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A Duffer Finds Grace in Golf

For golfers, a mulligan is neither a sweater nor a stew. It's a do-over
by Ken Rummer for *Presbyterians Today*

My tee shot gained altitude, a rare outcome and hopeful. But then it started to curve, bending more and more to the left. This was during the decade of my life when I played a little golf.

The ball cleared the course fence – a good thing in baseball but not on the links – and I suddenly realized it was heading toward the traffic on the interstate next door.

The following frames unreeled in slow motion: the arcing descent, the sudden impact on the road surface, the first high bounce among the cars, then a second, and a third, and at last a final dive into the grassy median.



Miracle. No broken glass, no dented metal, no drivers shaking their fists in my direction.

Rattled, I tried to apply the rules of golf to my situation. The near-disastrous first shot would count as one stroke, and the penalty for hitting out-of-bounds would add a second stroke. So by rule my next swing on the hole would count as my third.

But in my foursome of golfers – three retired guys and myself, the young minister on his day off – a different rule was invoked.

“You want to take a mulligan?”

According to golfing lore, the term originated with a golfer named Mulligan who began his round with a lousy shot. By teeing up a new ball and not counting the first swing on his scorecard, Mr. Mulligan invented the mulligan, or so the stories say.

So a mulligan is a do-over. Don't count that stroke. Forget about it. And try again.

You won't see a mulligan taken at Augusta during the televised rounds of The Masters, but beginning golfers, weekend whackers, and determined duffers have embraced it.

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Hit into the lake? Take a mulligan. Hook it into the trees? Take a mulligan. Miss the ball completely with a mighty whiff? Mulligan time.

At the heart of the mulligan is the acknowledgement of human failing and the granting of a do-over. That looks like grace to me. Even gospel. Like that verse about God "not counting their trespasses against them" when God was reconciling the world to God's self in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19 NRSV).

In traditional Presbyterian worship, we acknowledge our failure to live as God desires in the Confession of Sin. We receive the great good news that God has forgiven us in the Declaration of Pardon. And we are sent out with a clean slate to take another swing at life with the Charge and Blessing.

Basically, we get to take a mulligan every Sunday.

We also get to offer mulligans to other people. When someone stumbles or messes up or executes an epic fail, we can offer not to count that one. As my friends did on the hole that nearly tested my insurance coverage, we can suggest teeing up a new ball and taking a fresh swing.

"You want to take a mulligan?"

It's a gift and a blessing, a do-over and a new beginning.

Want to take a mulligan?

The Rev. Ken Rummer writes about life and faith from the middle of Iowa by the High Trestle Trail.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 NIV

June Lectionary

6/2 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)

Psalms 138:1-8

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

6/13 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

6/20 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49) or

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

Psalms 9:9-20 or Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

6/27 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Carroll Hebert is in the office Monday through Thursday, from 9 am until 2 pm.
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Shot Shuttle

Call the Shot Shuttle when you receive notification that you have an appointment for a specific time and place to get vaccinated.



We will see that you get to your appointment. Don't miss your appointment just because transportation is an issue.

Call the church office (281-852-8990) to let Carroll know if you need a ride and she will contact a driver.

Children's Faith Formation Meeting In Person

Children's Faith Formation meets at APC, in the orange classroom every Sunday at 9:30 am. We look forward to seeing your children back at APC!

Please feel free to contact Lisa Stacy with any questions or concerns related to APC Children's Ministries by email, lisastacy3@yahoo.com or home phone 281-852-2986.

Adult Faith Formation

Pastor Shelley's Faith Formation class will take a summer break beginning Sunday, June 6.

Join Shelley in Doug Kennard's class, Sunday, June 6, as he transitions to a hybrid class - Zoom invite:



(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087066050>), from apchumble.org live streaming page, or in the fellowship hall.

Doug's class meets at 9:15 am. Sunday, June 6 we will be working through W H Bellinger, *Psalms: A Guide to Studying the Psalter*. Each week Kennard will expound a psalm to illustrate the content of the chapter, and then open for discussion.

Class will not meet Sunday, June 13.

Presbyterian Women Fellowship Continues this Summer

Summer meeting dates are Wednesdays: June 9, July 14, and August 11, all at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. These meetings will not be hybrid since we are not having a formal study until September.

