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LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

February 2012

WELCOME PASTOR MILLIGAN!



At the congregational meeting on Sunday, January 15, Rev. W. David Milligan was called to be the new Senior Pastor at Loch Raven Presbyterian. The entire Milligan family visited with us the weekend of January 13th where David conducted our Sunday worship service, followed by our congregational meeting to complete his call.

In their Committee Report, the Pastoral Search Committee wrote:

"Every church should be under pastoral oversight of a minister, and when the church has no pastor it should seek to secure one without delay.

So after much consultation and deliberation, we hereby unanimously recommend to the congregation of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, Reverend William "David" Milligan, who in our judgment, fulfills the requirements of the office of Senior Pastor and

is most suited to be profitable to the spiritual interests of the congregation of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America. (cf. BCO 20-2)

The committee's journey to this point...

Our unanimous recommendation comes as the result of countless hours of seeking God's will for our next Senior Pastor. Our first contact with David (a.k.a. #023) came back in June when we received his Ministerial Data Form. This was followed by many discussion and several committee votes to move David through a multi-step process consisting of: a one hour phone interview; listening to several recorded sermons; a personal visit to his Worship Service by four members; a weekend visit at LRPC for David and Sue to learn about the community, our committee, the church staff, the elders and their wives, and visa-versa; a second visit to LRPC by David on Dec. 17th for more interviews and where Rev. Milligan lead us in a worship service."

Rev. Milligan's vita:

William "David" Milligan – **Ordained** March 2000, Pittsburgh Presbytery (PCA); **College:** Grove City College (B.A.) 1992; **Seminary:** Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div.) 1997; **Experience** 12 years as Solo Pastor, Presbyterian (PCA) Church, Leechburg, PA, June 1999 – current; **Born** Mt. Holly, NJ, January 18, 1970; **Wife** Sue Ellen Baker, Cleveland, OH, **Married** June 26, 1993; **Children:** Walter Benjamin (15), Lesley Nicole (13), Laura Elizabeth (11), Kathryn "Katie" (9), & Ethan (5).



back row left Sue, Walter Benjamin (15), Lesley Nicole (13), David, middle Laura Elizabeth (11), front Ethan (5) & Kathryn "Katie" (9).

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Rev. William “David” Milligan – My Christian Conversion and Testimony

My conversion, while not dramatic compared to others, is nonetheless precious to me. I was baptized as an infant, both my parents being believers. Being thus raised in a Christian home with my father a pastor, I was privileged to hear and learn about Jesus Christ from a very young age. I believed this Good News and trusted in Jesus when I was about four years old.

My growth in grace over the next decade and a half testifies to God's good providence in giving His people both the home and the church. I thank God for my parents. They were and continue to be examples of what it means to follow Christ, and

They raised me to love, trust and obey God always. But I also needed the influence of the church to become deeply rooted in the truth and reality of Christianity. This growth came not only from the preaching and teaching, but also by the involvement in my life of other godly men. For example, Joe Winkleblech took time out of his busy schedule as a general contractor, modeling to me those things young boys need to learn, such as the value of hard work and the importance of being a man of your word.

During this time, especially the latter years of high school and first years at Grove City College, God was at work changing my heart and drawing all my

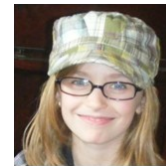
affections to Him. I came to realize that Christ's death on the cross was a demonstration of, as the hymn writer says, "love so amazing, so divine that it demanded my soul, my life, my all." Soon after, my love of doctrinal truth matured, finding nourishment in the Puritans. My deep desire to see others love the truth, as well as to test my gifts, led me to Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. The academic rigors of seminary as well as my involvement with a church which had exceptionally strong teaching helped me appreciate how a good mind complements a tender heart, or, in other words, how closely related truth and love really are.

Sue and I were married after my first year of seminary. She has been my steadfast encourager and a wonderful wife and mother to our five children. She is God's good gift to me; a very godly and gifted woman who loves the Lord with all her heart. We met at Grove City College where she was a music education major. Sue's parents raised their two daughters to love the Lord. Both Sue's sister and her parents are active in the ministries of their home church. We are so thankful that our children, by God's grace, still have both sets of grandparents to love and learn from. As we raise our children, it is very important to us that they know and love Jesus Christ as their Savior and live to His glory.

Meet the Milligan Children



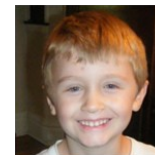
Walter has played soccer for the past 8 years and loves it. He also enjoys studying history - especially WW II.



Katie enjoys playing with her Barbies and her two dwarf hamsters (Carl Spot and Patrick Fuzz). She also loves to sing and paint.



Lesley is quite artistic. She loves to sing and paints beautiful pictures. She also has a special love for small children which makes her a wonderful babysitter.



