



Weekly Booster

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The Spirituality of Sandcastles

Most weekends, Dylan Mulligan can be found surrounded by skies and sea, relishing in all that God's Hand has wrought, whistling his favorite hymn, "This is My Father's World."

Mulligan builds sandcastles, a hobby the lifelong United Methodist has pursued for more than three decades. Through the years, Mulligan has come to realize that what some might call child's play is his God-given gift.

"The Lord gives everyone talents," Mulligan says. "When I realized how much people enjoyed my creations, building sandcastles became about something more than an activity I enjoyed. It became about taking that talent to glorify Him."

Opportunities to share

Spending hours building sand structures presents opportunities to talk about his faith, as admirers often question Mulligan on how he can build the intricate castles.

"It's nothing but the Good Lord's blessing," Mulligan always replies. "A human being could not take a pile of sand and turn it into something like that."

Mulligan has been mixing piles of sand with buckets of water since he was 4. Back then, he built drip castles. "The mud drips out of your hands and gradually builds," he explains. The youngster graduated to small hand stacked towers and walls and, as a young adult, learned to build larger towers and walls.

Claiming he's no professional, he says he occasionally watches videos of professional sandcastle builders. Mainly, though, trial and error were his teachers. "I figured out what worked for me," adding that his instruments involve water buckets, shovels, PVC pipe to shape towers and carving tools.

Mulligan's creations have included replicas from around the world, including well-known Georgia structures, such as The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Savannah, Georgia, and the University of Georgia School of Law, where Mulligan, an attorney, attended. He recently built Highclere Castle, known to the world as Downton Abbey from the popular TV series of the same name. *(Continued page 2)*

Dixie Dailey is looking for yarn you no longer need so she can make mittens and caps for children and adults. Please bring the yarn to the church or give her a call at 712-246-2416.

+ Men's bible study
Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

+ Women's bible study
noon on Wednesdays.

Reminders

October 6th

Praise Team
5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

October 7th

T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

October 10th

United Methodist Women
meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

****Worship Assistants needed**
for October 17th, 24th, 31st, sign
up on the counter in the
Welcome Center

**** Fellowship Volunteers**
Sign-up sheet on the counter in
Fellowship Hall

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A special build

His favorite creation – and story – involves his home church, [Glennville United Methodist Church](#).

On the day Mulligan planned to build his beloved church, he headed to Contentment Sandbar on the Julienton River in Shellman Bluff, Georgia, where his family has a vacation home. After four hours, Mulligan was admiring his newly finished creation, one in which he spent time getting the steeple just right and hand fashioning the cross out of marsh grass. Then the weather changed.

“All of a sudden, the sky got black and the wind kicked up and snatched my bucket and hat down the sandbar,” he says. “About that time, the wind knocked the steeple down. I was heartbroken.”

As he headed to the boat, it began to rain. “Rain is just like pouring a bucket on water on the sandcastle,” he explained. “I knew when I left the sandbar nothing would be left of the sandcastle when I got back.”

Thirty minutes later, the storm passed, and Mulligan returned to survey the damage.

“Lo and behold, it was still standing,” he exclaimed. “The direction of the storm and the way the wind was blowing, the rain all hit the back side of the church. The side that people saw, and all the details were untouched. No damage to it at all.

“To come back after a massive storm and find that it was standing perfectly,” Mulligan marvels, “that sandcastle took on a special meaning.” Mulligan rebuilt the steeple and made a few repairs before taking photos of the sand version of his home church, which he posted on [The Georgia Sandman Facebook page](#).