For the June meeting, Judi Anderson has chosen a topic of discussion but asks others to bring forward suggestions for the July and August meetings. Also, for June, attendees will bring their own lunch and drink but we will discuss bringing food to share in July.

Youth News

Aaron and the youth group meet Sundays in the APC fellowship hall from 11:45 am until 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Sign-ups are now available for summer programs at Mo-Ranch.

Youth Celebration, June 20 - 25, 9th through 12th grades. Activities include: keynote presentations, energizers, worship and music, small groups, afternoon recreation, and evening vespers.

Multicultural Youth Conference, July 1 - 4. Attendees will hear from keynote speakers, experience engaging worship and small groups where they can dig into the conference theme at a deeper level.

Jr. High Jubilee, July 4 - 8, 6th through 8th grades. Activities include: keynote and worship sessions, energizers, small groups, home groups, and vespers.

Each Mo-Ranch youth conference is \$250. Scholarships are available.

Synod Youth Workshop, July 14 - 16, will be held at Northwoods Presbyterian Church, 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy (FM 1960), Houston 77068. Registration is now open. This conference is open for all high schoolers. Rides can be arranged in order to car-pool from APC. This conference is free. Northwoods will provide lunch. (There may be a small cost.)

Interim Pastor Search Committee Update

Currently meeting each week, the committee has examined applications from a number of candidates and will soon begin conducting phone interviews with a select number of those candidates.

Please keep the committee and their work in your prayers.

*Congratulations!
To Our Graduating Seniors*

**CAMERON STRADER, KINGWOOD HIGH
KAMI WIGGIN, ATASCOCITA HIGH
KAI WILLIAMS, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, LONE STAR COLLEGE
AUSTIN CRUZ, LBJ PUBLIC AFFAIRS, UNIV. TEXAS**

Bible Presentations



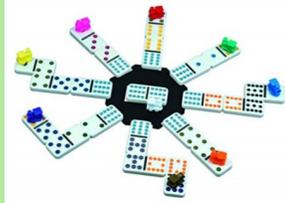
On Sunday, June 6, during the worship service, the Children's Ministry will present Bibles to second and third graders. They are:

William Nelson, Charlotte Parry,
Leonidas Pongkorung, Conner Trepagnier,
Nevaeh Whitfield

A reception will follow the worship service in the narthex.

Game Day for Grown-ups is back!

Remember what fun that was? We'll meet on **Thursday, July 29 at 11:30 am** in the fellowship hall to celebrate the 4th of Thanks-chr-easter Day, following the age-old traditions for this holiday. Please bring your lunch and stay for Mexican Train or come around 12:30 pm to play.



Wacky Wednesday, May 26

Games, crafts, and food for the kids.





KIDS! SIGN UP!

Three summer camps are scheduled in June for children entering 1st grade through exiting 5th grade!

Each camp will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm at APC.

Music Camp - June 8 - 10
Art Camp - June 15 - 17
Science Camp - June 22 - 24

Snacks will be provided, please bring a lunch.

Tuition is \$50 per child, or \$45 each with two or more signing up in one family. Tuition is due at the time of registration and can be mailed with your registration form to:

APC, 19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble 77346.

The registration form (one form per child please) and payment should be returned ...

- by emailing the completed form(s) to apc@apchumble.org and making payment online by check, credit card, or debit card to apchumble.org
- or by mailing your form(s) and check to Atascocita Presbyterian Church,
- 19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble, Texas 77346.



Greetings, friends!!

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven.

I am overjoyed to report that day center reconstruction is underway! If all goes to plan we should be ready for a volunteer work day or two towards the end of June to finish up and move back in! :)
GOD IS SO GOOD!!

Additionally, we are approaching the long-awaited starting line for the Promise House- construction is set to begin on June 14th! We have waited a long time for this and I cannot wait to see it GROW!!

That said, we are firmly in PLANTING SEASON at FPLH! When you plant a crop, you cannot harvest the next day. You must wait for the seasons to change and for Harvesting Season to come.

You plant, you nurture, you hope, and THEN you harvest.

We are planting, we are nurturing, we are praying and hoping, (and planning and praising!), and we need your help!

Now is the time to talk about and raise new awareness for the Promise House Project! We've got a BIG goal and we need our community to take ownership for this dream, the need for which has only grown. Are you planting alongside us?