Ethan is a very curious five year old who loves to play the piano and the Wii. His favorite topic of conversation is United States geography and where he and his dad want to go on the next family vacation.



Laura enjoys a good mystery. She loves to write them as well as read them. Basketball is her sport of choice and she also does a convincing English accent.

Trustees Toolbox

The Board of Trustee's monthly meeting was held on Monday, January 9th, 2012.

We say farewell to Nancy Stagge our facilitator, JoAnne Beck and Tim Freeman, who assisted the Board in completing church projects during their tenure as members. We eagerly welcome new Trustees that will be approved at the January 27th congregational meeting.

Projects up incoming are:

- Placing a fence around the propane tanks installed behind the church house to prevent vandalism,
- Replacing burnt out lights in the parking lots and on the church steeple,
- Adjusting the Power Point projection system in the church,

once the new bulbs are procured,

- Gutting the church house basement, water-sealing the walls, and disposing of hazmat material and installing dehumidifiers,
- Moving back the fence on the Joyces' property so church members can see oncoming traffic and safely exit the church property onto Old Harford Road and
- Painting the speed bumps once the outside temperature is above 50 degrees.

Tim Freeman was able to procure a new office computer from his company, Palomar Medical, free of charge, in January for the church office to replace the 2003 system.

New computer monitors were ordered and received.

The Trustee Manual, dated 2005, and a helpful guide, was reviewed and updated and will be sent to Session for review, editing and approval.

As Facilitator of the Board of Trustees, if you have any concerns regarding the church property or maintenance thereof, please call me at 410-877-0393 or just say 'howdy' to me at church, and I will bring the topic to the next Board of Trustee meeting.

In the Lord's service,
Sue Freeman

New Officers for LRPC

At the congregational meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012, the following people were accepted by a unanimous vote to be officers on the boards of Loch Raven:

Elders

(Class of 2012)

Keith Goodson

(Class of 2014)

Chuck Holzman

Keith Wawrzyniak

David Woo

Deacons

(Class of 2014)

Carol Holzman

Wendy Keller

Rita Kraus

Charles Lewis

Trustees

(Class of 2014)

Sue Freeman

Joan Higdon

Sandy Magsamen

The installation of these officers will be held during the February 5 worship service.

2012 Giving Envelopes

If you do not currently have church envelopes but would like to have them, please contact the church office. If you've had envelopes in the past and haven't picked up the 2012 envelopes, contact the church office.

Annual Report

Copies of the 2011 Annual Report of Loch Raven Presbyterian were distributed at the January 27th congregational meeting. If you weren't able to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the report, you'll find extra copies on the narthex table. Or you can stop by the church office during regular business hours to pick up a copy.

MISSION POSSIBLE

**Karen Hansen
International Teams**

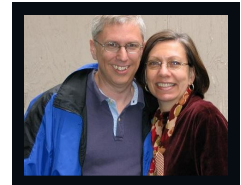
GUEST SERVICES AND TRAINING

(All information and quotations taken from the Hansens' Christmas letter)

After serving in Austria for a term, **Karen and Rich Hansen** returned to the US to work at ITeams' headquarters in Elgin, IL. Rich found a secular job but continues to work with Karen in the area of Guest Services. "Karen has spent hours working on the housing schedule to coordinate the comings and goings of the missionaries,

instructors, ITeams-related conferences and some local churches renting apartments January–March. The ITeams campus has been fuller this year than in the past, and 2012 is filling up quickly." Rich helps with the details of making the keys to the apartments and making sure that the apartments are ready for occupancy.

Karen is currently heavily involved in a five-week training session (January 18–March 24). She is teaching several classes as well as interacting with each missionary about his/her budget, expense reports and various financial issues. She graded their two online homework assignments (a preliminary before the training).



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Karen as she helps to prepare new missionaries to go to the mission field and also supports those already serving long-term.
2. Pray for balance and wisdom for Rich and Karen as they handle their many responsibilities at work and in the church.
3. Pray for Karen's health. She is currently in a physical therapy program for her left shoulder.

MISSIONS WEEKEND March 17–18, 2012

**The Son Is Rising,
bringing Light to the
World.**



Isaiah 60:1-3

Plan to attend the activities on Saturday – reports by Linda Karner and Chuck and Barbara Angert about their work on the mission field, and lunch.

Offer to host a small group gathering, a dinner meal, or overnight housing. Speak to members of the Missions Committee about your willingness to help.

1. Pray for our missionaries as they prepare for this visit with LRPC.

2. Pray that God would lead people to help with the needs.

3. Pray for the committee as they work on the details for this weekend.

Women in the Church

Thank you from the Bell'Arte Singers

The Bell'Arte Singers from the Annapolis Area Christian School were the featured entertainers at our December 2011 WIC Christmas Tea. A free will offering was collected that night for their scholarship fund and as a result, a check for \$800 was sent to the school. Following is the thank-you note received in the church office this month, signed by Leia Bennett and

all the girls who performed on December 5.