Nothing is permanent

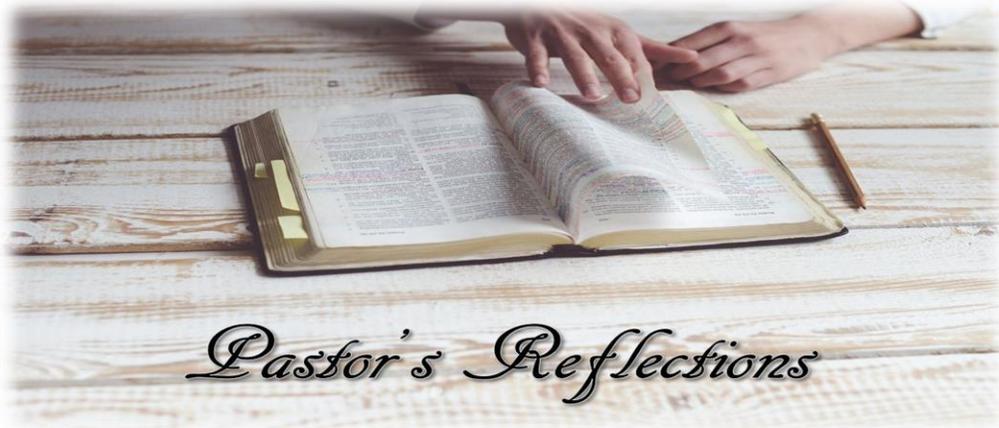
“This house built of sand unfortunately would not last long,” he wrote on Facebook. “However, that wonderful, beautiful Methodist church built on South Caswell Street in Glennville, Georgia, still stands upon Christ, the solid Rock, and will never sink beneath the waves.”

Relinquishing his sandcastles to the inevitable tides each day has taught Mulligan an important spiritual lesson.

“Nothing on earth is permanent, especially if you’re building on sand,” he says, referencing Jesus’ parable of building on rock and not sand (Matthew 7:24-27). “When I started making that biblical analogy, it changed my outlook. I’ve come to the point now, when I build it, I just enjoy it. I know the tide is going to destroy it. There’s no point to try to protect worldly things.”

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To the Church at Shenandoah First United Methodist, the peace and love of God be with you all,

Consider:

What mission(s) of the church do you support?

What missions of the church do you share with others outside the church?

What do you tell people about our children's ministries?

What is the single biggest rock (priority) of the Shenandoah First United Methodist Church?

How do our actions and spending demonstrate that IS the biggest rock?

What's the Methodist reputation around town?

Where are you in your discipleship path? Are you moving? What direction?

In Christ's name,

Pastor Kelly

Church Office Hours

**No children or adult Sunday School at this time. <u>Ask how you can help</u>	Monday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.
**Bell Choir – Volunteer needed	Tuesday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	
**Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Sunday morning 8:30 a.m.	Wednesday CLOSED	
The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.	Thursday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	
	Friday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	



Come as you are. You can change inside

When you listen to God, He hears you.

Jesus is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door.



In their very first meeting, what did Jesus say He would make of Peter and Andrew?

- a) workers of miracles
- b) servants of God
- c) teachers of rabbis
- d) fishers of men

Check next week's Booster for answers to the three trivia questions.

According to the Proverbs, a good name is what?

- a) better than great riches
- b) difficult to maintain
- c) the heritage of the Lord's children
- d) its own reward

According to Jude, what did the devil and Michael the archangel fight over?

- a) the conversion of Saul
- b) the temptation of Jesus
- c) the mind of Judas Iscariot
- d) the body of Moses

Sept 26th answers
a) to sacrifice his son Isaac
d) the tongue b) Jair

Birthdays and Anniversaries



3rd – Richard Perkins, Chelsie Reynolds
5th – Susan Blane, Sarah Harding, Lynn Schieb
8th – Carol Bryson, Craig Perkins

* October 17th Marlyn Perry (Elinor Sharp's sister) will be celebrating her birthday. Marlyn is in Accura Healthcare, 213 Halland Ave, Stanton, IA 51573. Family members say she enjoys receiving cards.

Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



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*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: *We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.*

People: *We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.*

L: *We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal.*

All: *Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen!*

“The Perfect Family”

Old Testament Scripture: *Genesis 2:18-24*

New Testament Scripture: *Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:2-16*

Songs

Happy the Home When God Is There #445 (Hymnal)

There Is Love (words on the screens)

Family of God (words on the screens)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 67

Online Worship – 12

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”