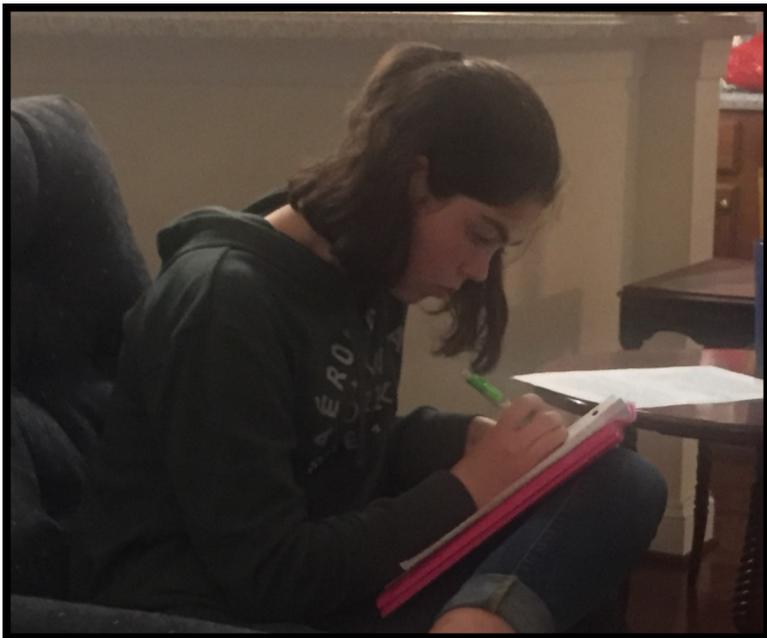
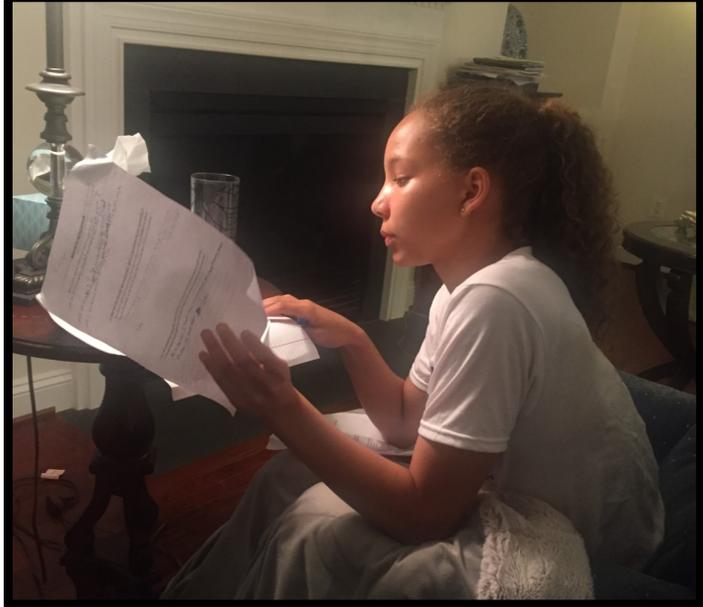
Blessings,

Pastor Dave





George Macdonald and Kate Rohrbaugh present Finn Wade, Scott Carpenter, Jr., Trinity Yager, Abby Wilburn, and Lizzie Hill to the congregation for their confirmation. Below, the confirmands are hard at work preparing their faith statements.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
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| 13 | Mat Curtis |
| | Logan Evans |
| 14 | Deb Moler |
| 15 | June Hutchison |
| 16 | George Cassutto |
| 17 | Susane Njomo |
| 18 | Kathi Hottinger |
| | Jeff Mitchell |
| | Dave Parker |
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
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| 20 | Sean McCann |
| 21 | Karen Yurish |
| 22 | Lauren Combs |
| 25 | Chris Laybourne |
| 30 | Will Brown |
| | Malloch Henderson |
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| 1 | Scott and Kathy Ziegler |
| 8 | Chris and Christie Hagert |
| 14 | Jeff and Raye Ann Kauffman |
| 18 | Randy and Leslie Dragon |
| 25 | Brian and Kristin Sullivan |
| 26 | Chris and Tami York |
| 30 | Chris and Katie Buttrick |
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| 1 | Diane Ryburn |
| 3 | Teresa Wilburn |
| 6 | Jeff Kauffma |
| 9 | Tom Moler |
| 10 | Thaddeus Edwards |

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

Congregation

Tom Bolduc readmitted to the hospital. Raye Ann Kauffman. Betty McNair. Andy Miller. Tom Hill. Tom Hutchison.

We continue to pray for

Friends and Family

The Carpenter family on the death of Scott's father, Ron. The Diehls pray for their grandson, Dimas Lamp. Deborah Hill's father, Mark Scott, recovering from knee surgery. Marj Diehl's high school friend, Maureen Murphy-Cox has breast cancer. Ally Fetch's mother, Joyce Rumpf. Marie Cahoon's friend Danielle Pickney had a stroke. Monica Kugala's 9-year-old niece died.

NLC

Toni Kontos has decided to stop



treatmet due to her cancer having spread to her liver and bones.

Joys

Melissa Macdonald is thankful for the support of the church during her back surgery rehab. Mike Barbagallo is starting a new job.

JUNE MUSIC REHEARSALS

Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7 pm
Contact Zack Henderson, zackh900@gmailcom

New Song, Sunday mornings after the service
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or lauriewm85@hughes.net

St. Andrew Bell Ringers, Mondays at 7:15 pm
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, zoesowers@gmail.com

Children's Choir, For Kindergarten through 5th grade.
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Music Room.
Contact Zack Henderson, zackh900@gmailcom



Flower Calendar

A new flower calendar for 2018 is in the church entry way. Please consider providing flowers for Sunday worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore at 540-338-3154 or ngilmore5@verizon.net.



June Flower Calendar

3rd	Open	10th	Evans
17th	Open	24th	Open

July Flower Calendar

1st	Open	8th	Burel
15th	Open	22nd	Open
29th	Open		



St. Andrew volunteers cleaned up the garden at the Mac Brownell Adult Day Center and were recognized by the center for their efforts.

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is JUNE 21st. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at Communications@standrew-pres.org.

SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR JUNE

June 3rd (Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Lord's Supper)

Theme: Jesus is a provocateur – so what about his followers?

Lectionary Texts: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; *Mark 2:23-3:6*

Sermon: *"Jesus the Troublemaker"*

Liturgist: Zoe Sowers

Music: St. Andrew Choir

June 10th (Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Graduates' Sunday)

Theme: Celebrating our Graduating High School Seniors

Texts: Isaiah 40:26-31; Revelation 21:1-5

Preachers: Virginia Carpenter and Adam Broshkevitch

Music: St. Andrew Choir

June 17th (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day)

Theme: Nurture the child in ways that reflect God's purpose

Lectionary Texts: *Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;*
2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: *"Planting Seeds that Flourish"*

Worship Leader: Eric Groo

Music: St. Andrew Ringers



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Kimball Peele, Clerk of Session

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

June 24th (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; VBS Begins)

Theme: Trusting in Jesus beyond all else

Lectionary Texts: *Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3; 23-32;*
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; *Mark 4:35-41*

Sermon: *"Greater than the Storm"*

Worship Leader: Rev. Jo Anna Rich

Music: St. Andrew Choir

Note: Sermons will be on the italicized texts