To Loch Raven Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation towards the AACCS Choral Music Program and the Bell'Arte Singers. We are truly touched and humbled by your thoughtful gift. The Bell'Arte Singers were so happy to sing at your Ladies Christmas Tea and had a wonderful

time. Thank you for allowing us to share our musical Christmas message with the women of your congregation. Thanks to your generous gift, we can continue to use our musical gifts to serve and glorify the Lord. Thank you!

Blessings in Him,

***Leia Bennett,
Bell'Arte Singers and
the AACCS Choral
Program.***



Circle Meetings

Circle	Date/Time	Hostess
Elizabeth	Friday, February 24 10:00 a.m.	Gail Parker 410-560-0982
Esther	Wednesday, February 15 12:30 p.m.	Doris Cline In the Library
Hannah	Thursday, February 9 7:15 p.m.	Sandy Magsamen 410-687-6090
Rebekah	Thursday, February 9 10:30 a.m.	TBA
Ruth	Thursday, February 9 10:30 a.m.	Kathryn Fagan 410-828-9468
Half-Baked Girls	Monday, February 6 7:00 p.m.	Charlotte Kidwell 443-365-9924

We've heard from Elaine Eaton as she and Bill serve this winter at the Hope Children's Home in Florida. You can read more about the Eatons' work in the December issue of the LRPC newsletter. This photo is of the eight ladies of the SOWERS group, an organization that participates in Christian projects all over the U.S. (Elaine is in the Raven's purple shirt.) The ladies were enjoying a tea at the time this photo was taken.



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Updates and Prayer Concerns

Hi : don't want you to think we are having more fun than work. We do work 4 days and it is hard work now at all our ages. But we do get a 3 day weekend. Bill is doing well. Got stitches out Friday, ugh. [Bill Eaton got a severe

cut on his hand during a work session.] Doctor said it would take about 8 mos. for it to heal completely. He still plugs along with his bandaged finger. Not sure what the ladies will be doing next week. We finished painting the girls' dorm. But there will certainly be something. The cottages we told you about, we thought would be several ones, but turns out to be 6 very large houses. . . .2 are up, and 4 more to be built. Someone has donated the money for them. This home has been so blessed to have all their needs met.

. Love to all,
Elaine Eaton

If you'd like to send a card or call **Ken Arloff** as he undergoes chemotherapy, his home address is:

1727 Redwood Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21234

His home phone is:
410-661-3615.

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The new adult elective on the Divinity of Christ will begin in April.

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Men's Class Dinner

Save the date! The annual Men's day, March 10, 2012. More details about the menu and speaker will be available in future church bulletins and the March issue of the *Loch Raven Press*.

Clean Up Help

One of the church neighbors offered his services in this letter. . . .

Hello Neighbor—

Here's a way for you to get FREE labor and clean up your back yard at the same time.

I will haul away any and all scrap metal that you want to get rid of. Lawn mowers, grills, patio furniture and umbrellas, washing machines, old metal above-

ground pools, bed frames, old metal sheds, etc. You get the picture! Even old vehicles and car batteries! Think about what you can get rid of, then call me at 410-404-0739. No job too small or too large and all hauled away for FREE! I will donate 10% of the money I make selling scrap metal to your church, too. Save yourself a trip to the dump—

Thanks,
Ross
410-404-0739

CBMC Camp

The Christian Business Men's Connection announces its annual Family Adventure at North Bay from June 1-3, 2012. CBMC has long believed that recreational time together is one of the most treasure things you can do for you family. There will be mature Bible teaching, inspirational keynote address, breathtaking scenery and unlimited activities for the entire family to enjoy. Check the CBMC website for more information:
<http://md.cbmc.com>.

February 2012 at LRPC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:30 PM Logan Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Meeting	2 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 PM Knitting Group	4
5	6 1:30 PM Missions Com- mittee Meeting 7:00 PM Session, Deacons & Trustees Meetings	7 6:15 PM TOPS	8 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Meeting	9 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12	13	14 6:15 PM TOPS	15 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Meeting	16 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 7:00 PM Knitting Group	18
19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:15 PM TOPS	22 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Meeting	26 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 Communion Sunday	30	31 6:15 PM TOPS				

Dr. William Jones

Interim Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Woo

Music Director

Ms. Pei Hsin Kao

Accompanist

Mr. Austin Kenly

Church Treasurer

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 to 3:00

The Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs. Lee Goon, Ms. Kathy Fagan

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God and make known His eternal and unchanging purpose, fulfilled through a living relationship with Jesus Christ.