In Peace,
Jessica and Tiffany

Celebrate Summer By Giving Support HAAM's 2021 Children's Summer Nutrition Program



Hello APC,

As part of our comprehensive food operation, HAAM conducts an annual summer nutrition program for children. The primary purpose of this program is to help ensure school age children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals and live in our primary service area have access to nutritious food during the summer months.

HAAM is very grateful to Junior League of The Woodlands (JLTW) for making the lead gift in support of this important initiative. If you would like to join JLTW in partnering with HAAM on behalf of children in need, please visit our secure website at <https://haaministries.org/childrens-summer-nutrition-program/>.

Listed is a sample of the items a summer nutrition pack may contain: milk, cereal, peanut butter, yogurt, apples, oranges, sliced cheese, and turkey lunch meat.

Your gift of:

- \$40 will help feed one child in need while out of school during the summer (3 nutrition packs)
- \$80 will help feed two children in need while out of school during the summer (6 nutrition packs)
- \$120 will help feed three children in need while out of school during the summer (9 nutrition packs)
- \$160 will help fee four children in need while out of school during the summer (12 nutrition packs)

[Donate Today](#)

Our goal to provide supplemental nutrition packs to children this summer is only made possible with the help of community members like you! Thank you!

Humble Area Assistance Ministries
1302 First St, Humble TX 77338



APC Earth Care

The Earth Care Committee will soon be changing meeting times. Stay tuned for updates.

Recycle Batteries

Drop your old batteries in the black bucket to the right of the front door at APC and they will be sent to recycle.

Electronics Recycle

Drop off electronics for recycling in the church Audio-Visual room, just inside the front door on your left.

Acceptable items include: old phones, iPads, laptops, printers, cords, phones, small TV screens or monitors. (Please do not drop off large items or appliances!)

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Remembering men and women who served in the U.S. military and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.
- Those who have contracted Covid-19 and family and friends of those affected.
- The people of India experiencing a high rate of Covid infections and those resulting in death
- Frontline and essential workers with increased exposure to Covid.
- Louisiana residents experiencing recent floods.
- Interim pastor search committee.
- The Mills family.
- Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Maddy, Ellen & Russ Nipe's granddaughter.
- Mazie Williams
- George Clark
- Bart Baker
- Carol Hedgepath
- Richard Munoz.
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- The Landry family and their missing son, Jason.
- Mary, Judi Anderson's sister-in-law diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Ray Peregory's daughter-in-law in cancer treatment.
- Micah, infant nephew of Joe and Melissa Breda, having multiple surgeries.
- Jon and Ali, Elaine McCool's nephew and his wife, along with their foster children.
- Vera Welker Kennard, Doug Kennard's mother, has passed away at age 101.
- Addie Kephart, Sine McCarty, and Bev O'Brien.

Please email prayers to the church office (apc@apchumble.org) by Friday for inclusion in Sunday's Prayers of the People.

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for June, Terri Thomson, phone 713-205-0115.

Birthdays

6/3 Joyce Olson
6/5 Patti Schreiber
6/5 Susie Shelton
6/9 Elijah Strader
6/11 Marilyn Friedersdorf
6/13 Joe Breda
6/19 Doug Kennard
6/19 Ann Stephens
6/21 Jill Spross
6/23 Grace Burgos
6/24 Gina O'Toole
6/24 Jerry Sessions
6/27 Kris Betts-Adrian
6/30 Susan Sheridan
6/30 Ryan Lauer

Anniversaries

6/2 Shelley & Forrest Craig
6/4 Lindsay & Jeremy Trepagnier
6/10 Cathy & Ron Fovargue
6/15 Ellen & Russ Nipe
6/18 Linda & Gene Andrus
6/21 Karen & Don Frye
6/21 Joyce & Tom Olson
6/21 Traci & Steve Hlavaty
6/22 Jackie & Jim Hannan



Thank You for Your Prayers

Thank you to our wonderful APC family members who have been praying for my husband Russell Mills and our entire family. I keep a basket of cards we have received on our kitchen counter and so many of the cards are from APC current and former members. Those cards and your prayers lift our spirits and lighten our hearts. Please keep Russell in your prayers. A recent scan revealed two additional brain tumors, so we have quite a road ahead of us.

The Mills Family

Russell, DeeDee, Ryan and Eric Mills